

Position Description

Position Title	Social Worker
Position Number	30027668
Division	Clinical Operations
Department	Older Persons Community Mental Health
Enterprise Agreement	Victorian Public Mental Health Services Enterprise Agreement 2024-2028
Classification Description	Social Worker G3 Y1 – Y4
Classification Code	YC46 -YC49
Reports to	Manager
Management Level	Non Management
Staff Capability Statement	Please click here for a link to staff capabilities statement
Mandatory Requirements	- National Police Record Check - Immunisation Requirements

Bendigo Health

Bendigo Health is a leading regional health service, learn more about us by visiting our website: [Bendigo Health Website - About Bendigo Health](#)

As an organisation we are committed to delivering safe, inclusive and high-quality care to our diverse communities across the Loddon Mallee Region. We value and respect the unique backgrounds, cultures and experiences of the people we serve and those who work with us.

We are a proud child safe organisation, dedicated to the safety, wellbeing and voice of all children and young people. We are committed to creating a culturally safe and welcoming environment where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples—adults, children and families—are respected, supported and empowered to express and celebrate their culture.

Our Vision

To be a trusted regional healthcare service recognised for delivering exceptional care, being a great place to work, and being deeply connected to our community.

Our Values

PASSIONATE – We are passionate about doing our best – for our patients, our colleagues and our community.

ACCOUNTABLE – We take ownership of our actions and outcomes, always striving for integrity and improvement.

CARING – We care deeply for our community – and our community cares for us. Compassion is at the heart of everything we do.

TRUSTWORTHY - We are open, honest and respectful in all that we do – earning the trust placed in us every day.

The Position

This Social Work position is a specialised discipline-specific role within the Older Adult Community MHT. The role provides high-quality social work services to the older adults (aged 65 years and over) experiencing mental health concerns. The role delivers comprehensive psychosocial assessment, intervention, advocacy and care coordination.

A key feature of this position is the provision of seamless continuity of care between the Older Adult Community MHT and the Older Persons Unit. Working collaboratively across both community and inpatient settings. The successful applicant will work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team alongside the Manager, Consultant Psychiatrist, nursing staff, allied health and medical staff to provide a person centred, recovery orientated and evidence-based care.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Key Responsibilities

1. Specific Responsibilities

Under the direction of the Business Manager and Consultant Psychiatrist

- Provide social work services to patients in the Older Adult Community MHT/ Older Persons Unit and members of their family/support network
- Work as a member of an inter-disciplinary team involved with assessment, treatment planning, implementation, and follow up
- Address the issues of support for patients of the service, their careers and service providers, with social work services aimed towards assisting them to function in the least restrictive environment
- Maintain current knowledge of community services/resources that can assist patients and families
- Carry out comprehensive psychosocial assessments of patients and the family on initial referral
- Examine any “at risk” factors and make appropriate social work intervention
- Refer the patient to other appropriate team members when appropriate
- Liaise with, and refer to, other departments of the Bendigo Health
- Liaise with, and facilitate referrals to, other Community Services
- Participate in group programs to provide opportunity for education and support for patients and their carer
- Liaise with other services and act as an advocate on behalf of patients
- Oversee and guide the development and implementation of reports and applications for a range of medical/legal processes included, but not limited to; VCAT, accommodation, referrals to other services, Office of the Public Advocate, State Trustees, National Disability Insurance Scheme and Supported Residential Services

2. Organisational Responsibilities

- Maintain accurate records, statistics and reports as needed by Bendigo Health
- Active participation in team meetings and other organisational meetings as required.
- Act as role model and leader within the discipline of Social Work to peers and junior staff
- Supervision of tertiary student placements as required
- Other duties as determined by the Business Manager

Key Selection Criteria

Essential

1. Degree in Social Work recognised by the AASW and eligibility for AASW national accreditation status
2. National Police Record Check – A current and satisfactory National Police Record Check must be presented to the Division of People and Culture by all new staff prior to commencement at Bendigo Health.
3. Ability to satisfy the requirements of the Bendigo Health Allied Health Credentialing and Professional Standards document
4. Knowledge and an understanding of the Mental Health & Wellbeing Act 2022, and other relevant legislation and their application to clinical practice
5. Proven ability to liaise and consult with relevant family members, team members and a broad range of health professionals and community agencies
6. Drivers Licence – A current Victorian driver's licence is required for this position

Desirable

7. Demonstrated clinical experience and skills in recovery-oriented service provision
8. Well-developed verbal, written, interpersonal, communication and computer literacy skills and knowledge
9. Evidence of a commitment to ongoing professional development, further post grad qualifications in related field and compliance with all Bendigo Health mandatory training requirements
10. Demonstrated time management skills to manage a caseload, meet deadlines, maintain schedules, set goals/objectives, as required

Generic Responsibilities

All Bendigo Health staff are required to:

- Adhere to the **Victorian Government's Code of Conduct**
- Uphold **Occupational Health and Safety** responsibilities, including self-care, safeguarding others, and participating in safety initiatives and reporting.
- Comply with all **Bendigo Health policies and procedures**, including those related to clinical, managerial, and standard work practices.
- Follow **Infection Control** procedures to prevent cross-contamination and ensure the health and safety of all.
- Maintain **strict confidentiality** regarding all organisational, patient, and staff information.
- Engage in **continuous quality improvement** activities aligned with the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (NSQHSS).
- Recognise and respect **diversity**, fostering inclusive practices in the workplace and service delivery.
- Support research activities in alignment with the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework to ensure high-quality, safe, and ethical clinical trials and research practices across Bendigo Health
- Staff must carry out all lawful and reasonable directions and comply with relevant professional standards and ethical codes.

- Safeguard children and young people in our care, by ensuring that your interactions are positive and safe, and report any suspicions or concerns of abuse by any person internal or external to Bendigo Health.
- Maintain ability to perform the inherent requirements of this role. Inherent requirements are the essential tasks necessary to perform this role, including reasonable adjustments. Bendigo Health is committed to a safe workplace that supports all employees. The role may require specific physical and cognitive abilities, which can be discussed with the manager during recruitment or at any time. We understand that personal circumstances can change and impact your ability to meet these requirements; additional policies are available to guide you through this process. Please request the relevant procedures for more information.

All Bendigo Health sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Bendigo Health's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.