

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB DETAILS	
Job Title	Clinical Nurse Manager
Reports to	Clinical Matron
Band	Band 7
Department/Directorate	Ashburn Ward

JOB PURPOSE

The Ward manager will ensure effective day to day operational management of an inpatient ward in a Community Hospital with a maximum of 24 patients.

The post holder is expected to carry out all relevant forms of care and procedures for which they are competent to practice without direct supervision.

To promote and deliver evidence-based care.

The post holder may be required to deputise for the clinical matron as and when required.

The post holder will work closely with other Ward Managers, Nurses and the senior nursing team to ensure equality in the service across the Trust

The post holder will provide a clear focus on service quality from the patient's point of view and developing changes and improvements as appropriate.

The post holder will be a key member of the Nursing Team with responsibility and accountability for managing the ward and providing professional leadership support to the staff.

KEY RESULT AREAS/PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The ward manager will lead the operational management of the ward to ensure that:

- High standards of care delivery are achieved and maintained
- Such services are delivered in an efficient and cost-effective way and within allocated resources.

The ward manager will be based in the community hospital.

The post holder will fulfil all tasks and work as part of a team. To meet the needs of the service, the post holder may be required to work in other areas as appropriate as directed by the line manager.

To function as a professional role model and clinical leader for the nursing teams, demonstrating both clinical and managerial competence.

To be highly visible and accessible in clinical areas to facilitate communication with staff and patients, observe clinical practice and ensure environmental standards are maintained.

Participate in audit and produce action plans where appropriate to improve identified areas of practice.

Promote and support innovative practice and ensure relevant research findings are incorporated into nursing practice.

To be aware of new policies, procedures, guidelines and standards which affect care. To action as appropriate and evaluate the outcome.

Participate in, promote and support the provision of clinical supervision.

To ensure that all clinical and legal documents (both paper and electronic) are accurate, comprehensive and legible and that staff understand their relevance and the confidentiality of their nature.

Responsible for the maintenance of risk assessments relevant to their clinical area. An action plan to control risks should be jointly developed with the senior team.

To monitor incident forms, investigating as necessary and identifying risks.

To participate in Serious Event Audits and SIRS investigations relating to own ward.

KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Areas of Responsibility: Line manager for ward Nursing staff. Leadership of the Unit and ACE Team.

No. of Staff reporting to this role: 40-50

The post holder is required to deal effectively with staff of all levels throughout the Trust as and when they encounter on a day to day basis

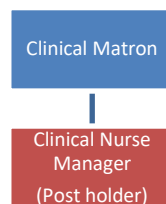
In addition the post holder will deal with the wider healthcare community, external organisations and the public

This will include verbal, written and electronic media.

Of particular importance are working relationships with:

Internal to the Trust	External to the Trust
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinical Matron• Band 6 Nurses• Ward Nurses• Ward HCSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients

ORGANISATIONAL CHART



FREEDOM TO ACT

The post holder will work autonomously to ensure the safe staffing and delivery of patient care on the ward.

The post holder is the lead for the ward and will be accountable for their own professional actions

The post holder will Identify, assess and develop plans for minimising clinical risk; ensure compliance with Health and Safety policies; ensure all staff have access to clinical supervision as a means of reflecting on significant events and improving standards of care and decision making;

The post holder will monitor incident reports, ensuring any necessary action is taken, ensuring robust mechanisms are in place to achieve corrective action and share appropriate learning;

Investigate and act on formal complaints, including prompt handling of poor performance;

Promote and participate in Clinical Audit to develop and establish standards across the ward

COMMUNICATION/RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Provide and receive highly complex, sensitive information. Communicates very sensitive, complex condition related information to patients, relatives offering empathy and reassurance.

To communicate effectively between departments and Trusts to ensure patients journey is seamless.

To work in partnership with nurses and other health professionals to address people's health needs through planning and delivering interventions which are based on best practice and clinical judgement

The post holder will establish effective systems of communication to ensure that staff feel fully involved in shaping of the ward; communicating effectively with a wide range of people and will need to be able to present information in a variety of ways to both large groups as well as on a 1:1 basis.

Ensure the development of an effective communication system within the unit between all disciplines.

To hold regular team meetings in an atmosphere which encourages staff to put forward information and suggestions for improvement.

Ensure staff receive up-to-date information e.g. Trust Link, team briefings.

To attend Divisional, Ward Manager and Patient Safety Meetings as appropriate.

Respond to complaints and suggestions to effect improvements within the service. In conjunction with the customer relations department, investigate and respond to complaints as required.

Establish an environment which supports patients and carers as partners in the planning, delivery and evaluation of their care, to ensure that they understand and agree with the programme of care

ANALYTICAL/JUDGEMENTAL SKILLS

Monitoring standards and ensuring that they match national and local requirements.

Ensuring appropriate quality processes that support good practice are implemented throughout appropriate departments.

