



# Saint John of God Community Services

## Liffey Services

*Saint John of God Liffey Services, provides a network of education, training, employment, respite and community living supports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Kildare and Dublin.*

## Senior Grade Psychologist

**Full Time Hours (35 hours per week)**

(Permanent Full Time Post)

(Ref: SGP-0123)

Applications are invited for the post of Senior Grade Psychologist on permanent full-time basis. The successful applicant will provide psychological services to adults with all levels of Intellectual Disabilities across North Kildare and West Dublin. Location Base: Islandbridge, Dublin

### **The Role:**

The post holder will be responsible for supporting the development and delivery of effective, efficient and person-centred psychological and compassion focused support for people with an intellectual disability in conjunction with the Liffey Services Psychology Department. This will include psychological supports for individuals with behaviours of concern, mental health issues, development of resilience skills and those with dementia. The role involves provision of training and supports to staff and carers of adults with an ID, supervision of trainee psychologists and the opportunity to engage in research.

### **The successful candidate must have:**

- Hold a minimum QQI Level 8 qualification in Psychology
- Have an Irish post-graduate professional psychology qualification accredited by the Psychological Society of Ireland in Clinical, Counselling or Education Psychology
  - Applicants with a clinical or counselling psychology qualification must demonstrate that they have acquired in appropriate health settings, for the area/areas for which they wish to apply –Disability (Child and Adult), Child Psychology, Adult Psychology –either at least 60 days or equivalent supervised clinical placements as part of the professional qualification; or at least 60 days or equivalent post-qualification supervised work experience as a psychologist
  - Applicants with an education psychology qualification must demonstrate that they have acquired in appropriate health settings for the area/areas for which they wish to apply – Child Disability, Child Psychology – either at least 60 days or equivalent supervised clinical placements as part of the professional qualification; either at least 60 days or equivalent post-qualification supervised work experience as a psychologist.



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Or

An equivalent qualification in Clinical, Counselling or Educational Psychology from another jurisdiction validated by the Department of Health. Please provide written proof of validation with application.

- A minimum of 5 years satisfactory post-graduate experience in the area of professional psychology, no more than three years of which is spent in gaining the post-graduate professional qualification and no less than two years full-time spent in post-qualification experience as a professional psychologist.
- Possess the requisite knowledge and ability, including a high standard of suitability and ability for the proper discharge of the office.
- Demonstrate competence in working with adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Must be eligible to work in Ireland.
- Full Clean License and access to own vehicle

### **Desirable Criteria:**

- A focus on person centred and compassionate practice with individuals with an intellectual disability.
- Experience of providing psychological supports to adults with an intellectual disability encountering challenges with mental health and wellbeing, dementia and behaviours of concern.
- Experience of working effectively with teams, consulting with families and other professionals
- An interest in participating and/or undertaking research in the area of intellectual disability.

### **Benefits include:**

- Psychologist Salary is paid in accordance with the Department of Health Consolidated Salary Scales.
- Clinical supervision structure and opportunities to provide supervision to psychologists in training.
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Paid Maternity/Paternity Leave
- Parental and Adoptive Leave
- Contributory State Pension Plan
- Group Scheme for Health Insurance
- Commitment to opportunities to enhance professional skills through education and training
- Opportunities for Research



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- Free Library facilities
- Free Parking

If you believe you have the necessary enthusiasm, competencies and experience to bring to this role, please forward your letter of application along with your Curriculum Vitae by email only to [liffeyservicesrecruitment@sjog.ie](mailto:liffeyservicesrecruitment@sjog.ie)

**Shortlisting will apply.**

Informal enquiries by phone to Cathy Hayes, Principal Psychologist, Mobile: 0873625484

**Closing Date: 10.2.2023**

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We operate HSE (Health Service Executive) funded services across Intellectual Disability, Adult Mental Health and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.*