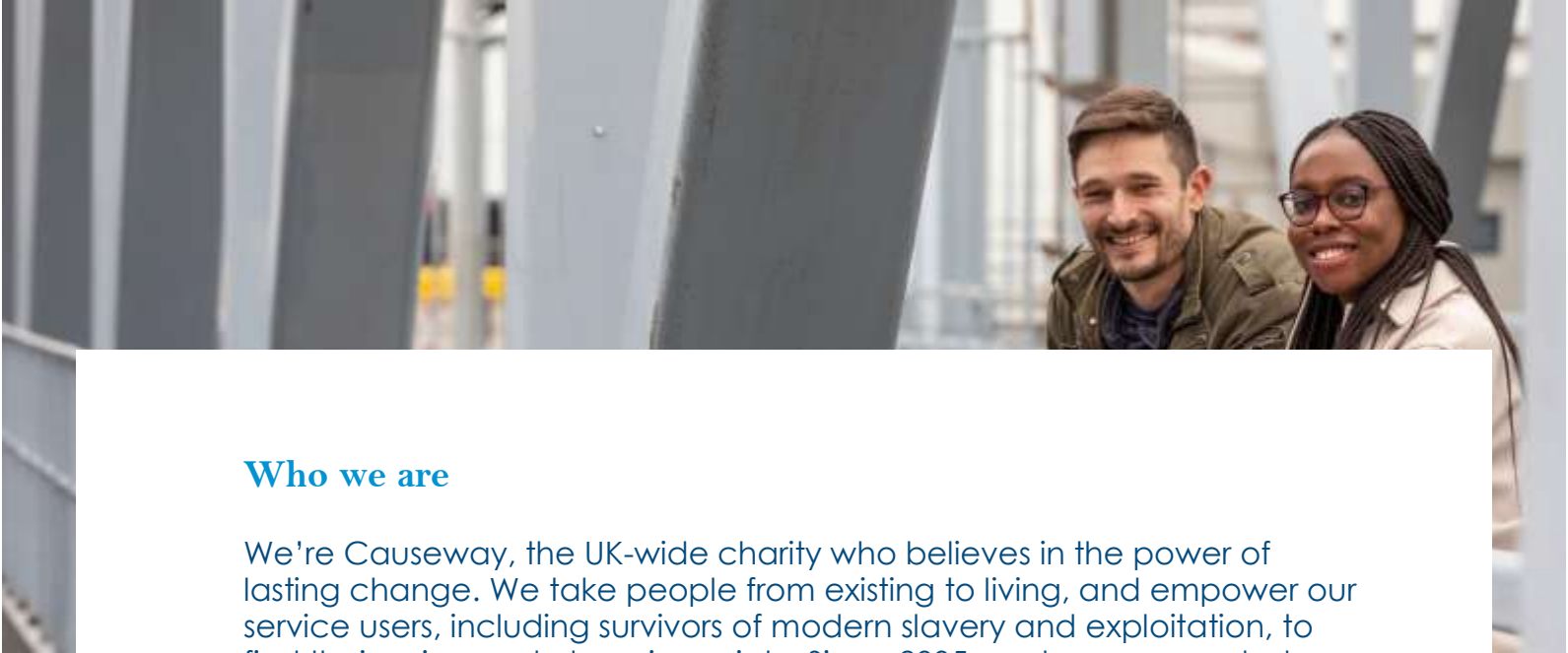




# Male Advocate – Victim of Domestic Abuse

Candidate information pack  
CAUSEWAY





## Who we are

We're Causeway, the UK-wide charity who believes in the power of lasting change. We take people from existing to living, and empower our service users, including survivors of modern slavery and exploitation, to find their voice and place in society. Since 2005, we have expanded across multiple regions and now provide accommodation and outreach support to hundreds of survivors of modern slavery every year. In 2018, we collaborated with South Yorkshire Police in an initiative called Plan B. This helped to launch the LifeNavigate department. Using, a trauma-informed approach, we are fully committed to breaking the cycle of crime, alongside other organisations such as South Yorkshire Police and Merseyside Police. Our vision is to ensure a thriving future for marginalised and vulnerable people, and it would not be possible without our dedicated team of staff and volunteers.

