**Home Care Worker – Kerry Home Care**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland works across the country in the heart of local communities providing dementia specific services and supports and advocating for the rights and needs of all people living with dementia and their Carers.

Our vision is an Ireland where no one goes through dementia alone and where policies and services respond appropriately to the person with dementia and their Carers, at the times they need support.

A national non-profit organisation, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is person centered, rights-based and grassroots led with the voice of the person with dementia and their Carer at its core.

The ASI is currently recruiting for two Home Care Workers who will work in assigned family homes for North Kerry Home Care.

This is a purpose only contract for 9 months, working 5 hours per week.

Reporting to the Home Care Coordinator, the Home Care Worker is responsible for providing person centred care to people with dementia, addressing their needs and enhancing their quality of life.

To be successful in this role you will need experience of working with people with dementia, older people, or people with intellectual disabilities. FETAC level 5 qualification is desirable but not essential. Experience working in home-based care would be an advantage.

You will need good communication and organisational skills and be able to work on your own initiative as well as part of a team.

Competitive salary will be commensurate with the care sector, and dependent on relevant experience.

The role holder must strictly adhere to all National Guidelines laid out in QSPD guidance and be always COVID aware. Training in PPE / Infection Control and other relevant areas will be provided by ASI prior to the role holder entering a client’s home.

If you are interested in applying for this post, please submit a full and up-to-date CV and covering letter explaining why you feel you could undertake this role and send it to Kathleen Herlihy, Home Care Coordinator by email kherlihy@alzheimer.ie

Closing date for applications is 8th June 2021.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

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| **JOB DESCRIPTION** | |
| **Job Title:** Home Care Worker | **Job Holder:** |
| **Job Location:** North Kerry | **Reports to:** Home Care Co-Ordinator |

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| **JOB PURPOSE:** |
| The purpose of the role is to provide care to people with dementia and support that is person centered, addressing their needs to enhance their quality of life. |

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| **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:** |
| **Client Care Provision**   * Build up trusting relationships with clients and their carers so that they feel secure and welcome in the service. * Assist the co-ordinator of the service in the assessment and updating of care plans for each client. * Carry out care plan activities. * Provision of personal care if needed including help with meals, toileting, bathing etc. * Ensure that observations are reported in a timely manner. * Respect the rights, dignity, and confidentiality of all clients. * In consultation with the line manager, identify and develop activities to enhance the quality of care delivered. * In consultation with the line manager assist clients and their carers in their dealings with other service providers in the community. |
| **Service Administration**   * Adhere to service provision, Health and Safety policies and procedures set out by the Society. * Assist in the maintenance of service records as directed by the Home Care Co-ordinator. * Assist in promoting a positive and safe environment and bring issues of concern to the Home Care Co-ordinator’s attention. * Avail of training opportunities identified by the Home Care Co-ordinator. * Maintain routine contact with the Home Care Co-ordinator. Attend team and one to one meeting with the Home Care Co-ordinator to contribute to the ongoing development and enhancement of the service. |

The principal accountabilities outline the main duties. However, in an organisation such as the Society, it is inevitable that tasks may arise which may not fall within the remit of the above list of main duties. Employees are therefore required to respond with a flexible approach when tasks arise which are not specifically covered in their job description. Should an additional responsibility become a regular part of an employee’s job, the job description will be amended to reflect this.

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| **JOB HOLDER ENTRY REQUIRMENTS:** |
| **Knowledge (Education & Related Experience):**   * Educated to Leaving Certificate or equivalent * FETAC level 5 desirable * Experience in health, social or disability care desirable |
| **Skills (Special Training or Competence):**   * Excellent communication and interpersonal skills * Good organisational and observational skills * Ability to work as part of a team. * Training in dementia, care of elderly or related area |
| **Key Behaviours:**   * Patience * Empathy * Reliability * Flexibility * Enthusiasm |

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| **KEY RELATIONSHIPS** | |
| **Internal**  Colleagues in home care and care day  Driver  Volunteers  Line Manager  Regional Managers | **External**  Clients and carers  Other members of the community care team  Public Health Nurse |

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| **Job Description agreed by staff member & line manager** | |
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