**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**WELFARE OFFICER - Cyprus**

**Primary Outputs**

The Welfare Officer is responsible for providing a high quality and responsive 24 hour medical welfare service to patients, their families and entitled civilians working within the military community from the front line, in hospital, rehabilitation or recovery locations. All DMWS Welfare Officers are expected to be mobile and deployable.

**Key Responsibilities**

* A first class service is provided to patients and families through delivery of excellent practical and emotional support by establishing and maintaining good communications, regular visits, liaison with stakeholders and timely and accurate recording of information.
* A rapid personal response is given in support of crisis situations, whether inside normal working hours or outside when on-call.
* Referrals for welfare support are dealt with effectively and efficiently and in a timely way, fully documented and where the welfare needs of service patients, their families and entitled civilians are properly and accurately assessed.
* High quality, sensitive emotional and practical support is given to relatives of seriously ill patients and to those who are bereaved.
* Excellent liaison takes place with stakeholders including the military chain of command, the NHS CCGs and hospitals, Defence primary healthcare medical centres and overseas hospitals with clear and accurate briefings and advice being given and followed through.
* In conjunction with the Area Manager, Service user accommodation is well managed, through timely and prioritised allocation of facilities for visiting relatives of very ill service patients, their dependents and entitled civilians.
* Where accommodation is not available, relatives, dependents and entitled civilians are assisted to find suitable alternative accommodation.
* Excellent written and verbal reports are produced in a timely fashion.
* Military colleagues are given a ‘listening ear’ when needed.
* Close liaison with Military Commanders takes place to ensure the welfare service is flexibly and effectively provided.
* Any risks to service delivery are highlighted at the earliest opportunity and collaborative working with the Area Manager to mitigate risk to patients and rectify issues if they occur.
* Safeguarding issues are quickly recognised and any concerns regarding children or vulnerable adults are reported to the appropriate agencies in a timely fashion.
* Accurate records are kept, and data and reports are provided within agreed timescales. Written reports for other agencies regarding patients are comprehensive and robust so that any follow-up care is appropriate to their needs.
* Full participation in both supervision with the Area Manager and external clinical supervision takes place. Professional boundaries with clients are maintained and concerns/issues are raised appropriately and confidentially.
* Self and peer assessment with line managers is entered into with the right spirit and with the end result being further personal development.
* Personal fitness to deploy in to a theatre of operations is maintained, and an ability to be mobile in order to meet operational needs.
* On call cover during silent hours and weekends is provided via participation in rota cover.
* Identification of fundraising or business development opportunities
* Deliver presentations on DMWS to external stakeholders

**Personal Characteristics**

* Excellent communicator and problem solver
* Personal energy and resilience
* Passionate about welfare services
* Self-confident and motivated
* Team Player
* Good judgement
* Adaptable/flexible approach to work
* Empathetic approach to people

**Minimum Expertise**

* Ability to work to corporate aims without losing touch with day to day service delivery.
* Ability to work in small groups and conduct lone working for temporary periods.
* Fluent in English and Greek (speaking, listening, reading and writing) at Level 3 as defined by the NATO STANAG 6001 Scale, as a minimum.
* Empathy with the service life environment.
* Excellent and effective verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
* Excellent written communication skills.
* Effective use of counselling skills to provide support
* Able to deliver interesting and impactive presentations
* Proven IT skills including Microsoft Office, and the ability to manipulate data in Excel
* A current full driving licence
* Prepared to travel on a regular basis
* Prepared to undertake training to meet company and customer mandated requirements and maintain currency in personal development

**Desired Expertise**

* A recognised Health and Social Care or Welfare qualification at Level 3 or above
* Experience of working in a health, social care or welfare environment
* Qualified workplace First Aider or prepared to undertake training

**How to Apply**

To apply for this position please complete the enclosed Application Form and send with a supporting statement that address the criteria set out in the person specification to:

HR Department

DMWS

The Old Stables

Redenham Park

Andover

Hants

SP11 9AQ

Or email to [**recruitment@dmws.org.uk**](mailto:recruitment@dmws.org.uk)

**Successful Applicants will be sent full details of the Interview process.**

**DMWS is an equal opportunities employer and values diversity.**