

# CELESTE BARKER

(They/Them)

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

An experienced and passionate Healthcare worker looking to transition into the Substance Misuse field, where my true passion lies.

Enthusiastic, compassionate, and dedicated to my professional responsibilities. I bring experience in managing and working within a clinical team to provide a superior level of patient care.

Currently looking to transition into a role where I can truly make a difference to those living with substance misuse disorders, I bring a multitude of transferrable skills, as well as personal insight into substance misuse and its complexities.

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## PERSONAL

- Personal and second-hand experience of substance misuse and mental health issues
  - A warm and genuine personality, with compassion for those suffering challenges in their lives
  - A passion for assisting those suffering with addiction and other life challenges.
  - I have contributed to the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA) website blog feeds, as well as appearing on national radio programmes as a representative to discuss my own experiences with alcohol.
  - I am in recovery from addiction and follow the 12 Step Programme.
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## RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

- Part completed BSc (Hons) in Health Sciences – commencing study in 2022
  - RQF level 3 qualification in Understanding Substance Misuse
  - Currently enrolled on an Accredited Level 3 Diploma in Addiction Counselling and intend to continue my studies on a part-time basis
  - Proficient in IT, including Google Drive, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. I am often called upon to resolve IT issues within our practice.
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## LEADERSHIP

- 3 years' experience of operational management of a team of 12 dental professionals

- Approachable and available to all staff members for both formal and informal support on a day-to-day basis
  - Experience of clinical pathways and their importance in relation to the provision of appropriate services.
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## **COMMUNICATION**

- Able to communicate effectively and build rapport with service users from many different backgrounds, including those in a disadvantaged and/or vulnerable position
  - Able to manage potentially difficult conversations in a diplomatic and caring manner
  - Over 15 years as a clinical practitioner, working directly with patients from all demographics
  - Excellent listening skills
  - Confident communication via email, face to face and by telephone
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## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

I value my spare time and the people I spend it with. I have a close-knit group of friends and enjoy socialising after a busy week at work.

I spend much of my downtime reading 12 Step literature and attending meetings and fellowship events. I also work closely with my Sponsor to progress through the program.

I live to eat and find cooking a perfect way to unwind at the end of the day.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Excellent references available on request

I hold a clear Enhanced DBS check less than 12 months old

I will be based in North London as of November 2021 with good public transport links

I am flexible regarding working hours and days and am adaptable to the business needs