



RESEARCH ASSISTANT

PART-TIME

ROLE SUMMARY

Cork Sports Partnership is looking for a talented and ambitious research assistant to join us to work on a prestigious Sláintecare Integration Fund programme for the dissemination of health and well-being initiatives. As a collaborative project between Cork Sports Partnership and the Cork Kerry Community Healthcare team this initiative seeks to empower citizens to manage their own health through increased physical activity and improved diet. The main outcomes/outputs of the initiative are as follows:

- Engagement and empowerment of citizens in their own self-care.
- Innovations in the shift of care to the community or provide hospital avoidance measures.
- Integrated referral pathway and coordinated delivery of programmes across 11 CHNs in Cork.
- Scale and share examples of evidence based practice and safe and effective processes for chronic disease management and care of adults.
- Increased physical activity levels across all 11 networks in Cork.
- A directory created across several Community Health Networks to inform communities what facilities and amenities are available within their own area including initiatives targeted to support physical activity for adults.

The successful candidate will primarily support the Project Lead on successful development, delivery, management and sustainability of the Wellcomm Active Initiative and undertake

innovative qualitative and quantitative assessments of programme adherence, compliance and fidelity.

You must have a MSc degree (or equivalent) in relevant subject area (Health and/or Sport Management) and equivalent research experience. Previous experience of independent qualitative and quantitative research and the ability to work effectively both independently and collaboratively, both on projects and as part of a team is essential. The role demands creativity and innovation with regards to intervention design and knowledge dissemination.

Services Specifications:

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- To work under the direction of the Project Lead.
- To provide assistance in conducting research activities, including planning, organizing, conducting, and communicating research within the overall scope of the project.
- To undertake tasks which may include recording results and preparing technical reports including conclusions and recommendations.
- To coordinate the development of forms, questionnaires and the application of qualitative and quantitative research techniques; write procedures manuals for data collection and coding.
- To present information on research progress and outcomes to others responsible for the project.
- Under supervision, to analyse data collected, interpret and consider the appropriate referral pathways.
- To undertake some administration arising from the research activities.
- To perform other appropriate activities incidental to the work described herein.

The list of duties detailed above is not intended to be exclusive or restrictive and may be adjusted dependent on the area of research.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- A graduate qualification in a field of discipline relevant to the area of investigation i.e. MSc (or equivalent) in Sport and/or Health Management, or a related subject.

- Research experience.
- Sufficient knowledge of health management and/or research methods and techniques to work within the specified project.
- Good report writing and presentation skills.
- Good analytical skills and computer skills.
- An ability to work independently to a tight schedule.
- Evidence of excellent organisational and communication skills.
- High levels of initiative are encouraged.
- Ability to communicate complex information clearly – both orally and in writing.
- Good interpersonal skills when working with a range of groups.
- Experience of working in an academic / public-sector environment setting.
- Ability to assess resource requirements and use resources effectively.
- Translate strategy into operational plans with measurable outcomes.
- Understanding of and ability to contribute to broader project management and administration processes.

Health

Candidates shall be in a state of health which would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

Transport

A full clean driving license and use of personal transport for work is required. The successful applicant must be willing, and be in a position, to travel.

