



Vacancy Information Pack

Post No: 2WCOSCF
**Job Title: Counselling Support and
Outreach Coordinator - Wessex**

Support for those affected by sudden death in young people

Welcome from Rhian Mannings MBE, Founder and CEO



It is my pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to you as you consider joining our organisation.

2wish was founded on the belief that no-one who loses a child or young person suddenly or unexpectedly does so without the offer of support to help them through the darkest days.

Since 2012, 2wish has received over 1600 referrals for children and young people who have sadly died much too soon. We have supported over 6,000 individuals and offer support in the immediate aftermath and longer term so that our families know we are always there, in the days, months and years to come.

We are an organisation with family and community at the heart of everything we do. Our families, volunteers, ambassadors, supporters and staff all make a difference and we all share one common belief; that no family should be left without the offer of support.

Would you like to join us and make a difference?

If you feel passionate about supporting those suddenly bereaved and have the skills we're looking for, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your interest in this role.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhian Mannings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized.

Rhian Mannings MBE
Chief Executive Officer and Founder

"When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for the stars." - Anonymous

Role Description:

Job title:	Counselling Support and Outreach Coordinator - Wessex
Reports to:	Therapies Assessor and Service Manager
Salary:	Salary of £24,000 per annum
Location:	Remote with travel around Wessex
Hours:	Full-Time, 37.5 hours per week
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Background of 2wish:

In 2012, Rhian Burke lost her son George suddenly in an emergency unit in South Wales. Despite the amazing staff, who showed support and empathy at the time of death, the family walked out into the dark of the night with nothing, heard from nobody and were left alone to deal with the shock and trauma. Five days after her son passed away, her husband Paul died by suicide, inconsolable and consumed in grief. Still nobody came. 2wish (formally 2 Wish Upon A Star) and the following support services were established as a result of this tragedy and are today implemented in partnership with every health board, hospital, police force, coroner's office and mental health team across Wales. Since expanding in to England in January 2024, 2wish has established working relationships with referral partners across the bordering counties.



Objective: ☆

2wish exists to provide support to anyone affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person aged 25 and under.

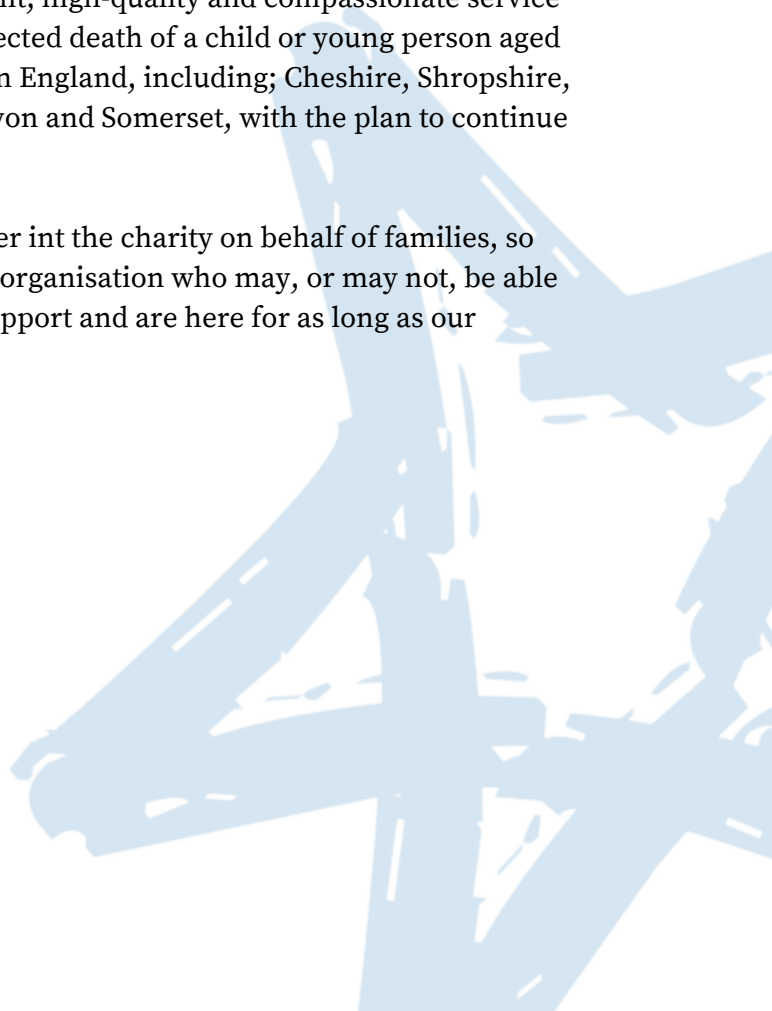
Aims: ☆

- Ensure every Emergency Department and Critical Care unit has a suitable bereavement suite
- Ensure that bereavement boxes are available at each of these hospitals
- Ensure that immediate bereavement support is available for all affected by the sudden death of a child or young person
- Provide a professional counselling service and complementary therapies for those affected by the sudden death of a child or young person
- Provide support to individuals who witness the sudden death of a child or young person
- Provide support and training to professionals from any sector who may be affected by the sudden death of a child or young person
- To advocate and campaign on behalf of suddenly bereaved families

2wish Cymru & 2wish: ☆

2wish has been established since 2012 and has grown from strength to strength. During tis time, we have worked tirelessly to embed our service and ensure that the offer of support is made at the point of death. We offer an immediate, consistent, high-quality and compassionate service to all individuals affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person aged 25 and under in Wales and the bordering counties in England, including; Cheshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Avon and Somerset, with the plan to continue to roll out support to the whole of England.