## Role Summary

How this role fits into the vision and objectives of Causeway

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a Male ReFocus Advocate within our LifeNavigate Team based in Merseyside. The aim of this project is to support and signpost individuals who meet relevant criteria and show a motivation to change after being identified as being at potential risk of committing low level Domestic Abuse. A key element of this project is that it is survivor focused and looks to address abusive behaviours at their source, at an early intervention phase, via support and education. This means working with both those who have carried out such acts and those who have been made subject to them. The successful candidate is expected to support a caseload of individuals in order to jointly assess and manage any initial risk and to ensure all safeguarding protocols have been followed. The role is not that of an IDSV, although some of the skills will overlap, the is to provide on-going support to individuals in areas

of need in which they feel disempowered and hence build confidence and skills. This process will happen in partnership with the organisation DMAT who will run 'See the signs' course which will look to educate and equip individuals to feel safe and empowered in this area. You will be working in an agile and responsive team environment and be part of the team providing support and pathways to those who have experienced domestic abuse. When capacity dictates, there will also be a requirement to work with people displaying potentially abusive or coercive behaviours (perpetrators), offering education and support to promote long term change. **Due to the nature of working with victims of gender based abuse it's important we have the flexibility to offer victims the opportunity to be supported by someone of the same gender, because of this we are currently recruiting for a male applicant**

## Responsibilities:

- Providing support for individuals who are subject to low level Domestic Abuse (primarily male victims).
- The full time Advocate will oversee up to 16-20 clients of varying levels of support need at any one time.
- To work effectively as a team, including giving responsive feedback and handover information to Line Manager, and colleagues where there is a shared caseload, especially in regard to partnership with DMAT.
- To independently meet deadlines, including accurately recording and logging details of support, documenting relevant service user information and completing other administrative paperwork in adherence to the terms of the contract.
- To risk assess using the DASH model and take appropriate steps to safeguard service users.
- To create and follow individual support plans and ensuring all service users safety and well-being is paramount at all times.
- To arrange appointments for individual service users, and liaise with organisations and individuals regarding service users in a professional manner.
- Signpost service users to appropriate support.
- Supporting service users face to face (where suitable) in an appropriate environment, including using remote sessions where needed.
- To facilitate engagement of service users on the 'See the Signs' course, including journey planning and move on strategies, within the required time frame.
- To regularly attend supervision meetings with Line Manager. Adhering to all internal procedures regarding Causeway and any relevant legislation especially with regard to the Domestic Abuse Act (2021).
- When required, to work with perpetrators of low level domestic abuse, facilitating their engagement with the 'See the Signs' course, ongoing risk assessment, and provision of holistic support to promote lasting change.
- Promoting Causeway in adherence to the terms of the contract – this may include attending events on behalf of Causeway as a whole.
- Any other duties that are commensurate with the role.

# Qualifications, experience and skills

## Essential Requirements

### Education, Qualifications & Training

- Demonstrate knowledge in specific subject area through specialist training, degree or vocational studies.
- An appropriate enhanced DBS check.
- This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- An understanding of working with individuals who have been subjected to Domestic Abuse.

### Experience

- To have recent experience with
- To have recent experience of working with vulnerable people.
- Experience of working with individuals who have been subjected to acts of domestic abuse
- To have recent experience with documenting and logging information, and record keeping.
- To have recent experience of working with people at risk of being involved in the criminal justice system.
- Recent experience of working with individuals with behaviors' that may present as challenging.

### Skills

- To have good communication skills, including giving feedback and being able to competently and explicitly hand over information.
- To be able to crisis manage and defuse conflict, and to take initiative when needed.
- To be flexible and responsive to Service User needs.
- To be able to maintain confidentiality

and to record keep.

- To manage a varied caseload and prioritise tasks.
- Able to write reports and letters on behalf of your client in a professional manner.
- A good level of administrative skills.
- To work within the Internal Policies and Procedures of Causeway.
- Be able to accurately record keep using a case management system (ZOHO).
- To be able to deliver training materials to the team and regularly lead meetings for large groups of people.

### Personal Attributes

- To be flexible and have a willingness to adapt to change alongside the role and demands of a forward moving charity.
- To speak well of Causeway, clients and other team members.
- Passion for helping people and vision and mission of Causeway.
- A passion to support marginalised and vulnerable people
- To be reliable, punctual and maintain confidentiality.
- Leadership qualities
- To regularly feedback to line manager
- To be emotionally robust.
- Organised
- Personable
- Proactive
- Honest

## **Desirable Requirements:**

### **Education, Qualifications & Training**

- Additional qualifications such as; first aid, safe handling of medication. Health and Social Care Level 3, IDSVVA or relevant equivalent qualifications such as qualifications in addiction/life controlling behaviours. or
- Understanding of Trauma
- DASH risk assessments

### **Experience**

- Experience working in a criminal justice setting.
- An understanding of working within the third sector.
- Lone working

### **Skills**

- Experience in journeying individuals on the road to recovery.
- Ability to speak another language.
- A good level of Administrative skills

**If you have any questions regarding this vacancy, or if you would like to request this information in a different format, please email [people@wearecauseway.org.uk](mailto:people@wearecauseway.org.uk) and we will be happy to help.**