

# Volunteer Recovery Practitioner

Surrey



## About Via in Surrey

Based within i-access drug and alcohol service, this Volunteer Recovery Practitioner role will offer support to adults who use our services in Surrey to help them achieve their recovery goals through one-to-one sessions and structured group work packages.

## About the role

As a Volunteer Recovery Practitioner, you'll support the delivery of a wide range of interventions. These will include:

- Advising people who come to i-access about drug awareness, overdose prevention, safer injecting, safer sex practices and other harm minimisation advice.
- Supporting practitioners in the completion of assessments and follow-up assessments. (Please note, you won't be asked to carry out initial assessments)
- Supporting practitioners with a caseload of people. This may involve working one-to-one and co-facilitating groups.
- Assisting people to access wider services, including completing referrals to onward agencies.

In addition to the above you'll be expected to participate in team meetings where relevant and to carry out other tasks as deemed necessary to support the needs of the service.

## What skills do I need?

The role would be ideal for someone looking to develop their experience in the drug and alcohol field. While some knowledge of the sector is desirable, we're specifically looking for people who have a passion for the work that we do. A positive attitude and the desire to learn are essential, as is a non-judgemental and supportive approach to people who are facing problems with drugs and alcohol.

## What Via can offer you

When you begin volunteering, you'll be allocated a volunteer supervisor who will act as your main point of contact in your service. They'll provide you with ongoing support and supervision and will work closely with you throughout your time at Via. There's also a central volunteer services team that will support you while you are on placement.

In addition, you can expect:

- A full induction to your role and continuous local training
- Access to central staff training opportunities
- Regular supervision
- Reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses and lunch expenses

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## When

We're looking for someone to support the team for 2 days or more per week – days are flexible.

We ask that volunteers try to commit for a 6-month period where possible.

## How to apply

If you'd like to apply for this role, please read the guidance notes on applying for volunteer roles and complete and return an application form with your CV.

Email: [volunteers@viaorg.uk](mailto:volunteers@viaorg.uk)  
Telephone: 0207 421 3100

Post: Via Volunteer Services  
18 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BL

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