We work in partnership with professionals who refer int the charity on behalf of families, so they don't have to trawl through the internet for an organisation who may, or may not, be able to support. We provide immediate, and ongoing, support and are here for as long as our families need us.



Context of role: ☆

2wish supports anyone affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person aged 25 and under. We are a largely self-funded charity providing support across Wales and more recently, in the bordering counties with England, providing immediate casework support, as well as ongoing aftercare services including counselling, alternative therapies, play therapy, support groups, support events and a respite cottage.

The post holder will support the smooth running of the support team in England where our services are being offered.

Main duties: ☆

1.0. Service:

- 1.1 : To coordinate support services including counselling, complementary therapy and play therapy for bereaved individuals
- 1.2 : To receive and contact historic referrals directly from professional agencies, bereaved individuals, or the immediate support team
- 1.3 : To contact all individuals within 48 hours of receiving a support service referral
- 1.4 : To liaise with counsellors, complementary therapists and play therapists to arrange and coordinate support
- 1.5 : To recruit new counsellors and therapists within your geographical boundaries and surrounding areas and build a community of therapists to engage with 2wish
- 1.6 : To deliver awareness training to secondary referral partners in healthcare settings, schools and workplaces on the use of the bereavement boxes, referring into the charity and bereavement awareness
- 1.7 : To set up, coordinate and support in the delivery of the focus support groups
- 1.8: To plan, organise and attend bi-monthly family and sibling events
- 1.9 : To set-up, coordinate, and chair quarterly 2wish Practitioner Forums for those working to support bereaved individuals
- 1.10 : Attend any other relevant forums
- 1.11 : To co-manage, maintain, and monitor the 2 Wish Families Facebook page and ensure appropriate and up-to-date content
- 1.12 : To co-manage, maintain, and monitor the Counsellors and Therapists Facebook page and ensure appropriate and on-going training and guest speakers as required
- 1.13 : To send one-year anniversary thinking of you cards to bereaved families
- 1.14 : To work consistently to raise awareness of 2wish in the community and with key partners
- 1.15: Contribute on the social media platforms maintained by 2wish
- 1.16: Support in the planning of and attend the annual 2wish Conference
- 1.17: To submit monthly/quarterly/annual reports to Bereavement Services Manager as required
- 1.18: To signpost and/or refer to other agencies as required that can provide support as needed

2.0 General:

- 2.1: To be responsible for organising own work agenda, time management and administration
- 2.2: To keep clear and up to date records on database of activities with families and any ensuing action
- 2.3: To promote the on-going work and continued support that 2wish can offer
- 2.4: To work as part of a team providing support to suddenly bereaved families
- 2.5: To work alongside support team and maintain a seamless approach to service delivery
- 2.6: To maintain a high degree of confidentiality in accordance with the charity's policies
- 2.7: To show respect and sensitivity for the cultural and religious beliefs of families
- 2.8: To undertake learning opportunities and seek them out for the team
- 2.9: To adhere to all company policies and procedures including Safeguarding, Confidentiality, Health and Safety and Lone Working; and to be proactive in implementing new safe working practices as appropriate
- 2.10: To attend weekend and evening community events in support of the charity as necessary
- 2.11: Participate as and when required in team meetings and one-to-one meetings, and undertake, as appropriate, courses/training/other developmental activities, which is relevant to the role
- 2.12: To contribute to the evaluation and monitoring processes to ensure effectiveness of services and activities provided
- 2.13: Contribute on the social media platforms maintained by 2wish

It is the nature of the work that tasks and responsibilities are in many circumstances unpredictable and varied. All employees are therefore expected to work in a flexible way and tasks, which are not specifically covered in their job description may have to be undertaken.

This role is subject to a DBS check.

Person specification: ☆

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Experience		
Experience of working in a health, social care or emergency setting		✓
Experience in delivering training to a wide range of professional partners	✓	
Experience of working with vulnerable people, including families and/or children		✓
Highly effective administration skills	✓	
Knowledge		
Have a good understanding of bereavement and the effects of grief on bereaved individuals and their families	✓	
Have a good understanding of child and adult protection issues and how to respond to safeguard effectively	✓	
Understand the principles of risk assessment and risk management for bereaved individuals and their families	✓	
Understand and be committed to equal opportunities and diversity issues in policy and practice	✓	
Skills/Qualifications/Abilities		
Have excellent communication, both written and verbal, when interacting with a range of agencies and individuals	✓	
Have computer literacy skills and some experience of working with databases	✓	
Excellent interpersonal skills with families and ability to form compassionate relationships whilst maintaining professional boundaries	✓	
Ability to plan and organise workload, prioritising as appropriate; evidencing effective time management and crisis intervention skills	✓	
Emotional resilience and ability to engage in reflective practice	✓	
Confident in public speaking and presentations	✓	
Personal qualities		
Car driver with willingness and ability to drive in residing county, surrounding areas and to Head Office in South Wales	✓	
Ability to attend weekend/evening events on occasion	✓	
Ability to work flexibly to meet the needs of the service	✓	
Welsh speaker		✓
Computer literate in Outlook, Teams, Word, Excel and PowerPoint	✓	

