



**ST VINCENT'S  
HOSPITAL**  
SYDNEY

## Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Peer Worker

**Reference:** JR115391

**Type:** Temporary

**Location:** Darlinghurst, Sydney, Australia

**Industry:** Community Services

**Salary:** AU\$54196 - AU\$92481 per annum

**Employment Type:** Maximum Term Full or Part Time

**Hours per week:** Up to 38 hours per week

### Position Summary:

The Alternatives to Emergency Department Service will provide support and connections for people who present to the service in distress or experiencing suicidal crisis. It will provide a non-clinical alternative to an emergency department presentation or to remaining in emergency unnecessarily. The service aims to promote a no wrong door approach.

For many people experiencing a suicidal crisis, emergency departments are the most immediately accessed or only form of support. However, busy emergency departments are not ideal locations for people who are in psychological distress.

The Alternatives to Emergency Department service will provide people with appropriate and responsive care in a warm welcoming environment, nearby to emergency departments. Support will be provided by suicide prevention peer workers in a non-clinical environment.

People can also be connected with a wide range of other community based services such as housing, relationship counselling or financial assistance, to help address the causes of their distress.

The Aboriginal Peer Worker will provide holistic and culturally sensitive person centered recovery-oriented and trauma-informed peer support to achieve better health outcomes and better access to services. Support may include psychosocial support, safety planning, recovery/wellness planning, individual or group peer support, and advocacy. The Aboriginal Peer Worker will take a collaborative approach to supporting people to identify and connect with the support they need and want.

The Aboriginal Peer Worker must be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the local Aboriginal community and engage and involve Aboriginal communities when working with guests of the Alternative to Emergency Department Service.

The Aboriginal Peer worker may also be required to work from or liaise with emergency departments to ensure people in distress are successfully linked to the service and that emergency department staff have a high awareness of the service.

The Aboriginal Peer worker will deliver support that aligns with the principles of step up/step down care. This includes making connections to a range of community-based services for ongoing support if required (step down), or supporting people to determine if they require clinical intervention including emergency care and/or outreach teams for follow up (step up).

The service will operate from 430 to 1030 pm Monday to Friday and 12pm to 8pm on weekends and Public Holidays.

This position requires a Working with Children Check (WWCC) issued by the Office of the Children's Guardian.

For more information and how to apply, please visit the Office of the Children's Guardian website:

[www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check)

The vacancy is open to Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens who hold a valid New Zealand passport, Australian permanent residents and those non-residents deemed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to be eligible to work in Australia only.

### What we offer:

- Generous salary packaging and Fitness Passport for eligible staff
- Opportunity to access a large range of clinical and non-clinical education programs
- Supported post graduate opportunities within applicable fields
- Careers development opportunities across the St Vincent's Health Australia Network.
- Employee Assistance Program
- Work/Life balance
- Application Instructions:

St Vincent's Health Network Sydney is committed to reconciliation and encourages Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to apply for all advertised positions.

When applying for the position, Applicants will be required to upload a recent Resume as well as a separate Cover Letter addressing the Selection Criteria for the position as outlined below. External applicants are to upload their Cover Letter alongside their Resume when reaching the 'My Experience tab >Resume/CV> Upload. For Internal applicants, this document is to be uploaded further down the page alongside your Resume under Resume/CV> Upload.

An example on how to address and upload selection criteria is provided in the attachment below in order to assist you with completing your application.

Please ensure you review the instructions on how to upload this document as applicants that do not address the selection criteria may have their application automatically culled.

**Applications close 22 January 2021**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
AND A LINK TO APPLY  
CLICK HERE**