Ensuring that arrangements for the systematic review of patients' opinions and complaints are put in place

PLANNING/ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Plan, organise complex activities, programmes requiring formulation and adjustment

Responsible for the assessment and planning of care needs and development of programmes of care, including implementation and evaluation, to ensure that high quality evidence-based care is delivered.

Participate in rota planning, review shift systems and ensure that the appropriate skill mix is maintained to meet the needs of the service at all times.

The post holder will be organised and plan workload appropriately

Plan & organise day-to-day service provision

Actively participate in strategic service planning & development

PATIENT/CLIENT CARE

To support patients in meeting their own health and wellbeing through providing expert information, advice and support

To assess patients and their complex needs and those of their families and plan, implement and evaluate appropriate programmes of care; this will include communicating highly sensitive information about diagnosis, treatment options and issues surrounding terminal illness and bereavement.

To provide emotional, psychological and practical support to the patient and their family/carer throughout their pathway and to facilitate communication between patients, families and professionals

To recognise ethical dilemmas relating to care and act as the patient/relative's advocate when required.

POLICY/SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

In conjunction with the Clinical Matron will develop and implement an appropriate ward strategy and philosophy which is reviewed on a regular basis.

Lead new approaches to nursing care within the unit / ward, including changes in advanced practice.

Participate in nursing, audit and divisional meetings as appropriate.

Ensure ward staff receive up-to-date information via trustlink, team briefings and meetings.

Participate in setting standards, monitoring the quality of the service and identifying how current practice can be improved.

As part of the multidisciplinary team be responsible for actively identifying areas of risk, reporting incidents and taking action utilising the relevant Trust procedures.

Participate in the training, education and assessment of pre and post registration nurses and other Healthcare Learners completing NVQs and other qualifications.

Promote and participate in clinical supervision.

Act formally as a mentor and ensure that other trained staff maintain their competency to provide this role to others.

Utilise educational opportunities to facilitate learning in the clinical situation.

Demonstrate a high commitment to professional and personal development to ensure that professional competencies are maintained and developed to continue to meet the needs of the service.

Maintain ward training matrix and encourage staff to actively engage in identifying personal training needs which are in line with the needs of the service. Assist staff to identify how these needs may be addressed

FINANCIAL/PHYSICAL RESOURCES

The post holder has a personal duty of care in relation to equipment and resources.

The post holder will work within a defined day to day operational budget. Ensuring that any projects undertaken are established and managed in a financially responsible manner.

Co-ordinate the ward and resources and be responsible for running the ward in a cost effective manner.

Responsible for the effective use of Trust resources and compliance with Trust Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs).

To use human and financial resources in an effective way for the benefit of patients and to achieve operational objectives. The post holder will be an authorised signatory for the unit budget within the context of the Trust's SFIs.

Responsible for the safe handling of patient property/valuables in line with ward procedures and Trust SFIs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The post holder is accountable for the management of the staff in the designated ward area.

Participate in the recruitment, induction and development and review of junior members of staff.

Review of human resources within the ward, helping to assess workload and identify changing skill mix as required.

Be familiar with the Trust Disciplinary and Capability Procedure and follow this procedure as required with support from the clinical matron and HR Department

To promote a learning environment through identifying opportunities and seeking resources required for own and others learning.

To provide specialist input to post-registration courses and professional development programmes

To reflect on own practice through clinical supervision/mentorship and to act as a clinical supervisor/mentor to others

To act as a specialist resource to advice and support healthcare professionals and others involved in the delivery of care to patients, their families and carers

To be responsible for ensuring all staff working on the ward are competent and work within their scope of practice.

Maintain training records and annual updates for staff within the department ward

INFORMATION RESOURCES

To document and maintain patients records as per Trust Documentation Policy

Ensure accurate data is maintained within the department to allow monthly reports for performance.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

To maintain own and others' awareness of relevant research evidence related to the speciality and work with others in applying this to practice

To identify areas of potential research relating to the speciality and to participate in relevant research activities

To participate in local and national research and audit projects and service evaluation as requested in order to improve standards of patient care.

To work with the Research team as appropriate to ensure the nursing staff are supported whilst on the ward.

Plan, develop, initiate and participate in such research projects as appropriate and derive conclusions applicable to practice

