

Could you be a Buddy Coordinator?

What is a Buddy Coordinator?

West Midlands NHS Provider Collaborative 'Reach Out' are piloting a project called 'Buddies'.

Buddies are people with lived experience of autism, learning disabilities, secure psychiatric care and restrictive practice who now live in the community. Buddies will support someone that is detained in a secure hospital by befriending, advocating, and listening.



A Buddy Coordinator will support the Buddy to do this job well.

Could this job be for you?



It is preferable that you have lived experience of:

1. Autism and / or a learning disability
2. Inpatient care, specialist hospitals for autistic people or learning disabilities
3. Restrictive practices

...then you could be a Buddy Coordinator!

You must also be very organised, able to make reasonable adjustments, be a great communicator and a confident person.

What does a Buddy Coordinator do?

A Buddy Coordinator will help organise, mentor and support Buddies to do their job well. This means providing help, encouragement, and assistance to Buddies before, during, and after their calls with the detained person.



You will support the reasonable adjustments Buddies need. For example, you might send reminders for sessions, take brief notes for Buddies during the session, and debrief the Buddy after the session. You must therefore have excellent knowledge of autism and learning disabilities.

You must be confident in communicating with a variety of stakeholders, including NHS staff, and people who work for Bild. You will also need to ensure peoples' wellbeing, follow data protection procedures, and adhere to safeguarding measures, escalating any concerns that might arise.

Pay

You can choose how you get paid.

You will need to complete a DBS check as part of this role.

If you are interested in this doing this job, please email:

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Or you can call Sarah Leitch, Director of Restraint Reduction Network.
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