#### Allocated Worker: Fiona Atkins

# WORK HOURS:

Monday - Friday (9am -5pm)

### HOW TO CONTACT

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### CRISIS INFORMATION

For out of hours support to help avoid crisis please call the "Safe Haven" support line (available 7 days a week 17:00 till 20:00):

0800-953-0223

However in the case of an urgent mental health crisis phone: 0800 151 0023 or 999

# Wellbeing & Advocacy Service



# **WELCOME**

In Wellbeing Advocacy we will assist you on your path to wellbeing, and encourage you to feel empowered to make informed choices.

### **KEY INFORMATION**

We have up to 12 weeks and in the first session we will establish any specific goals and aspirations you may have around improving your sense of mental health and wellbeing. We will advocate on your behalf, but will encourage and assist you to self advocate.

This will involve open dialogue where I will help you to understand what it is you want to change, why this change is important to you, and how we will make this change happen. The degree to which we focus on advocacy or wellbeing is dependent on your specific needs. After all this service is here for you.

Your information is kept private and confidential and is never shared with third parties except with your consent. Please note the exception to this rule is if I fear you may be at risk of harm to yourself or from another person.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Sessions can last up to an hour. Please ensure you are in a quiet space where you are undistracted and feel comfortable to talk. I will call you at our agreed appointment time and if I cannot get through I will call you again after 15 minutes. At this point if I cannot get through the appointment will be cancelled and we will have to reschedule. If you miss a total of three appointments without any prior notice, we will have to end your participation in the service.

On average we will have 6 sessions but this may be fewer or greater depending on your needs and our mutual availability. Outside of scheduled appointments, you are free to contact me via phone, text, WhatsApp or email but please bear in mind that I may be unable to answer outside of the session, due to other work obligations.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

Whilst this is a wellbeing service, we are not qualified therapists. For this reason, if the nature of your problems are of a certain severity, the best we can do is support you to connect with more relevant mental health professionals.

This is a goal-orientated service and our work will be bound to addressing these goals.

