



The Family Advisor provides assistance and support to families of people with Mental Illness.

A secondary part to this role is to provide advocacy and mediation with other MH service providers & support agencies for families.

The position is based at Greymouth CMH but is available for all families within the West Coast MHS including CAMHS through a process of referral from any source.

Core Responsibilities of the Family Advisor

One to One peer support through:

- Providing accurate & timely information about Mental Illness, treatment, the service system & community resources & supports.
- Assisting with the development of strategies for coping with Mental Illness & the impact on their family life, including problem solving & self advocacy skills.
- Advocacy & mediation with Mental Health service providers or support agencies.
- Peer support networks either one-to-one or by referral to SF
- The provision of information regarding relevant legislation, rights & responsibilities.
- To ensure that family whanau are informed of the benefits of their participation in the care & treatment of their family member.