

Winchester Bereavement Support Senior Supervisor - Role Description

About the charity:

Winchester Bereavement Support is a registered charity, established in 1982. It is a voluntary organisation, offering a confidential support service to bereaved people in Winchester and the surrounding area. Support is given through home visits by carefully selected and trained Bereavement Visitors. There is no charge for using the service. W.B.S. is an independent, totally voluntary organisation, with no ties to either statutory bodies or local churches. We have 35-40 volunteer Bereavement Visitors and up to eight volunteer Supervisors who provide group supervision for the Visitors. Although our Visitors are not professionally qualified, our Supervisors are all qualified counsellors and have qualifications and experience in supervision.

The role:

Our Senior Supervisor is required to

- provide group supervision for up to nine volunteer Supervisors on a monthly basis
- provide professional advice and guidance to the charity's Executive Committee on matters concerning the welfare and support of volunteer Visitors and Supervisors as required
- act as the charity's Safeguarding Officer in conjunction with the Safeguarding Lead

Supervision lasts one and a half hours and is currently held on a Monday morning.

Supervision of our volunteer Supervisors provides support and guidance on their work with volunteer Bereavement Visitors, addresses any issues or problems which affect the whole organisation and contributes to issues such as training which impact all volunteers. Close liaison with the Chair of the charity is also a key requirement of the role.

Supervisors are also invited to attend two Committee meetings per year, held in the evening on the last Monday of the relevant month. In advance of these two meetings the Senior Supervisor is asked to collate a brief, general report on the work of the Supervisors.

Role Requirements:

Our Senior Supervisor must:

- be a qualified and experienced counsellor
- hold membership of a relevant professional institution (e.g. BACP, UKCP)
- have experience of bereavement counselling
- have experience of group supervision

Ideally also:

- Have experience of working in the charity or voluntary sector

Rate:

Circa £70 per hour (ideally held on Monday mornings once a month)

To apply:

Please complete and return the enclosed application form and send together with a CV showing how you meet the requirements of the role by email to:

secretary@wbs.org.uk