

South Tipperary Development CLG., is recruiting 2 Temporary Part Time Traveller Community Health Workers (13 hours per week each)

Based in: Clonmel.

Overall purpose of the role is to work as a part of a team to improve the health outcomes for Travellers in South Tipperary.

This is an Irish Traveller peer led programme, where Travellers engage and work with their own community, working towards improving the health status (physical, social and mental wellbeing) of Travellers and achieving equality of outcomes for the Irish Traveller Community in South Tipperary.

The Traveller Community Health Worker(s) will outreach to the Traveller Community to deliver peer led health education, agreed health messages and health promotion activities to Travellers as follow:

1. Promote health for Travellers through leading out health promotion, education, training, and information sharing initiatives.
2. Support Travellers in South Tipperary to access existing services that impact on health and contribute to the promotion of health in the community.
3. Work in partnership with relevant services to influence policy and practice so that services better meet the needs of Travellers.
4. Contribute to the development and representation of Clonmel Primary Health Care Project as part of the staff team
5. Undertake continuous professional development to fill gaps in your skills, knowledge, confidence, and ability to deliver the role.

Key Duties:

1. To enhance communication between Traveller families and health service providers so that best uptake and use is made of Health Services by Travellers.
2. Support and encourage Traveller families to attend health appointment; identify barriers in up-taking services; assisting with Medical Card Applications and renewals.
3. Outreach and delivery of peer led health education, health promotion and key health messages on lifestyle changes from the HSE Social Inclusion SECH Traveller Health Programme and signposting of individuals and families to services for support when necessary.



4. Take part in training coordinated by the Regional Traveller Health Liaison Nurse as well as mandatory and core training provided by South Tipperary Development Company and the HSE.
5. As part of a staff team, to represent the Clonmel Traveller Community Health Project on relevant local, regional, and national committees, working groups and interagency committees relevant to the work and as required.
6. To deliver in-service training on Traveller Cultural Awareness to front line health services staff and other agencies engaging with Travellers as required -
7. To participate in research on Traveller health issues as requested by the HSE, the Traveller Health Unit or other relevant agencies.

(This Job Description is not exhaustive, and you may be required to undertake any other duties relevant to the post which may be assigned from time to time.)

The successful applicant(s) will be required to have:

A good standard of education, to at least Junior Certificate level • A good understanding of Traveller culture and Traveller issues, particularly in relation to Traveller health and issues which impact on health • Good communication, interpersonal and group work skills as well as the ability to work with relevant families in South Tipperary • Commitment to human rights and social justice and work from an equality and anti-racist work perspective • Demonstrate capacity to work on own initiative and as part of a team • Ability to be flexible around working hours with notice. Commitment to confidentiality. **Access to transport and a full clean driver's licence are essential.**

Additional details • Shortlisting may apply • STDC is an equal opportunities employer • The successful applicant(s) will report to the Traveller Community Health Care Project Coordinator. Garda vetting will apply for this position.

Terms and Conditions: This contract is based on 13 working hours per week.

Contract is subject to continuation of funding.

The contract with South Tipperary Development Company will be for 6 months initially to end of 2020.

This position is subject to the satisfactory completion of 3 months probationary period. The company may decide to extend this period

The post is funded through Health Service Executive (HSE) Social Inclusion Services, South East Community Healthcare

How to Apply:

By email, with a covering letter and completed application form to mariadevane@stdc.ie. The covering letter and completed application form will suffice – there is no need to submit a CV with your application

or by post to Maria Devane, South Tipperary Development CLG, Unit 2 C Carrigeen Commercial Park, Clogheen Road, Cahir, Tipperary E21HV20

Please mark your application CONFIDENTIAL

Closing date for receipt of applications is June 26th at 5pm.

