**Position Title:** Allied Health Private Practitioner

**Reporting To:** Clinical Lead and Centre Manager

Department: headspace

Location: Taringa

Employee status: Sub-Contractor providing Sessional Service

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**headspace** is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to young people aged 12 to 25.The service is designed to make it as easy as possible for a young person and their family to get the help they need for problems affecting their wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health, physical health, work and study support and alcohol and other drug services. For more information about **headspace** you can watch [**headspace** Year in Review 2014 - 15](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abOwCqsQRh4)

**headspace** Taringa was established through a Consortium partnership of local organisations, led by Open Minds Australia ([openminds.org.au](http://www.openminds.org.au)) , and offers a multi-disciplinary model comprising a team of co-located services providing support to young people. Due to increasing demand and a commitment that **headspace** Taringa remains accessible to support young people seeking help; we areseeking to expand our allied mental health team with additional private practitioners who are interested in working for **headspace** and with young people.

Working at **headspace** Taringa offers allied mental health practitioners the opportunity to be part of an innovative service that is committed to improving the wellbeing of young people through the provision of high quality, integrated services when and where they are needed. For further information on **headspace** Taringa please visit [headspace.org.au/taringa](http://www.headspace.org.au/taringa).

**ALLIED HEALTH TEAM**

**headspace** Taringa is seeking sub-contracted private allied health practitioners, such as experienced clinical psychologists, general psychologists, mental health social workers and occupational therapists to compliment the mental health platform of our service model. Practitioners interested in providing contracted services can negotiate flexible arrangements so as to maintain existing private or public work. Interested practitioners must be eligible to provide services under the Medicare Benefits Scheme: Better Outcomes for Mental Health Initiative.

As **headspace** Taringa is striving to increase accessibility to services for young people, appointments are provided at no cost to the young person. This means that as a private practitioner, you would agree to bulk bill young people for sessions with a minimum of 70% of the Medicare fee being paid to you.

The **headspace** Taringa intake team will undertake a comprehensive psycho-social assessment of all young people prior to referral to private practitioners. A range of on-site complementary services are available should additional supports be required. The **headspace** team will work in partnership with private practitioners to provide a comprehensive, wrap-around service for young people.

**BENEFITS TO YOU**

* Reception and administrative support provides assistance with electronic billing, SMS appointment reminders and appointment booking.
* Support from the centres Clinical Lead and Intake Team.
* The option to attend Clinical Review meetings and peer supervision.
* Access to online professional development via **headspace**.
* Working in a vibrant centre with other staff who love working with young people.
* Young person friendly consulting rooms, activity space, and a private work space with telephone and computer equipment.

**KEY REQUIREMENTS**

Private allied health practitioners (psychologists, mental health accredited social workers, occupational therapists) must have experience with young peoples’ mental health and well-being. They must be excellent at engaging young people and can demonstrate they can provide a youth friendly and inclusive therapeutic service of a high level of quality, with a recovery and strengths based focus.

**KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Essential**

* Minimum of two years’ experience in the assessment, diagnosis and provision of evidence-based treatments of mental health disorders
* Approved tertiary qualifications in psychology, social work or occupational therapy
* Ability to work independently, with strong organizational and time management skills
* A current positive Working with Children Check, or the ability to undergo such a check
* A current positive Criminal History Screen Clearance, or the ability to undergo such a check
* Eligibility to provide counselling and interventions under the Medicare Benefits Schedule (i.e. be registered, or eligible for registration, with Medicare Australia and have a Medicare Provider Number)
* Be registered with a professional body such as AHPRA or AASW
* Have a current ABN
* Have current Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance

**Desirable**

* Knowledge of Electronic Medical Record software, preferably Profile
* Experience in working with specific minority groups such as ATSI, CALD and LGBTQI
* Doctoral or Masters level qualifications
* Endorsement in Clinical Psychology

**For further information please contact our headspace Taringa Clinical Lead Sam Kilby on (07) 3157 1555 or email** **headspace.taringa@openminds.org.au**