A Family Story by Ady Smith - Ella's Dad

The 13th of June 2021 was a wonderfully sunny day. Little did we know that, before the day would end, our lives would be thrust into despair and changed forever. Our beautiful daughter, Ella, had been enjoying the day with friends, before she was involved in a road traffic collision and tragically lost her life at the scene of the accident. In a cruel twist of fate, I was one of the responding Fire Service personnel.

Ella was a caring young lady who had a heart of gold and would go out of her way to help others, could be described as a social butterfly, and loved her family and friends. Ella always had a smile on her face, was a bit of a prankster, and always full of fun.

In the immediate hours following Ella's death, we were being supported by our Family Liaison Officers (FLO) when she asked, what upon reflection was such a vital question; "Would you be happy for us to refer you to the charity 2wish?" The FLO went on to explain a little about the charity, although we had some awareness of their work from their social media channels.

At this point we were in a daze, we didn't know what to do or where to turn, within less than 24 hours 2wish had dropped into our lives (and have been with us ever since). Nicole contacted us and provided a sense of calm in what we would now describe as a time of complete chaos.

The 2wish team visited Ella and were able to provide us with memory boxes that included her handprints and a lock of her hair, this is something we thank them so much for. The boxes bring us great comfort and we believe they will continue to do so as we move forward with our lives in a very different way, carrying our loss.

The support didn't and hasn't stopped there, through the charity we have all been supported by bereavement counsellors and this has also extended to wider family and very close friends of Ella's. Ella's brother has been supported by Ellie, the young person coordinator, and he finds these sessions a welcome break and an opportunity to talk. Ella's sister, whilst not having support currently is aware it is there when needed no matter how far in the future. I have been receiving specialist PTSD counselling arranged by 2 wish and have attended complementary therapy sessions organised by the charity too.



A standout memory for us would be the video message Ella's brother received from Dan Biggar (his hero), the happiness in his eyes will long live with us all, and something we will never be able to thank 2wish enough for.

Every one of us has had different needs, the staff at 2wish have been amazing, they have gone out of their way to find solutions to our challenges, and we honestly do not know where we would be without their support, guidance, and friendship.

Through tragedy we have connected with some wonderful people, 2wish will always be there for us, as a family we will always be there to support the charity, raise money, and attend events to ensure the amazing work they do continues. The impact they have had on our lives can't be measured and we want to help ensure other families benefit in the way we have.

What we do for you:

Salary:	Starting salary of £24,000 per annum
Contract type:	Permanent
Hours:	Normal office hours are 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday, although alternative hours may be worked with line manager agreement. Work outside office hours may sometimes be necessary and will be compensated for by time off in lieu.
Annual leave:	28 days plus bank holidays. Annual leave steadily increases after five years of service. Annual leave and statutory holidays are calculated on a pro rata basis where applicable.
Pension:	2wish operate a contributory pension scheme. 2wish will auto-enrol you into the scheme in accordance with it's auto-enrolment obligations. Full details of the scheme will be provided to you once you are enrolled, including the minimum level of contributions that you will be required to make during your membership (current contributions - employer 3% and employee 5%).
Mileage:	A fixed rate allowance is payable for agreed mileage in accordance with our expense policy, undertaken on 2wish business in a private vehicle, over and above your usual journey to your workplace/s.
Location:	This post is remote based with travel across the region you are covering.

Additional benefits for our employees: ☆

- ☆ An 'Employee Assistance Programme,' including wellbeing support
- ☆ Free parking on 2wish premises
- ☆ Free branded 2wish clothing
- ☆ An extra annual leave day on your birthday
- ☆ Incremental increase in holiday entitlement based on length of service
- ☆ Paid sick leave
- ☆ Discounts for personal purchases on 2wish Merchandise
- ☆ Discounted tickets to UK 2wish events for staff and family
- ☆ Extra holiday entitlement when taking part in 2wish overseas events
- ☆ Tools/equipment required for the performance of duties
- ☆ Reimbursement of work expenses
- ☆ Bright Exchange employee discounts
- ☆ Auto-enrolment into company contributory pension scheme after 3 months service

How to apply: ☆

Please return a CV and covering letter, or a CV and two-minute video, by email to HR@2wish.org.uk

Closing date: 28th November 2025

We reserve the right to close this vacancy early if we receive sufficient applications for the role. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible. Only those applicants that have been shortlisted will be contacted for an interview.