**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Chemsex Project Coordinator (MPOWER Programme)

**Organisation:** HIV Ireland

**Responsible to:** MPOWER Programme Manager

**Salary:** Grade V (approx €40,000 with annual increments subject to funding)

**Location:** Dublin

**About MPOWER:**

The MPOWER Programme at HIV Ireland is a suite of peer-driven community-level interventions which aim to achieve a reduction in the acquisition of HIV and STIs and an overall improvement of sexual health and wellbeing among gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men (gbMSM).

We devise sex-positive, judgement-free and harm reduction-based resources, services and supports where the needs of gbMSM have or can be identified. The programme strives to be inclusive of the diverse identities within the community of gbMSM and to incorporate the experiences of those living with HIV and those who are vulnerable to acquiring HIV.

Our work is delivered within the context of a broader sexual health and wellbeing framework which aims to take into consideration the range of social determinants of health that impact on sexual behaviour and vulnerability in acquiring HIV & STIs. This includes our mental, physical, and social health.

**Job Overview:**

The Chemsex Project Coordinator at MPOWER will co-develop and pilot new services and resources that aim to support gbMSM experiencing difficulties with chemsex and/or club drug use.

This role will involve equipping gbMSM who engage in chemsex and/or use club drugs with knowledge, competencies, and resources to proactively manage their use, reduce the risk of HIV and STI acquisition, and to prevent overdoses and other negative health outcomes. The successful candidate will co-develop and deliver person-centred projects that reflects the rights, preferences, and choices of individuals in an environment that is safe, healthy and maintains the individual’s dignity and wellbeing.

The successful candidate will co-develop and deliver a workshop series covering harm reduction and relapse prevention skills, pilot a chemsex peer support group, and co-develop harm reduction resources for gbMSM engaging in chemsex. They will also provide access to supports at HIV Ireland and in community settings including local sexual health clinics.

**Main Responsibilities and Duties:**

1. Deliver support to gbMSM through online outreach and at partner locations, including local sexual health services and LGBT community venues.
2. Co-develop chemsex and club drugs harm reduction resources.
3. Support in the development of an interactive digital chemsex resource for gbMSM.
4. Design and deliver a six-week chemsex workshop series covering harm reduction and relapse prevention.
5. Develop and deliver a chemsex peer support group.
6. Engage in regular professional supervision and MPOWER team meetings.
7. Build relationships and collaborations within the sexual health and drug & alcohol sector.
8. Participate in data collection and routine reporting.
9. Undertake appropriate training as required.
10. Carry out any of the duties which fall within the broad spirit, scope, and purpose of HIV Ireland.

**Experience, Skills and Knowledge**

1. Demonstrable relevant experience in crisis support/intervention, group facilitation and peer-led interventions.
2. Specific knowledge of the substance use and sexual health needs of gbMSM, particularly in relation to HIV prevention, club drugs and chemsex, with experience in the application of evidence-based interventions in response to these practices.
3. An understanding of the health and social issues that affect gbMSM.
4. Experience of defining, developing, implementing, and evaluating interventions and services.
5. An ability to work with people from a wide range of backgrounds in a variety of settings in a respectful and empowering way.
6. The ability to work as part of a team and in partnership with other organisations and individuals.
7. Experience of working with gbMSM in community settings.
8. Experience of building and maintaining relationships with a variety of internal and external stakeholders
9. A strong and full commitment to confidentiality, respecting GDPR and governance best practice.
10. Self-motivated with excellent organisation and communication skills.

This role will require flexibility as some of the work may take place during evenings and weekends.