

Eastern Health

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Social Worker Adolescent Inpatient Unit
Award Classification:	Social Worker Grade 2
Award / Agreement Name:	Victorian Public Mental Health Services Enterprise Agreement 2021-2024
Position Reports to:	Operationally - Nurse Unit Manager AIPU Professionally – Social Work Clinical Lead ICYMHS & Social Work Director

EASTERN HEALTH – HEALTHIER TOGETHER

Eastern Health is one of Melbourne’s largest metropolitan public health services. We provide a comprehensive range of high quality acute, sub-acute, palliative care, mental health, drug and alcohol, residential care, community health and statewide services to people and communities that are diverse in culture, age and socio-economic status, population and healthcare needs



1. POSITION PURPOSE

The Social worker will work within the Adolescent Inpatient Unit, Infant Child and Youth Mental Health Service (ICYMHS). The multi-disciplinary Inpatient team aims to provide high quality mental health assessment, care coordination, clinical treatment and interventions for young people, aged 13 –17 with complex mental health concerns and psychological distress, along with their families within a recovery-oriented framework.

The Social worker will have clinical experience in mental health services or a similar area and have a commitment to ongoing professional and service delivery development.

The Social worker reports directly to the NUM and Consultant Psychiatrist, who in turn reports to the Clinical Director for clinical governance. The position will be part of a high-quality service that is responsive to the needs of Adolescents and is supported by clinical, operational and discipline specific supervision, ongoing professional development and active participation in team and service planning. The position is located at Box Hill Hospital Adolescent Inpatient Unit

2. MAJOR DUTIES AND/OR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Deliver specialist mental health care coordination, assessment, formulation and individualized recovery planning,
- Work collaboratively with young people families/carers, co-clinicians and key stakeholders in the management and treatment of mental illness or co-morbid mental illness.
- Assist the service to develop and implement a system of service that reflects integrated care.
- Provide service co-ordination, consultation and ongoing feedback to referring agents and other relevant agencies through case liaison, review, discharge reports and communication with external agencies.
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal) including the ability to function effectively in a multidisciplinary team, work in partnership with consumers, carers, families and other service providers and a demonstrated high level of conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and interdependently as member of a multidisciplinary team including following reasonable direction from operational and clinical leadership.
- Provide specialist discipline specific assessment, and/or treatment for clients and their families referred from within the team and provide consultation to team members regarding case related discipline specific matters.
- Sound knowledge of the relevant legislation and frameworks for recovery-oriented practice pertaining to working in mental health with Adolescents and their families
- Demonstration of relevant family violence practice according to allocated responsibility level in the mental health program workforce mapping tool. This aligns with the Multi-Agency Risk assessment and Management (MARAM) Framework, the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVIS) and Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) legislative requirements and related Eastern Health guidelines

- Demonstrate sound knowledge of the relevant legislation pertaining to working in mental health, e.g. Mental Health Act, Children, Youth and Families Act, etc.
- Assist coordinated client care and support monitoring or accountability of clinical activities by documenting clinical services in the case record and completing appropriate and timely service statistics.
- Completion of required clinical documentation including Discharge summaries, family meetings and multi-agency care meetings
- Contribute to service improvement through active involvement in Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) activities, research, evaluation and professional education activities within Eastern Health.
- Contribute to a positive team culture by engaging in team meetings, clinical review, peer supervision and professional development.

3. SAFE PRACTICE AND ENVIRONMENT

Occupational Health and Safety

Eastern Health is committed to provide and maintain a working environment for all staff that is safe and without risk to health. All staff are to take care of their own health and safety and the health and safety of any other person who may be affected by your acts or omissions at the workplace. Understand responsibilities and accountabilities to yourself and others in accordance with OH&S legislation and Eastern Health policies and promote a working environment that is congruent with these guidelines. This includes staff reporting of all clinical and OHS incidents and near misses, in particular those related to Occupational Violence, Manual Handling and Slips, trips and falls.

Staff are required to comply with all state legislative requirements in respect to the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensations (WIRC) Act 2013.

4. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Relevant, practical and timely education should direct, facilitate, enhance and support the professional growth and practice of employees in a health environment characterised by change. All programs should endeavour to promote evidence-based practice, a problem solving approach and to be competency based.

You are expected to participate in the personal development process on an annual basis.

5. QUALITY

As a staff member of Eastern Health staff are required to comply with Eastern Health performance standards and participate in continuous monitoring and improvement as part of your role. You are also required to comply with legislation, professional standards and accreditation standards.

As a staff member employed by Eastern Health services you must have and maintain the appropriate skills and knowledge required to fulfil your role and responsibilities within the organisation. In addition, you must ensure that you practice within the specifications of this position description, and where applicable within the agreed scope of practice.

