

**Peer Involvement Worker**  
**Band 4**  
**2 Year Contract - Part time 15 hours**

South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust is committed to promoting the involvement of service users and carers within the organisation. As a Trust we place huge value on the insight, energy and time of our service users and carers' friends and family and are committed to creating the optimal environment for them to get involved in the activities and day to day running of the Trust. In recognition of this commitment we are expanding our Involvement Team and promoting involvement opportunities to all our service users and carers.

We have created 3 new part time Peer Involvement Workers - each post holder will work closely with a designated service line either Community Services, In-Patient Units or the National / Specialist Services.

The purpose of this role is to engage with, listen to and support individuals who are currently using our services or who care for those who use our services and support those them to take an active role in contributing to service delivery. You will be expected to establish links / set up regular meetings and networks within the designated service line and ensure that staff and systems are set up to make sure service users and carers are actively involved in day to day panning or service delivery.

You will utilise your own lived experience as a person who has received services or actively cared for someone under the care of secondary services to ensure that individuals are fully supported at every stage of the process of getting involved in working with the trust. You will focus on maximising their potential to develop and engage with services to ensure they create a culture where lived experience and expertise is recognised and valued.

You will need to demonstrate active listening skills, good interpersonal skills, excellent written and verbal communication and an ability to work under pressure. As the hours are limited you will need to be able to plan your day to get the most out of limited time, work flexibly to respond to needs and be able to work independently as well as within a team .

You will need to demonstrate personal self-awareness and resilience with managing your own lived experience and help others to develop these skills.

In return we offer a range of benefits including a pension scheme, staff discounts scheme and access to wellbeing treatments / services. We will provide you with the relevant training, regular supervision and development opportunities and an opportunity to develop new skills.

Good involvement can transform lives, build resilience in communities and make sure services are really meeting the needs of service users and carers - we want this to be the standard that everyone works towards.

For further details / informal visits contact: Involvement team on 020 3513 4605 or e-mail to [involvement@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:involvement@swlstg.nhs.uk)