

Allied Health Private Practice Positions

General Information

headspace Geelong is a service funded by the headspace National Mental Health Foundation, a federally funded, innovative early intervention program that builds the health and well-being of young people (12-25 years), especially those who are at risk of mental health and related substance use.

headspace Geelong provides support to young people across the four core platform areas of primary health, mental health, drug and alcohol services, and vocational/educational support services. Located at 105 Yarra Street Geelong as well as at Corio and Drysdale, the **headspace Geelong team** is multi-disciplinary.

With increasing demand and a commitment that **headspace Geelong** remains accessible to support seeking young people, **headspace Geelong** is seeking to grow their team with the addition of private practitioners who can commit to the **headspace** model.

Working at **headspace Geelong** offers allied mental health practitioners the opportunity to be part of an innovative and multi-disciplinary initiative due to our co-location with Barwon Health's Eating Disorder Team as well as Barwon Health's Jigsaw Youth Mental Health Team. The platform is committed to improve the well-being of young people through the provision of high quality, integrated services when and where they are needed.

Mental Health Clinical Team

headspace Geelong is seeking private allied health practitioners, such as experienced psychologists, occupational therapists and social workers to complement the mental health platform of our model at our Geelong and Corio sites. Practitioners interested in providing contracted services may work as little as ½ day a week at the **headspace** centre and may be able to negotiate a flexible arrangement so as to maintain existing private or public work. Interested practitioners would be required to be eligible to provide services under the Medicare Benefits Scheme: Better Outcomes for Mental Health Initiative.

As **headspace Geelong** is striving to increase accessibility to services for young people, services offered are provided at no cost. This means that as a private practitioner, you would agree to bulk bill young people for sessions with 100% of the fee being paid to you. You and the client are also asked to complete the **headspace** minimum data set to provide an evidence base for our work. For the first 3 months there is no service fee and after that the fee is capped at a maximum of \$100 per day (as long as minimum attendance requirements have been met).

All of your referrals will be allocated depending upon their appropriateness and if a private practitioner has a particular expertise or interest this will be considered when allocating the young people. We do not have a wait list and respond to demand via a team of Engagement and Assessment Clinicians and Youth Health Nurses conducting initial psychosocial assessments (part of our Access Team). Clients are offered support in the interim period from the Access Team before they begin engaging with their allocated MBS mental health clinician.

Key Requirements:

Private allied health practitioners (psychologists, mental health accredited social workers and occupational therapists) must have experience with young peoples' mental health and well-being. They must be excellent at engaging young people and can demonstrate they can provide a youth friendly and inclusive therapeutic service of a high level of quality, with a recovery and strengths based focus.

Private Allied Health Practitioners must have:

- Minimum of two years of experience in the assessment, diagnosis and provision of evidence based treatments of mental health disorders
- Approved tertiary qualifications in psychology, social work or occupational therapy
- The ability to work independently with good time management skills
- A current Working with Children Check
- Be willing to undertake a current Police check
- Eligibility to provide counselling and interventions under the Medicare Benefits Schedule and be registered with Medicare Australia and have a Medicare provider number.
- An ABN
- Proof of Professional Indemnity insurance

**For further information please contact our headspace Geelong Manager
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