

Southern District Health Board



Clinical Psychologist

Intellectual Disability Service, Ward 10a and Helensburgh Cottage

Wakari Hospital, Dunedin

- **Permanent**
- **Part-time, 0.8 FTE (32 hours per week)**

Here at the Southern DHB the highest possible levels of patient care and service lie at the heart of our mission. Integral to this is a commitment to creating a high performing organisation with a focus on quality.

About the role/about you

Our Intellectual Disability Service based at Wakari Hospital, is looking for a Clinical Psychologist to join the team based at Wakari Hospital, Dunedin.

You will require good time management skills to enable your assessment, planning, and delivery of effective clinical psychology interventions for patients. You will also be actively involved in individual and group therapy's. Ensuring the continued wellbeing of your clients will see you liaising extensively with other clinical psychologists within the organisation.

You will have a sound knowledge of clinical psychology assessment and interventions, with relevance to intellectual disability as well as mental health. Your communication skills will be of the highest standard allowing you to relate to the clients, their families, and other health professionals while providing clear, appropriate communication when presenting and discussing clinical information. You should also be open to different ways of working and thinking outside the box in order to achieve positive outcomes. The clinical psychologist role is an integral and valued member of a multidisciplinary team providing patient-centred interventions. Whilst experience in a similar role is desirable, consideration will be given to new graduates who have an interest in mental health.

About the team

This is a multidisciplinary service, the Intellectual Disability Service provides care within a range of different settings and environments. We consist of a 13 bed medium secure in-patient ward and a 4 bed medium secure rehabilitation cottage and a Community Liaison Team.

To be eligible for consideration you must be a Registered Clinical Psychologist with the NZ Psychologist's Board, hold a current practising certificate and NZ driver's licence.

About the Southern DHB

We are responsible for planning, funding and providing health and disability services to a population of over 315,000 located South of the Waitaki River. Our catchment area encompasses Invercargill City, Queenstown - Lakes District, Gore, rural Southland, Clutha, Central Otago, Maniototo, Waitaki District and Dunedin City. This means Southern DHB serves the largest geographic region of all New Zealand's health boards.

The Southern district offers the benefits of excellent amenities, first class primary through to tertiary education and outstanding recreational opportunities. Whether it's surfing, kayaking or sailing; skiing, hunting or fishing; theatre, live-music or art - there's literally something for everyone. Check out <https://southernhealthcareers.nz/> for what the region - and we - can offer you and your whanau.

Closing date: Friday, 29 May 2020.

Please note that we may begin shortlisting as we receive applications and could withdraw the advertising at any time.

For further information please contact Caroline Godfrey, Recruitment Advisor - Mental Health, Addiction and Intellectual Disability Directorate (MHAID), Phone (03) 214 5769 or Email caroline.godfrey@southerndhb.govt.nz

Children's Act 2014

Due to this position having contact with children and the SDHB's commitment to child protection, you will be subject to 'safety checks' under the Children's Act at the time of hire and thereafter as per the relevant legislation.

Pre-employment occupational health assessment

In the interests of protecting our people and our patients, all appointments will be subject to an Occupational Health Assessment to confirm suitability and fitness to work in the role you are being considered for.

To apply

We only accept online applications. Please apply via our website: www.southernhealth.nz