**Band 6 Community Mental Health Dual Diagnosis Nurse**

**Location:** Thurrock Community Drug and Alcohol Service
**Salary:** Agenda for Change Band 6 Equivalent
**Contract type:** Part time (21 hours per week)
**Closing date:** [30 June 2025]
**Interview date:** [Depending on volume of applicants]

**Empowering lasting recovery – join us at The Forward Trust**

The Forward Trust is a leading national provider of evidence-based support for individuals experiencing substance misuse, mental health issues, and complex social disadvantage. For over 25 years, we’ve been helping people break the cycles of addiction and crime to move forward with their lives – and we believe everyone can change.

We are looking for a skilled and compassionate Band 6 Dual Diagnosis Nurse to join our Thurrock Community Services team. This is a unique opportunity to shape an integrated dual diagnosis pathway, support clients with co-occurring conditions, and work within a dynamic and values-led organisation committed to trauma-informed care and holistic recovery.

**What you will be doing**

As a Band 6 Community Dual Diagnosis Nurse, you will:

* Deliver comprehensive clinical assessments and co-develop care plans for clients with co-existing substance misuse and mental health needs.
* Provide a mix of 1:1 and group interventions that are trauma-informed and recovery-focused.
* Lead on developing a dual diagnosis pathway in collaboration with NHS and voluntary sector partners.
* Build strong working relationships with community mental health teams, GPs, housing providers, criminal justice services, and other key stakeholders.
* Contribute to risk management, safeguarding processes, and effective care coordination across systems.
* Deliver training and clinical consultancy to colleagues and partner agencies to improve dual diagnosis awareness and practice.

**What we are looking for**

We are seeking someone who is:

* A **Registered Nurse (RMN, RGN or RNLD)** with current NMC registration.
* Experienced in supporting individuals with substance misuse and mental health needs in either custodial or community settings.
* Knowledgeable about trauma-informed approaches, harm reduction, and the principles of dual diagnosis care.
* Skilled in conducting clinical assessments, developing care plans, and managing complex risk.
* Passionate about empowering change and working within a multi-agency recovery model.
* Proactive, reflective, and values-driven in your practice.

**What we offer**

We provide a supportive and inclusive working environment, and a comprehensive range of employee benefits, including:

* Competitive salary aligned to NHS Agenda for Change Band 6.
* 25 days annual leave + Bank Holidays (rising with service).
* Comprehensive training and development opportunities.
* Clinical supervision and reflective practice sessions.
* Flexible working options where possible.
* Workplace pension scheme.
* Enhanced Maternity/Paternity/Adoption pay.
* Access to Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) and wellbeing support.

**Ready to join us?**

If you share our values and want to be part of a team that believes in the power of recovery, we’d love to hear from you.

Click **Apply Now** to submit your CV and cover letter, addressing the person specification in the job description.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact [Terence Nchini, Terence.nchini@forwardtrust.org.uk].

**Additional Information**

* Enhanced DBS check required.
* Some evening or weekend work may be required.
* We are committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community, including those with lived experience of addiction, mental health, or the criminal justice system.