

The Medical Social Work Role in Rehabilitation

The Medical Social Worker in Rehabilitation aims to work collaboratively with patients and their family to assist the patient in maximising their quality of life. The Medical Social Worker in Rehabilitation is committed to and guided by values of social inclusion, justice, anti-discriminatory practice and promoting self-determination.

The Medical Social Worker completes a psychosocial assessment of all patients referred to the service and works closely with the multi-disciplinary team. This assessment identifies areas of social, emotional and environmental factors which are significant in the patient's life. The psychosocial assessment enables the Medical Social Worker, along with the patient, to identify areas in which support may be needed and to plan appropriately for this. The Medical Social Worker endeavours to apply to community services to support a safe discharge. The Medical Social Worker offers advocacy, emotional support and provides information to patient, families and those impacted by illness and concerned about personal circumstances/ issues.