

Allied Health Private Practice Positions

General Information

headspace is part of the National Mental Health Foundation, a federally funded, innovative early intervention program that builds the health and well being of young people (12-25 yrs), especially those who are at risk of mental health and related substance use.

headspace Shepparton consists of a team of co-located services that provide support to young people in the four core platform areas of primary health, mental health, drug and alcohol services, and vocational/ educational services. Located at 129 High Street in Shepparton, the **headspace** team is multi-disciplinary and comprised of staff funded by DoHA grant as well as in-kind contributions from eight local services. Awareness of **headspace** is supported by a full time Community Awareness Officer and marketing campaigns generated from **headspace** National Office. With increasing demand and a commitment that **headspace** Shepparton remains accessible to help seeking young people, **headspace** Shepparton is seeking to grow their team with the addition of Private Practitioners who can commit to the **headspace** model.

Working at **headspace** offers allied mental health practitioners the opportunity to be part of an innovative and interesting initiative that is committed to improve the well being of young people through the provision of high quality, integrated services when and where they are needed.

Allied Health Team

headspace Shepparton is seeking private allied health practitioners, such as experienced psychologists, occupational therapists and social workers to complement the mental health platform of our model. Practitioners interested in providing contracted services may work as little as ½ day a week at the **headspace** centre and may be able to negotiate a flexible arrangement so as to maintain existing private or public work. Interested practitioners would be required to be eligible to provide services under the Medicare Benefits Scheme: Better Outcomes for Mental Health Initiative.

As **headspace** Shepparton is striving to increase accessibility to services for young people, services offered are provided at no cost. This means that Private Practitioners would agree to bulk bill young people for sessions (**headspace** is able to provide support for completing and lodging Medicare claims) and be asked to complete the **headspace** minimum data set. However 100% of the Private Practitioner's earning will be available to them as no service fee for the cost of infrastructure and practice support will be charged.

While there would be no guarantee of a minimum number of referrals, as few or as many clients as manageable by the Private Allied Health Practitioner could be referred. Potential Referrals will be discussed prior to ascertain availability and appropriateness and if a private practitioner has a particular expertise or interest this will be considered when referring the young people.

The Youth Access Team will undertake comprehensive psycho-social assessments of all young people prior to referral to Private Practitioners and will ensure all consents to discuss are collected. A range of on-site complementary services are available should it be believed additional support. The **headspace** team will work in partnership with Private Practitioners to provide a comprehensive, wrap-around service for young people to see. This includes possible psychiatrist input by the Psychiatric Registrar and visiting Youth Psychiatrist.

Reception and administrative support provides assistance with electronic billing, SMS reminders and appointment booking. The electronic medical record system Mastercare will be available for Private Practitioners to directly enter all client contacts and notes.

Contracted Private Practitioners will receive support from the Senior Clinician, have the option to attend facilitated Clinical Case Meeting attended by the Youth Psychiatrist and can elect to attend a range of professional development opportunities offered through the **headspace** National Youth Mental Health Foundation. There is the support of a General Practitioner at **headspace** to develop Mental Health Care Plans if the young person does not have access to their own General Practitioner.

The **headspace** Shepparton site is a vibrant venue. Private Practitioners will have access to consulting rooms, activity space, group counselling room and a family room. There will be telephone access, Wireless Connection and a work space. Computer access is dependent on the day attending.

Key Requirements:

Private Allied Health Practitioners (psychologists, mental health accredited social workers, occupational therapists) must have experience with young peoples' mental health and well being. They must be excellent at engaging young people and can demonstrate they can provide a youth friendly and inclusive therapeutic service of a high level of quality.

Private Allied Health Practitioners must have:

- Minimum of two years of experience in the assessment, diagnosis and provision of evidence-based treatments of mental health disorders.
- Approved tertiary qualifications in psychology, social work or occupational therapy.
- Ability to work independently, with strong organisational and time management skills
- A current working with Children Check
- Be willing to undertake a criminal history check
- Eligibility to provide counselling and interventions under the Medicare Benefits Schedule. Be registered with Medicare Australia and have a Medicare Provider number.
- ABN
- Professional Indemnity insurance;

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