**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MIND**

**COUNSELLING SERVICES**

**VOLUNTEER COUNSELLOR PLACEMENT APPLICATION**

The application form allows you to provide information in support of your application. Progress to the next stage of the selection process will depend on the answers you give. Please ensure you complete ALL aspects of the application, especially information relating to relevant counselling training and experience.

When completing the personal statement keep in mind that you are applying for a voluntary counselling placement with a mental health charity. Whilst we appreciate that students need to find placements to attain counselling hours, we are looking for counsellors who are interested in working within a mental health organisation, and who wish to be part of our dedicated team.

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| **Name** |  | **Home phone number** |  |
| **Address** |  | **Mobile number** |  |
| **E mail** |  | **Preferred location**  **High Wycombe/ Aylesbury/ either** |  |
| **Age** |  |  |  |

*Please include here relevant details of ALL counselling training courses that you have attended or are attending. Please start with the most recent.*

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| **COURSE TITLE & ORIENTATION.** | **TRAINING AGENCY** | **LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION e.g. level 3, diploma etc.** | **START/END DATE** | **QUALIFICATION** |
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| **Are you a qualified counsellor/psychotherapist?** |  |
| **Are you a member of a professional body e.g. BACP/UKCP** |  |
| **If you are a student you will need to be in the 2nd year of a counselling diploma or equivalent.**  **Please confirm that you are currently studying at this level.** |  |

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| **Personal Therapy**  We believe that experience as a client in personal counselling/therapy is essential in developing individual competence as a practitioner. The reasons for this are (a) to have first-hand experience and understanding of what it means to be a client and (b) to ensure as much as possible that the practitioner does not bring his/her own limitations and difficulties to the therapeutic relationship. For these reasons we require that you have had or are currently undertaking personal therapy |

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| **How many personal therapy hours have you had to date?** |  |
| **How many practical client counselling hours have you completed to date?**  **Do NOT include skills practice or any other practice on your course** |  |
| **PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF ANY PRACITAL COUNSELLING EXPERIENCE:** | |

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| **DESCRIBE HOW YOU PERCEIVE THE ROLE OF COUNSELLOR:** |

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| **PLEASE STATE HERE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MIND AS A VOLUNTEER COUNSELLOR:** |

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| **Personal statement.**  Tell us about your qualities and life experiences that may have an influence on your role as a volunteer counsellor? |

**Employment record (starting with most recent)**

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| Name of employer | Job description | Start date | End date |
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**Time Commitment**

Our volunteer counsellors are asked to see 3 clients on a weekly basis.

Which day(s) / times would you be available?

Please indicate by ticking the appropriate box.

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|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Morning |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Evening |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974**

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| Due to the nature of the work for which you are applying the post is ‘exempt’ from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Applicants are therefore not entitled to withhold information about convictions (which for other purposes are ‘spent’ under the provisions of the act).  Please sign below and state if any court has at any time found you guilty of an offence. If yes, please give details.  If no, please state ‘No Convictions’ ..............................................................................................  Signed: .......................................................................................... Date: .................................... |

At Buckinghamshire Mind we take your privacy seriously. We want everyone who supports us, or who receives a service from us, to feel confident about how we use and protect any personal information that you share with us.

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