

Medway Asthma Self-Help (MASH), a local charity that has supported people and families affected by asthma for more than 25 years, is seeking a locum asthma nurse to cover our specialist sessions and attend monthly outreach events throughout Medway. MASH is based in Watling Street, Gillingham. We'd love to hear from you if you think this role might suit you – please contact our Coordinator on 01634 855844 (leave a name and number if we are not there) or email medwayasthmaselfhelp@btconnect.com

Job Description for Locum Asthma Nurse at MASH

Job Title:	Part-Time Locum Asthma Nurse
Responsible to:	Board of Trustees
Reporting to:	Nominated line manager
Salary:	Clinics and other sessions to be paid on a 'per session' basis at the appropriate NHS band hourly rate.
Contract:	Nurse Training post to be available for duties at MASH for a minimum of 3 years following qualification and continued working by mutual agreement.
Training:	MASH will pay for the Level 6 course: Enhancing Asthma Care in Professional Practice Short Course, or other appropriate and enhanced further training and continuing professional development, by mutual agreement.
Location:	Mainly based at the MASH centre, Watling Street, Gillingham, or on location at events, outreach and meetings.
Hours:	Our specialist sessions run on Friday's 2-5pm. Additional outreach asthma nurse sessions throughout Medway will be no more than once a month on varying days.
Holidays:	Accrued according to the hours worked.
Anticipated start date:	July 2022

About MASH

Medway Asthma Self-Help (MASH) is a local charity that has been helping the people of Medway in Kent (UK) since 1996 with asthma information and education, and supporting people and families affected by asthma. Our doors are open to everyone and all our services are free. MASH provides information and access to professional advice to those who need it, including health professionals. MASH works with GPs, hospitals and Asthma and Lung UK to raise awareness and knowledge of asthma among the people of Medway.

Overall Purpose of the Position:

The locum asthma nurse's purpose is to provide asthma nurse cover for MASH clinics (Friday's 2-5pm) for those sessions when MASH's nurse is unavailable. This will be on the basis of approximately 5 weeks per year for which at least 4 weeks' notice will be given subject to agreement. In addition, if nursing cover is required at short notice, this will be by agreement.

Scope of the role at our specialist session and outreach events:

1. Provide advice, guidance and support for specialist session attendees
2. Allergy testing (subject to appropriate CPD)
3. Simple Lung Function Tests (spirometry and peak flow, reversibility)
4. FENO Testing
5. Completing questionnaires and interpretation
6. Breathing pattern assessment test
7. Asthma Treatment Plans
8. Appropriate notification and correspondence with GPs and other providers

Key skills and experience

	Essential	Desirable
Registered General Nurse at Graduate Level	✓	
Respiratory experience		✓
Undertake specialist training	✓	
Organisation skills	✓	
IT literate and numerate	✓	
Excellent communication skills	✓	
Proven office and administration skills	✓	
Team player, yet able to work independently	✓	
Flexible and adaptable approach to willingness to work outside contracted hours on occasion	✓	
Ability to prioritise and manage work	✓	
Empathy and people skills	✓	
Recognised IT training		✓
Experience / knowledge of voluntary organisations		✓
Full Driving licence	✓	
Experience of dealing with the public	✓	
Experience of working in an information and guidance role	✓	
Experience of contract and performance management		✓

Closing date for applications: Friday 27th May 5pm

Interviews to be held during the week commencing 13th June