

Expression of interest form

PROJECT:

Prevention of Suicide and Suicide Attempts within Victorian Mental Health Services

ROLE: Suicide Prevention Faculty Member

The Royal Commission into Victoria's mental health system recommended that Safer Care Victoria establish the Mental Health Improvement Unit. As per recommendation 52, the Mental Health Improvement Unit will collaborate with individuals with a lived experience of mental ill health and workforce, providing leadership and awareness in the improvement of service quality and safety of services. Additionally, the Royal Commission stated, in point 17.7 of volume 2, that "*Safer Care Victoria's Mental Health Improvement Unit support services to implement the Zero Suicide Framework*".

To partner with the project team, a Suicide Prevention Faculty will be established to provide subject matter expertise that promotes the mental health and wellbeing of those with experience with suicide, suicide attempts and non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI).

Remuneration rates are offered for individuals not employed within a mental health service. For individuals employed within a mental health service, or similarly, remuneration will be provided only at time where attendance is required outside of rostered hours.

The initial focus for the project is adolescents within mental health services. Therefore:

- For representatives from a consumer perspective, we seek consumers between the ages of 18-25 years who have engaged with a mental health community service, emergency department and inpatient unit
 - For representatives from a carers/family perspective we seek individuals who have cared for someone between the ages of 18-25 years who has been engaged with a mental health community service, emergency department and inpatient unit.
 - For representatives from a workforce perspective, we seek individuals with experience working with adolescents within a mental health service.
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Title

First name

Last name

Email address

Preferred contact number

From what perspective are you applying for?

- Consumer**
- Carer/Family Member/Support Person**
- Workforce**

Do you bring additional experience or represent diverse backgrounds? If so, please provide detail:

Why have you chosen to apply for this faculty seat?

Selection Criteria 1

Has your experience within the area of suicide occurred within the last ten years?

- Yes**
- No**

Please briefly share your experiences

Selection Criteria 2

The ideal applicant will have strategies to support their wellbeing, to sufficiently listen to and meaningfully engage in conversations around suicide and suicidality for the purpose of improvement work.

Do you have strategies to support your wellbeing?

- Yes**
- No**

If yes, please provide brief details

Selection Criteria 3

The ideal applicant will demonstrate a satisfactory level of respectful engagement and interpersonal skills to engage in difficult conversations and with individuals with perspectives on the topic that may differ from their own.

What examples can you provide of your respectful engagement and interpersonal skills?

Selection Criteria 4

The ideal applicant will demonstrate satisfactory level of ability to present and speak in public forums.

What examples can you provide of your ability to present and speak in public forums?

Selection Criteria 5

The ideal applicant will have the ability to use Microsoft Teams, Word and Outlook.

Are you capable of working with Teams, Word and Outlook?

Yes

No

If no, would you be willing to learn?

Yes

No

Thank you for your Expression of Interest.

Submitting your Expression of Interest

Please submit your completed application form with a copy of your resume (or a document that helps us understand your skills/experience) to mary.tsiros@safercare.vic.gov.au by Thursday 6th October 2022.

Should you wish to make any inquiries regarding the position feel free to address queries to:

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