

JOB TITLE: Clinical/Counselling Psychologist, Counsellor or Psychotherapist, Awakn Clinics

LOCATION: Awakn Clinics

PROFESSIONALLY RESPONSIBLE TO: Awakn Lead Psychologist

SUPERVISED BY: Lead Psychologist within the clinic

Hours: Full/part-time hours available

OPERATIONALLY RESPONSIBLE TO AND LINE MANAGED BY: Clinic Director

About Awakn Life Sciences

Mental health and addiction (including alcohol), is the 5th leading cause of illness globally, affecting 20% of the world's population. The existing addiction and mental health treatment options are not always effective for all people.

In Awakn Life Sciences we believe that the combination of psychedelic medicine, psychotherapy, delivered by qualified therapists, in a carefully designed environment, leads to improved treatment outcomes.

Awakn is a biotechnology company with clinical operations researching, developing, and delivering psychedelic medicine to treat a range of mental health difficulties, including addiction. Awakn is integrating psychedelic medicine into mainstream healthcare through Research, Digital, Clinics, and Ecosystems.

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About Awakn Clinics

Awakn Clinics provide hope for those for whom the status quo is not working by combining the proven therapeutic potential of psychedelics with psychotherapy to treat a range of mental health problems.

Each Awakn Clinic is led by the Clinic Director with support from a consultant psychiatrist who will deliver ketamine-assisted psychotherapy. Some Awakn Clinics will also be sites for Awakn Research's clinical trials.

Awakn has opened clinics in Bristol and London, further clinics planned in 2023 and ultimately has the goal of opening 20 clinics across the UK and EU.

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Essential training and qualifications

- Doctorate in Clinical/Counselling Psychology and registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- UKCP Registered therapist with core professional qualification e.g. Registered Mental Health Nurse; Occupational Therapist; Mental Health Social Worker and Masters or Doctoral level qualification in psychotherapy, or
- Accredited Member of the BACP (MBACP).

Essential knowledge, training and qualifications

- Knowledge of third-wave cognitive-behavioural therapies and their clinical application; e.g., Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT), Mindfulness-based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT), Compassion Focused Therapy (CFT).

Desirable knowledge, training and qualifications

- Post-qualification training in one or more additional specialised areas of psychological practice
- Training in delivering ketamine and/or psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy (e.g., MAPS, COMPASS Pathways).

Essential experience

- At least two years qualified experience in therapeutic practice.
- Experience of working with clients using third wave cognitive-behavioural approaches (e.g., ACT, DBT, MBCT, CFT)
- Experience of working therapeutically with adults with mental health difficulties and with a range of complexity.
- Experience of managing client distress appropriately.
- Experience of assessing and responding to risk issues.
- Experience of working in a multi-disciplinary team.

Desirable experience

- Experience of working with people in altered states (e.g., as a sitter, therapist, night attendant).

Summary of job role

- The post-holder will be a member of the multidisciplinary clinical team and will provide a high standard of service, providing specialist ketamine-assisted psychotherapy to clients attending Awakn clinics.
- The post-holder will be responsible for assessing and treating adult clients (age 18-65) with a range of long-standing mental health difficulties, including anxiety disorders, depression, eating disorders, PTSD and substance use problems.
- The postholder will work autonomously within the parameters of the Awakn treatment approach and within professional guidelines under the supervision of a Clinical or Counselling Psychologist.
- The post-holder will undertake research, audit and evaluation for service development.

Main responsibilities

- To work autonomously as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide psychotherapeutic assessments and interventions for Awakn clients with a range of complex psychological difficulties, practising at a high level of clinical expertise and within relevant Codes of Practice and ethical guidelines.
- To contribute to MDT case discussion and triage.
- To contribute to initial client assessment, alongside a consultant psychiatrist.
- To draw on the Awakn conceptual therapeutic framework to formulate and offer a therapeutic intervention for a range of mental health difficulties using a specific evidence-based model for ketamine-assisted psychotherapy.
- To maintain registration.
- To contribute to teaching and training of other professionals, both within Awakn and externally.
- To continue to develop skills and undertake training as appropriate.
- To receive regular supervision from a senior Clinical/ Counselling Psychologist and attend peer supervision.
- To receive regular management 1:1 from the Clinic Director
- To contribute to service development, audit and evaluation within Awakn services.
- To contribute to research activities at Awakn clinics.

The above is an outline of the post holder's duties and responsibilities. It is not intended as an exhaustive list and may change from time to time in order to meet the changing needs of Awakn Life Sciences.

Approvals, Checks and Company Policies

- Employment will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks with previous employers and approval agencies – such as Enhanced DBS with the Disclosure and Barring Service
- All Awakn employees are to abide by the SOPs, the Awakn Quality, Safety, and Risk Management Framework, and the Awakn Staff Handbook.
- Salary dependent on experience

Awakn is an equal opportunity employer. Individuals are selected on the basis of their abilities and merits to perform the tasks required. Our policy is to be fair and consistent in all aspects of our business. We recognise respect and value differences and diversity. We embrace equality as part of our normal way of doing things because we believe that it is the right thing to do for our people, our clients and our success.

All applications received will be dealt with confidentially and subject to the company recruitment and selection processes.