**About the Digital Skills for Health and Wellbeing (Connecting to Care) Project**

The Digital Skills for Health and Wellbeing Project supports adults aged over 18 through to older adulthood who are resident in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire who identify as disabled, or a carer, or who are experiencing disadvantage, to learn essential digital skills so that they can connect with services that benefit their health and wellbeing. The project works with people most at risk of digital exclusion, taking an intersectional approach supporting people with protected characteristics or experiencing multiple deprivations.

In addition, the project seeks to engage with Health and Social Care Partnership service providers to champion the lived experience of current and potential service users to ensure that digital/online services are accessible and remain so as they are further developed.

The project also includes participation in a Community of Learning of Connecting to Care providers across Scotland to explore sustainability and best practice models for digital inclusion delivered in the areas of healthcare, mental health, or housing.

The broad outcomes include:

• People will have increased awareness of digital options for self-care, self-management approaches and community supports and connections that can benefit and support their health and care.

• People will have improved digital skills and confidence, enabling them to access and connect with digital services and resources appropriate to their health and care needs.

• Health / Mental Health / Housing services/organisations will be better equipped to embed digital inclusion in core service delivery.

• Organisations will contribute to improve understanding of digital inclusion requirements for digital services across wider health, social care, and housing through identification of transferable learning and approaches.

**About Lead Scotland**

Lead Scotland is a charity supporting disabled people and carers by providing personalised learning, befriending, advice, and information services. We have projects across Scotland and a national helpline and information service. Our local services are community and home based, one to one or in small groups so that people have the right support to learn and participate. We support people to build a bridge to reach their ambitions of personal development, learning, volunteering, and work. At a national level, we provide information and advice on the full range of post-school learning and training opportunities, as well as influencing and informing policy.

• Our Vision is of a fair society where disabled people and carers have an equal opportunity to learn, participate and achieve their potential.

• Our Mission is to influence change and provide personalised learning, befriending, advice, and information services.

**Strategic Goals for 2023 to 2026**

• Offer more local and remote learning opportunities, which improve access, offer accreditation, build confidence and skills, reducing educational exclusion.

• Extend our Befriending Services to reduce social isolation and create new pathways to learning.

• Extend our disabled student’s helpline and information services so that more students understand their rights, entitlements and make informed choices about their options.

• More disabled people have the opportunity to influence policy makers, breaking down systemic barriers to improve access for future learners.

**Our Values**: Integrity, Openness, Mutual Respect, Kindness, Equality

Closing Date: Noon 12 August 2024. Shortlisted applicants can expect an online panel interview with questions based on the criteria for the post, week beginning 19 August 2024.