PHYSICAL SKILLS
High degree of competence and dexterity in practical Nursing Skills, providing a supporting role with administering IV's, taking blood and venesections.
PHYSICAL EFFORT
High degree of competence and dexterity in practical nursing skills, providing a supporting role The role will have a combination of sitting, standing and walking with occasional moderate effort for several short periods.
MENTAL EFFORT
Ability to carry a caseload of clients and formulate effective treatment programmes to cure or alleviate symptoms Daily high level of concentration when delivering patient care. Ability to adapt to an unpredictable workload. High level of mental effort when managing rosters and staffing concerns.
EMOTIONAL EFFORT
Provide leadership and support to nursing team and deal with poor performance Managing conflict in the workplace and assist in dealing with crises/problems/ difficult circumstances within department teams/individuals Dealing with complaints and patient feedback Regularly dealing with difficult conversations with patients and carers Exposure to distressing situations
WORKING CONDITIONS
Occasional working with hazardous substances (cytotoxic drugs, bodily waste and fluids) when in clinical setting Occasional aggressive behaviour when dealing with face to face complaints or staff conflict Regular use of VDU
OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES
Take part in regular performance appraisal. Undertake any training required in order to maintain competency including mandatory training, e.g. Manual Handling Contribute to and work within a safe working environment You are expected to comply with Trust Infection Control Policies and conduct him/herself at all times in such a manner as to minimise the risk of healthcare associated infection As an employee of the Trust, it is a contractual duty that you abide by any relevant code of professional conduct and/or practice applicable to you. A breach of this requirement may result in action being taken against you (in accordance with the Trust's disciplinary policy) up to and including dismissal. You must also take responsibility for your workplace health and wellbeing:

- When required, gain support from Occupational Health, Human Resources or other sources.
- Familiarise yourself with the health and wellbeing support available from policies and/or Occupational Health.
- Follow the Trust's health and wellbeing vision of healthy body, healthy mind, healthy you.
- Undertake a Display Screen Equipment assessment (DES) if appropriate to role.

APPLICABLE TO MANAGERS ONLY

Leading the team effectively and supporting their wellbeing by:

- Championing health and wellbeing.
- Encouraging and support staff engagement in delivery of the service.
- Encouraging staff to comment on development and delivery of the service.
- Ensuring during 1:1's / supervision with employees you always check how they are.

DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE CHECKS

This post has been identified as involving access to vulnerable adults and/or children and in line with Trust policy successful applicants will be required to undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service Disclosure Check.

GENERAL

This is a description of the job as it is now. We periodically examine employees' job descriptions and update them to ensure that they reflect the job as it is then being performed, or to incorporate any changes being proposed. This procedure is conducted by the manager in consultation with the jobholder. You will, therefore, be expected to participate fully in such discussions. We aim to reach agreement on reasonable changes, but if agreement is not possible, we reserve the right to insist on changes to your job description after consultation with you.

Everyone within the Trust has a responsibility for, and is committed to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults, children and young people and for ensuring that they are protected from harm, ensuring that the Trusts Child Protection and Safeguarding Adult policies and procedures are promoted and adhered to by all members of staff.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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Requirements	Essential	Desirable
QUALIFICATION/ SPECIAL TRAINING		
First Level Registered Nurse	E	
A degree or degree level post registration qualification or equivalent experience	E	
A relevant teaching or mentoring qualification	E	
Broad clinical experience relevant to the post and experience in older people's health	E	
Proven experience of leading clinical teams including experience of working in a band 6 role	E	
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS		
Proven leadership and managerial ability	E	
Evidence of changing practice in a clinical setting	E	
Experience of standard setting and clinical audit	E	
Excellent Communication Skills	E	
Advanced clinical skills in patient assessment	E	
Advanced skills in IV drug administration, Venepuncture and cannulation	E	
EXPERIENCE		
Proven experience in a band 6 role in a similar setting	E	
Previous experience of working in a community hospital environment		D
PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES		
Able to work under own initiative	E	
Excellent interpersonal skills	E	
Positive and Enthusiastic Attitude	E	
Flexible and adaptable	E	
Commitment to openness, honest and integrity in undertaking role	E	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS		
The post holder must demonstrate a positive commitment to uphold diversity and equality policies approved by the Trust	E	
Willing to travel to other community hospitals as required	E	

		FREQUENCY			
		(Rare/ Occasional/ Moderate/ Frequent)			
WORKING CONDITIONS/HAZARDS		R	O	M	F
Hazards/ Risks requiring Immunisation Screening					
Laboratory specimens	Y		X		
Contact with patients	Y				X
Exposure Prone Procedures	N				
Blood/body fluids	Y		X		
Laboratory specimens	Y		X		
Hazard/Risks requiring Respiratory Health Surveillance					
Solvents (e.g. toluene, xylene, white spirit, acetone, formaldehyde and ethyl acetate)	N				
Respiratory sensitisers (e.g isocyanates)	N				
Chlorine based cleaning solutions (e.g. Chlorclean, Actichlor, Tristel)	N				
Animals	N				
Cytotoxic drugs	Y		X		
Risks requiring Other Health Surveillance					
Radiation (>6mSv)	N				
Laser (Class 3R, 3B, 4)	N				
Dusty environment (>4mg/m3)	N				
Noise (over 80dBA)	N				
Hand held vibration tools (=>2.5 m/s2)	N				
Other General Hazards/ Risks					
VDU use (> 1 hour daily)	Y				X
Heavy manual handling (>10kg)	Y		X		
Driving	N				
Food handling	N				
Night working	N				
Electrical work	N				
Physical Effort	Y			X	
Mental Effort	Y				X
Emotional Effort	Y				X
Working in isolation	Y		X		
Challenging behaviour	Y		X		