Community Mental Health Nurse (Clinical Nurse Specialist) - Grade Code 2301

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as Community Mental Health Nurse (Clinical Nurse Specialist).

1. **Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**
   (a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:

   (i) Are registered in the Psychiatric Division of the Register of Nurses kept by An Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland).

   **Note:** Post holders must maintain annual registration with An Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann.

   and

   (ii) Have at least 5 years post registration experience in the Psychiatric/Mental Health Services as a registered Psychiatric Nurse.

   and

   (iii) Have a minimum of 2 years experience in the specialist area of practice as defined in the *Post Specific requirements* of the job description.

   and

   (iv) Have the ability to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his/her professional responsibility within his/her scope of practice.

   and

   (v) Must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development.

   and

   (vi) Must hold a level 8 post-registration National Qualifications Authority of Ireland major academic award relevant to the specialist area of practice.

2. **Age**
   Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where s/he is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs.

3. **Health**
   Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

4. **Character**
   Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.
Dated this 13th day of September two thousand and thirteen.

Barry O’Brien
National Director of Human Resources