

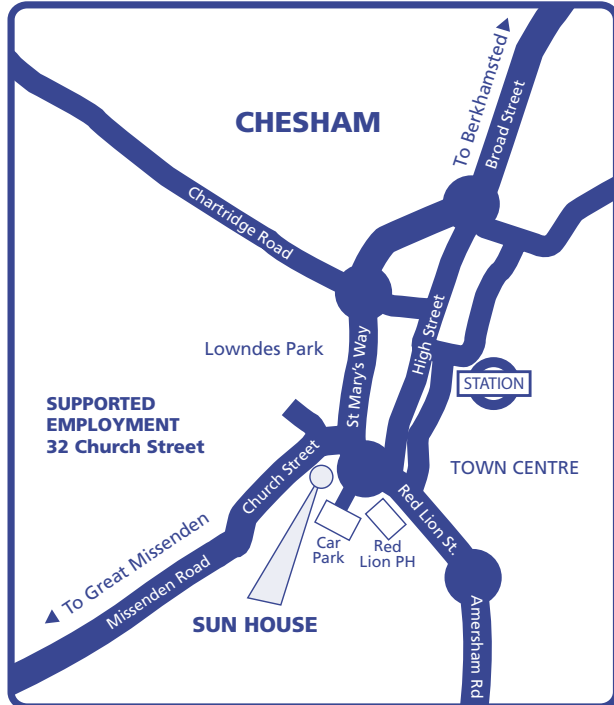
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Supported Employment is one of a range of services offered by Buckinghamshire Mind.

What do we aim to do?

The service offers one-to-one support to people who have experienced mental health difficulties to assist them to return to voluntary or paid work. The support we offer is individually tailored to suit a person's requirements.

How do we do this?

We have initial interviews with clients to determine their skills and talents and then work together with them to develop an action plan. Vocational advice can be provided or sourced and any training requirements highlighted and facilitated.

The support worker is involved with a network of providers to build links with employers and source employment opportunities. When a client feels ready to apply for work he/she is supported through the application and interview process. This may include help with forms, C.V. writing, interview and presentation techniques.

On going support will be given to the client in their employment including liaison with their employer as required.

Who is it for?

The service is open to adults in Buckinghamshire who experience, or have experienced, mental distress. They will be at a point in their lives where they can begin to seek employment and are willing to work together with our worker to do so. People can self-refer or be referred by their GP or care worker.

Testimonials

'I can recommend Supported Employment as a useful, structured way of getting back to work. The atmosphere is always relaxed and friendly.'

'Supported Employment has played a significant part in restoring my self-confidence, self-respect and self-worth, and has been an incredible support in assisting me to find permanent employment. I am indebted to them for their kindness and understanding.'

'I have received a lot of focused, practical and helpful advice from the Supported Employment Worker. I have been helped to update my CV, be more confident in communicating my needs and concerns with my boss in my current job as well as doing job searches for other opportunities. I would recommend this service to anyone who is looking to get back into employment after a period of mental illness or who is already in a job but looking to improve their situation.'

Buckinghamshire Mind

Who are we?

Buckinghamshire Mind is an independent registered charity that for over 90 years has been involved in the promotion of good mental health through education, campaigning and the provision of services across the county.

What do we do?

We provide a range of mental health services across the county in partnership with statutory bodies i.e. Social Services and Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trust. In addition we are able to offer other services that we fund independently. Our services are run by a combination of paid staff and volunteers and we strive to ensure that service users are central to all that we do.

What do we aim to achieve?

Our vision is of a society that promotes and protects good mental health for all, and that treats people with experience of mental distress fairly, positively, and with respect.

Our relationship with National Mind

Although we are an independent charity we form part of the network of Local Mind Associations linked to the national charity Mind. (www.mind.org.uk)