Application Form

**Applicant Ref:***(office use only)*

*AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER*

Job Ref Number: SMHP/2025/30

Job Title: Senior Mental Health Practitioner North Down & Ards Federations

Closing Date: 12 noon, Monday 21 July 2025

**NOTES:**

 CVs will not be accepted

 Canvassing will disqualify

 Incomplete applications will not be considered

 You are strongly encouraged to complete the equal opportunities section of this form which is used only

for monitoring/statistical purposes and is not made available to the panel

 Applications received after the closing date and time

will not be considered

* Applications must be completed and returned electronically

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| Contact Number: |       |  | National Insurance: |       |
| Email Address: |       |

 Do you hold a current full driving licence valid in the UK? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

 If required, do you have access to a car, or a form of transport Yes [ ]  No [ ]

 which will enable you to undertake the duties of this post?

Please name two referees (Please see information pack for more details):

 Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr):       Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr):

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 Occupation:       Occupation:

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 Phone No:       Phone No:

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**FURTHER EDUCATION/ PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**(e.g. Nursing, AHP, Social Care, Management, Administration)

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| **Certificate/Diploma/Degree** | **Institute** | **Exams yet to be taken** | **Result** | **Date Obtained** |
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**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

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| **Name of Professional Body** | **Type of Registration** | **Professional Registration No.** | **Date Obtained** | **Date of Expiry** |
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Are you currently the subject of a referral to, or an investigation by, your professional body?

 Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not Applicable [ ]

Have you been involved or are you currently involved in any professional or personal, unresolved or pending issue that might undermine your standing ability to do the job?

 Yes [ ]  No [ ]

**INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING AUTHORITY**

Have you ever been referred to the Independent Safeguarding Authority as a result of misconduct involving children and / or vulnerable adults? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, please provide full details below:

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY – PRESENT OR MAIN POST**

Employer Name:       Period of Notice:

Employer Address:       Salary / Wage:

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Job Title:       Reason for Leaving:

Employment Status: Permanent [ ]  Temporary [ ]  Agency [ ]

Principle Duties of the Present Post:

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY — PREVIOUS POSTS**

Please list all your most recent previous posts beginning with the most recent.

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| **Name and Address of Employer** | **Job Title** | **Start Date** | **EndDate** | **Reason for Leaving** | **Duties** |
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If you have any gaps in your career history, please include and explain these in the box below.

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| **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**You must demonstrate evidence of the following essential criteria by way of examples and dates in the box below. Please note the maximum word count is 300 words. |
| **Essential Criteria 1:** Registered Mental Health Nurse, live on NMC register, OR Professional Social Work qualification and registration with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC), OR Registered Occupational Therapist or a practitioner psychologist registered with the HCPC. |
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| **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**You must demonstrate evidence of the following essential criteria by way of examples and dates in the box below. Please note the maximum word count is 300 words. |
| **Essential Criteria 2:** Three years post qualifying experience in one of the above disciplines at Band 6 or equivalent, of which two years should be in an adult mental health setting. |
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| **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**You must demonstrate evidence of the following essential criteria by way of examples and dates in the box below. Please note the maximum word count is 300 words. |
| **Essential Criteria 3:** Demonstrate relevant knowledge and experience of working in adult services including knowledge of relevant legislation, best practice guidelines as well as an understanding of the role of all statutory agencies, and community services. |
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| **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**You must demonstrate evidence of the following essential criteria by way of examples and dates in the box below. Please note the maximum word count is 300 words. |
| **Essential Criteria 4:** Hold a full current driving license (valid in the UK) and have access to a car at the closing date or have \*\* access to a form of transport which will permit the applicant to carry out the duties of the post in full. *(\*\* this relates only to any person who has declared that they have a disability, which debars them from driving).* |
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| **DESIRABLE CRITERIA**You must demonstrate evidence of the following essential criteria by way of examples and dates in the box below. Please note the maximum word count is 300 words. |
| **Desirable Criteria 1:** Experience of working in a primary care/community care setting |
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| **DESIRABLE CRITERIA**You must demonstrate evidence of the following essential criteria by way of examples and dates in the box below. Please note the maximum word count is 300 words. |
| **Desirable Criteria 2:** Experience of community development approaches to addressing the needs of service users with mental health difficulties |
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**DISABILITY**

If you require a reasonable adjustment for reasons related to a disability to allow you to attend interview, please contact recruitment@easternfsu.co.uk.

