

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** SESSIONAL ART THERAPIST  
**REPORTS TO:** HEAD OF THERAPY & COMMUNITY CARE UNITS  
**ACCOUNTABLE TO:** DIRECTOR OF PATIENT SERVICES  
**BASED AT:** ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE



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### **JOB SUMMARY**

To provide art therapy to patients and families following triage from the Emotional and Spiritual Wellbeing Team.

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### **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To provide Art Therapy in the most appropriate environment e.g. Hospice, community care unit, inpatient unit
- To maintain high standards of Art Therapy care and correct medical ethics, behaving in a professional manner at all times.
- To develop, provide and evaluate individual Art Therapy for Hospice patients, their families/carers.
- To offer Art Therapy as part of bereavement care and support.
- To establish person centred goals and evaluate intervention.
- To maintain timely and up to date treatment records on SystemOne.
- To liaise as appropriate with external agencies, ensuring appropriate services are in place and where necessary provide follow up intervention.

### **PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To feedback and seek support when required on caseload.
- To maintain professional registrations with the appropriate bodies and complete the necessary requirements to maintain professional registration.

### **EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To participate in the Hospice education programme as required.
- To provide patients and families with education and information about Art Therapy.

### **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- To maintain up-to-date knowledge of development and skills in Art Therapy.
- To maintain and increase personal professional skills.

### **ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To work at all times within the policies and clinical governance framework guidelines of the Hospice and also the Care Standards guidelines, acting within professional guidelines at all times.
- To play an active part in the development and maintenance of good relationships with all who have business with the Hospice.
- To maintain at all times the confidentiality of information covering patients, staff and volunteers.
- To promote the Hospice philosophy of care towards patients, relatives and visitors.
- To ensure effective ordering and use of materials.

In the future we hope to expand our services to provide 7 days services, and so the expectation of this post may be to work some weekend shifts at times.

Because of the special nature of the Hospice and its work you may on occasion be asked to undertake other duties to help maintain our high standard of care.

THIS JOB DESCRIPTION IS NOT NECESSARILY EXHAUSTIVE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE CLINICAL CARE MANAGER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POSTHOLDER.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION  
SESSIONAL ART THERAPIST**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Essential/Desirable</b>	<b>Measurements</b>
<u>Qualifications &amp; Training</u>		
Registered Art Therapist with HCPC	Essential	Application
With proven experience in adult community care or adult palliative care	Desirable	
<u>Knowledge &amp; Experience</u>		
Plan, deliver monitor and evaluate care needs interventions and its outcomes that are complex and subject to change	Essential	Application/ Interview
Working on an individual basis and in groups	Essential	
Ability to support people dealing with loss and change and bereavement or transferable skills	Essential	
Experience in an adult palliative care setting	Desirable	
<u>Specific Skills</u>		
Have effective professional communication skills, and be able to deal with complex matters overcoming any problem in communication that may arise	Essential	Application/ Interview
Able to prioritise own workload and decide level and amount of intervention to offer, or when to refer to others	Essential	
IT literate – ability to use dedicated data base systems (SystemOne) Microsoft packages and Outlook or willingness to undertake training	Essential	
<u>Personal Qualities</u>		
Ability to withstand sensitive and potentially stressful situations	Essential	Application/ Interview
Demonstrable experience of lone working	Essential	