

Role of the Peer Community Health Worker

Base of work: Roscommon town with work being carried out throughout County Roscommon

1. Information Dissemination

- Developing and delivering information to Travellers in relation to health issues and the health services
- Making sure information is made available to Travellers in culturally appropriate and readily accessible formats
- Signposting services and organisations involved in health for Traveller community

2. Advocacy

- Bringing feedback to health services on making services more available to Travellers
- Representing Travellers on committees relating to health policy
- Helping Travellers to formulate complaints / criticisms of authorities in relation to health in constructive and effective manner
- Advocating for Traveller community in health matters
- Liaising with established groups and networks such as youth clubs, homework clubs
- Promoting dialogue and partnership approaches to improving Traveller health

3. Health Promoting

- Linking / networking with statutory and voluntary bodies at local, regional and national levels
- Promoting healthy environments (at home, play, school, community)
- Empowering / supporting / affirming / motivating Traveller around health issues

4. Research

- Compiling and collecting data
- Carrying out needs analysis in the area of Traveller Health
- Feeding into research projects

5. Professionalism

- Building and maintaining trust with clients
- To keep confidential sensitive information and records regarding Traveller families learned as part of the job
- Record keeping and reporting
- On-going training and development
- To support on-going development of the Primary Healthcare for Travellers Programme and work with the staff of County Roscommon Traveller Primary Care to plan research, monitor and evaluate the programme
- To carry out any other duties deemed necessary by the Coordinator, LCDP coordinator, senior management or steering committee.