**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Community Connector – Ara Gambling Service

**Responsible to:** Gambling Service Senior

**Based At:** King’s Court, King Street, Bristol BS1 4EF

**Salary:** On target earnings – contact us for more information

## Job Purpose/Summary:

IMPORTANT. Ara is an equal opportunity employer and offers anyone in recovery from addiction equal opportunities. It’s important however that anyone applying for this role feels they would not be affected by working in the field of gambling addiction treatment. Therefore any Community Connector must be demonstrably in control of their recovery and no longer gambling and at risk of gambling harms

## This position is to help ARA to tackle problem gambling harms in the heart of our communities. The Community Connector identifies and supports people within their community who present with problem gambling issues, by providing education and signposting to free treatment services. This may be problem gamblers, those at risk of developing a problem, or affected others (family, friends, colleagues). Must have a passion to want to target the issue of problem gambling at a community level, and by acting as a reducing gambling harms champion, provide brief information and facilitate access to support where required.

**MAIN TASKS**

* Pro-actively identify and engage individuals at risk of harm from problem gambling (or affected others) within the community.
* Conduct a Brief Intervention (BI) in person or sign-post to an online resource for individuals to do this themselves so as to gauge levels of harm; ensure all necessary paperwork is sent to ARA head office.
* Provide information on gambling harms, protection tools, and other practical information around problem gambling interventions as necessary.
* Refer those who require further intervention in to free counselling sessions with ARA.
* Attend occasional update meetings with Ara.
* To attend initial training course.

**Skills:**

* A passion for wanting to help people affected by gambling.
* Motivated and self-starting; ability to use own initiative to make contacts within the community.
* Confident speaking to people both on the telephone and in person.
* Ability to recognise gambling harms within different communities and enable people to open up about their challenges.

**How this works:**

As a community connector on behalf of ARA, you will become a point of contact for people suffering due to gambling-related harms. Payment works on the basis of people accessing the free treatment services that ARA offers, where they have appropriate need.