You are responsible for ensuring safe high quality care in your work. This will include complying with best practice standards, identifying and reporting any variance to expected standards and minimising the risk of adverse outcomes and patient harm. In addition, you will ensure that service and care is consistent with the EH approach to patient and family centered care.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information obtained in the course of employment is confidential and should not be used for any purpose other than the performance of the duties for which the person was employed. Staff are bound by the Information Privacy Act 2000 and the Health Records Act 2001.

7. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

You agree to adhere to the Equal Employment Opportunity policies and practices of the Health Service. Discriminatory practices, including sexual harassment, are unlawful. The Health Service will not tolerate discriminatory behaviour and any such conduct may lead to the invoking of the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, which may result in termination of employment.

8. PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT

A Performance Review, that includes agreed targets, will occur three (3) months from commencement and then annually based on the duties and responsibilities outlined in this position description. This is an opportunity to review personal and the allocated work unit's service performance, facilitated by the setting of objectives/goals and ongoing evaluation of performance and achievement. Objectives will be developed annually, documented, discussed and agreed with the immediate line manager, who will act as the assessor. The incumbent is expected to demonstrate and show evidence annually of ongoing self and allocated work unit's service development.

9. EASTERN HEALTH'S PROMISE

Our promise to our communities, patients, consumers and staff is that we will be **HEALTHIER TOGETHER**. Bolder than a vision for the future, our promise calls us to action. We know that working together is the only way we can achieve what is necessary for a healthier future.

Our values are ones in action and are the behaviours that matter most.

- Respect for all
- Safe always
- Partnering in care
- Learning and improving everyday

Learning from the challenges of the past and looking to the future, we understand that we are building towards a more engaged, more reliable, always safe health service in partnership with our people to improve every day.

10. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 Key Selection Criteria

11. NOTE

Statements included in this position description are intended to reflect in general the duties and responsibilities of this position and are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive.

Prior to accepting any offer of employment, prospective employees will be required to read and commit to the Eastern Health Code of Conduct, including (but not limited to) issues of Occupational Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity and Confidentiality.

Vaccination against infectious disease is a mandatory requirement of this role. An offer of employment is conditional on you providing evidence that you are currently vaccinated against COVID-19, prior to commencing employment.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Manager

INCUMBENT STATEMENT

I _____ (Incumbent Name) have read, understood and accepted the above Position Description and associated Attachments.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

ATTACHMENT 1

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

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Essential

- Holds a degree qualification in Social Work that has been approved by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) for membership as a Social Worker.
- Maintains compliance with the AASW Continuing Professional Development Policy in order to meet the Eastern Health Allied Health credentialing standard.
- A minimum of 2 years' experience as a qualified Social Worker working within a mental Health inpatient or community setting.

Desirable

- Post-Graduate qualifications in Child and Adolescent Mental Health, e.g. Developmental Child Psychiatry Course, Family Therapy (or working towards)

Knowledge and Skills

- Postgraduate clinical experience and/or postgraduate training in child and adolescent mental health. This includes assessment, treatment, and consultation with individual clients and their families as well as broader systemic and community interventions.
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal) including the ability to function effectively in a multidisciplinary team, work in partnership with consumers, carers, families and other service providers and a demonstrated high level of conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and interdependently as member of a multidisciplinary team.
- Demonstrated working knowledge of contemporary legislation and recovery principles and practices including research and evidence-based practice in working with mental health with children and their families/carers.
- Demonstrated well developed knowledge of the Mental Health Act and other relevant legislation, policies, plans, and strategic directions of public mental health services.
- Computer literacy and embracing of health technologies and informatics.
- Demonstrated ongoing commitment to professional development, education and supervision.
- Ability to supervise Social Work students and Grade 1 Social Work staff.
- Compliance with AASW Code of Ethics and legal requirements of the Social Work profession.
- Employment is subject to a satisfactory police check, National Criminal History check and evidence of a current Working with Children check valid for employment purposes.

Personal Attributes:

- Exhibits behaviour which reflects the Eastern Health values.
- Promotes and contributes to a supportive and engaged team environment.
- Commits to providing a safe environment for all.
- Respectful, collaborative and kind.
- Ability to engage in reflective practice.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Candidates

Eastern Health's Aboriginal Workforce Plan 2023 – 2026 was released in February 2023. With a strong focus on cultural safety and belonging, actions included in the Workforce Plan provide practical supports for all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff.

An Aboriginal Employment Coordinator is available to ensure each person has culturally safe and positive employee experiences which foster belonging and access to diverse experiences and career pathways. Should you require further information regarding this position or support to complete an

application, please contact the Recruitment Manager for this position or Eastern Health's Aboriginal Employment Coordinator at Aboriginal.Workforce@easternhealth.org.au