



Thames Valley Initiative

**Thames Valley Strategic Health Authority
Oxfordshire Mental Health Trust
Berkshire Healthcare Trust
Buckinghamshire Mental Health Trust**

The Thames Valley Initiative is one of eleven national pilots selected to develop new "user friendly" ways of working with those with diagnosable personality disorder

Sponsored by the Department of Health, The National Institute for Mental Health in England and the South East Development Centre.

The National Personality Disorder Development Programme

- **Are you looking for a new opportunity to make a contribution?**
- **Committed to new ways of working within a multi-professional team?**
- **Have you energy, skills and enthusiasm to support those with personality disorders in a new, more responsive way that meets their needs?**

We plan a multi-agency service and training scheme designed around a hub in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. There will be four linked teams: clinical services in the three counties of the Thames Valley and a co-ordinating team for training, evaluation, staff support and ex-service user participation.

Each team will have various outreach and inreach services and will work closely with the relevant partners. Ex-service users ("experts by experience") will be employed to help ensure that the services are acceptable and accessible to those who use them.

"No longer a diagnosis of exclusion"

The philosophy is the recovery model which does not see personality disorder as untreatable lifelong learning and disability but as a consequence of disempowering experience through which people become socially excluded and feel increasingly rejected. The aim of the treatment is to offer a choice to users of the service of a suitable network of therapeutic and supportive relationships - tailored to their own needs and stage of development - in full partnership with those delivering the services.

We are looking for suitably qualified and interested applicants to fill the following posts across the Thames Valley - based in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire:

- **Admin and Clerical staff**
- **Team Administrators**
- **Senior Team Therapists**
- **Specialist Team Therapists**
- **Team Leader**
- **Team Therapists**
- **Deputy Team Leader**
- **Team Psychiatrist**
- **Team Researcher**
- **Training Co-ordinator**

Interested to learn more about these exciting new opportunities?

For an informal discussion or further information, please contact:

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FOR APPLICATION PACKS, QUOTING THE RELEVANT POST, PLEASE CONTACT:

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☎ 24-hour Jobline answerphone on 01865 337090

CVs will not be accepted in isolation.

The deadline for applications will be 10th July 2004.

A one-day Selection event will take place for the shortlisted candidates at a seminar day in Oxford on 20th July 2004. The aim of this day will be to form suitable teams who will be able to work well together in the clinical and supporting parts of the initiative.

Improving Working Lives

IWL is an NHS initiative offering flexible working arrangements, childcare vouchers, family-friendly policies and generous staff benefits including an excellent pension scheme.

We are an equal opportunities employer and value the strength a diverse workforce brings therefore we positively encourage applications from all areas of the community.

