



Nurse Role

Registered Nursing from a Trauma Informed and Harm Reduction Lens

Nursing outreach to unsheltered/unhoused individual struggling with mental health and substance use or at very high risk of becoming homeless.

Criteria:

- Primary care needs and unable/or not wanting to access primary care or specialist (eg. Family Doctor)
 - Basic wound care
 - Injection
 - Monitor vitals (blood pressure, temperature, pulse, oxygen)
 - Build rapport in order to create future connection to primary care
 - Medication concerns/support
 - Support complex care needs and coordination with primary care
 - Supporting wellness while waiting for referral connections
- Substance use risk
 - Harm reduction supports needed (eg. Methadone/Suboxone/sublocade - opioid replacement, safe use supplies + engagement, naloxone supplies + engagement, pre-contemplation engagement)
- Complex mental health concerns
 - Support the Form 2 process
 - Support hospital discharge from mental health unit
 - Helping with referrals to psychiatry or other relevant clinical resources/support
 - Provide team consult on high risk behaviour
 - Medication concerns/support

To make a referral contact nursing@supporthouse.ca