**PERSONAL DECLARATION**

1. I declare that all the foregoing statements are true, complete and accurate

2. I understand that if I give wrong information or leave out important information I could be dismissed if I take up this job

3. I understand that to take up this job I must have satisfactory references, health assessment and Access NI checks (if applicable)

4. I understand that I will be asked to show some formal identification and evidence of qualifications if required

5. I confirm that as far as I know there are no medical reasons which would stop me from carrying out the duties of this job

6. I agree to you making any necessary enquiries during the recruitment and selection process

7. I understand that canvassing will disqualify me from the selection process for this job

8. I consent to the information I have provided being used within the context of the Data Protection Act 1998

9. I know of no reason why I cannot work in regulated activity.

Your Signature:       Date:

Please indicate how you became aware of this vacancy:

[ ]  Social Media [ ]  Professional [ ]  Radio

[ ]  Newspaper, please specify       [ ]  Other, please specify

[ ]  NIjobfinder       [ ]  NIjobs.com

**Recruitment Preference Sheet**

**Job Title:** Senior Mental Health Practitioner –North Down and Ards

 Federations

**Reference:** SMHP/2025/30

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Hours:** | **Please (X) preferred option**  |
| Full Time |  |
| Part Time |  |

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| **Additional Comments (if required):** |
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**Employee/ Applicant Monitoring Questionnaire**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN SEPARATELY FROM YOUR APPLICATION FORM TO** recruitment@easternfsu.co.uk **MARKING YOUR EMAIL as “CONFIDENTIAL”**

**Private & Confidential**

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We are an Equal Opportunities Employer. We do not discriminate against our job applicants or employees, and we aim to select the best person for the job. We monitor the community background and sex of our job applicants and employees to demonstrate our commitment to promoting equality of opportunity in employment and to comply with our duties under the Fair Employment & Treatment (NI) Order 1988.

You are not obliged to answer the questions on this form and you will not suffer any penalty if you choose not to do so. Nevertheless, we encourage you to answer these questions. Your answers will be used by us to prepare and submit a monitoring return to the Equality Commission, but your identity will be kept anonymous. In all other regards your answers will be treated with the strictest confidence. We assure you that your answers will not be used by us to make any decisions affecting you, whether in a recruitment exercise or during the course of any employment with us.

1. **Community Background**

Regardless of whether they actually practice religion, most people in Northern Ireland are perceived to be members of either the Protestant or Roman Catholic communities.

Please indicate the community to which you belong by ticking the appropriate box below:

**I am a member of the Protestant community**

**I am a member of the Roman Catholic community**

**I am not a member of neither the Protestant nor Roman Catholic community**

*If you do not answer the above question, or if you tick the “not a member of either box”, we are encouraged to use the residuary method of making a determination, which means that we can make a determination as to your community background on the basis of the personal information supplied by you in your application form/personnel file.*

1. **Sex**

**Please indicate whether you are: Female Male**

*Note: If you answer this questionnaire you are obliged to do so truthfully as it is a criminal offence under the Fair Employment (Monitoring) Regulations (NI) 1999 to knowingly give false answers to these questions.*

1. **Age**

**Please state your date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):**

Date of Birth:

1. **Racial Group**

**Please state your country of birth:**

My nationality is:

**Please indicate which of the following applies to you:**

White Chinese

Irish Traveller

Indian Pakistani

Bangladeshi Black African

Black Caribbean

Black Other

Mixed ethnic group (please state which):

Any other ethnic group (please state which):

1. **Disability**

Under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1995* you are deemed to be a disabled person if you have cancer, multiple sclerosis or HIV infection.

Also, you are deemed to be a disabled person if you have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

**Do you consider that you are a disabled person?**

Yes: No:

**If you answered “yes”, please indicate he nature of your impairment by ticking the appropriate box or boxes below:**

**Physical impairment,** such as the difficulty using your arms, or mobility issues requiring you to use a wheelchair or crutches:

**Sensory impairment,** such as being blind or having a serious visual impairment, or being deaf or having a serious hearing impairment:

**Mental health condition,** such as depression or schizophrenia:

**Learning disability or difficulty,** such as Down’s Syndrome or dyslexia, or **Cognitive impairment**, such as autistic spectrum disorder:

**Long-standing or progressive illness or health condition**, such as cancer, HIV infection, diabetes, epilepsy or chronic heart disease:

**Other** (pleased specify):

1. **Sexual Orientation**

Please indicate your sexual orientation by ticking the appropriate box below:

My Sexual Orientation is:

I am straight:

I am gay or lesbian:

I am bisexual:

1. **Marital Status/ Civil Partnership Status**

**Please indicate whether you are married or in a civil partnership by ticking the appropriate box below:**

Are you married or in a civil partnership?

Yes: No:

1. **Dependents/ Caring Responsibilities**

Do you have dependents, or caring responsibilities for family members or other persons?

Yes: No:

**If you answered “yes” are your dependents or the people you look after?**

(Please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

A child or children:

A disabled person or persons:

An elderly person or persons:

Other:

If “Other), please specify: