

**Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (Mental Health)**

**Job Specification & Terms and Conditions**

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| **Job Title and Grade** | **Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (Mental Health)** (Grade Code: 2527) |
| **Campaign Reference** | **To be completed by Recruiter** |
| **Closing Date** | **To be completed by Recruiter** |
| **Proposed Interview Date (s)** | **To be completed by Recruiter** |
| **Taking up Appointment** | A start date will be indicated at job offer stage. |
| **Location of Post** | **Insert location**  There is currently **xx permanent / specified purpose / part time / whole-time** vacancy available in **xxxxxxxxxx**  A panel may be formed as a result of this campaign for **xxxxxxxxxxx** from which current and future, permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part-time duration may be filled. |
| **Informal Enquiries** | **Please provide name & contact details for person who will deal with informal enquiries.** |
| **Details of Service** | * **What service does the unit provide** * **What client group is served by the unit** * **What are the possible future developments for the service?** * **What is the team structure?** * **What area is covered by this service?**   ***There is no limit to the text that can be inserted here. Please use this section to highlight the service and generate interest in the service and job being recruited for*** |
| **Reporting Relationship** | CNM2 / CNM3 / Divisional Nurse Manager as relevant to the post / as appropriate. Accountable to the Assistant Director of Nursing and Director of Nursing. |
| **Key Working Relationships** | Provide a brief overview of the types of people that the job holder will typically engage with in the fulfilment of the duties and responsibilities of their role. This overview should provide the applicant with a sense for the key working relationships associated with the role. |
| **Purpose of the Post** | To be responsible for the management and recovery orientated integrated care for individuals presenting to the Mental Health Services and care and treatment of service users, to ensure that the optimum standard of care is provided within the designated area(s) of responsibility.  The primary role of the Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (CNM 1) will be one of clinical and professional leadership and development in the nursing team, including the development of nursing staff by means of in-service training, orientation of new staff and arranging for clinical experience and supervision of student nurses where this is appropriate. |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | The Clinical Nurse Manager (Mental Health) 1 will:  **Professional / Clinical**   * Be responsible for the co-ordination, assessment, planning, implementation, and review of care for service users according to service standards. * Provide safe, comprehensive nursing care to service users according to the Code of Professional Conduct as laid down by the Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing Midwifery Board Ireland) and Professional Clinical Guidelines. * Practice nursing according to: * Professional Clinical Guidelines * National and Area Health Service Executive (HSE) guidelines * Local policies, protocols and guidelines * Current legislation * Manage own caseload in accordance with the needs of the post. * Encourage evidence-based practice, using a care planning approach to nursing care. * Participate in teams as appropriate, communicating and working in co-operation with other team members. * Collaborate with service users, family, carers and other staff in treatment / care planning and in the provision of support and advice. * Communicate verbally and / or in writing results of assessments, treatment / care programmes and recommendations to the team and relevant others in accordance with service policy. * Plan discharge or transition of the service user between services as appropriate. * Assist in providing staff leadership and motivation, which is conducive to good staff relations and work performance. * Ensure that service users and others are treated with dignity and respect. * Maintain nursing records in accordance with local service and professional standards. * Contribute to the development and maintenance of nursing standards, protocols and guidelines consistent with the highest standards of patient care. * Maintain professional standards in relation to confidentiality, ethics and legislation. * In consultation with CNM2 and other disciplines, implement and assess quality management programmes. * Participate in clinical audit as required. * Devise and implement Health Promotion Programmes for service users as relevant to the post. * Lead and implement change, with particular reference to recommendations of the Commission on Nursing and the Health Service reform programme. * Operate within the Scope of Practice - seek advice and assistance from his / her manager with any cases or issues that prove to be beyond the scope of his / her professional competence in line with principles of best practice and clinical governance. * Will work in accordance with the principles and values of recovery as described in the National Framework for Recovery for Irish Mental Health Services 2018-2020.   **Health and Safety**   * Play a central role in maintaining a safe environment for service users, staff and visitors e.g. by contributing to risk assessment. * Assist in observing and ensuring implementation and adherence to established policies and procedures e.g. health and safety, infection control, storage and use of controlled drugs etc. * Observe, report and take appropriate action on any matter which may be detrimental to service user care or wellbeing / may be inhibiting the efficient provision of care. * Ensure completion of incident / near miss forms. * Adhere to department policies in relation to the care and safety of any equipment supplied for the fulfilment of duty. * Have a working knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. * Support, promote and actively participate in sustainable energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service.   **Education and Training**   * Engage in continuing professional development by keeping up to date with nursing literature, recent nursing research and new developments in nursing management, education and practice and to attend staff study days as considered appropriate. * Provide a high level of professional and clinical leadership. * Provide supervision and assist in the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes of staff and assigned students. * Be familiar with the curriculum training programme for student nurses and be aware of the clinical experience required to meet the needs of the programme. * Participate in the assessment of student nurse proficiency in clinical nursing skills as part of his/her role as preceptor. * Engage in performance review processes including personal development planning as appropriate.   **Personnel / Administrative**   * Exercise authority in the running of the assigned area(s) as deputised by the CNM2. * Provide the necessary co-ordination and deployment of nursing and support staff in designated area(s) of responsibility, ensuring that skill mix takes account of fluctuating workloads and ensuring maximisation of available resources. * Assess and monitor trends through collection and analysis of activity and data and keeping CNM2 and Senior Nursing Management informed of changing work patterns, which may require increased resource allocation. * Collaborate with the CNM2 in preparing, implementing and evaluating budget and service plans for the clinical area. * Co-operate in managing all resources - including nursing and non-nursing staff within an agreed budget. * Promote a culture that values diversity and respect in the workplace. * Assist in maintaining the necessary clinical and administrative records and reporting arrangements / contribute to quality assurance by assisting in data collection. * Ensure that patient care equipment is maintained to an appropriate standard. * Ensure compliance with legal requirements, policies and procedures affecting service users, staff and other hospital matters. * Participate actively in the Nursing Management structure by ‘acting up’ when required. * Engage in IT developments as they apply to service user and service administration.   **The above Job Specification is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.** |
| **Eligibility Criteria**  **Qualifications and/ or experience** | **Candidates must have at the latest date of application: -**  ***Please insert Qualifications for the post. These are available on HSE website at -.*** [***http://hse.ie/eng/staff/Jobs/Eligibility\_Criteria/***](http://hse.ie/eng/staff/Jobs/Eligibility_Criteria/)  **Health**  A candidate 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.  **Character**  Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character. |
| **Post Specific Requirements** | **This section may be used to specify that candidates must demonstrate particular experience deemed necessary for safe and effective performance in the role**  **e.g.**   * **depth and breadth of experience in providing a service to marginalised communities** * **depth and breadth of experience of working in a High Dependency Unit in an Acute setting** * **depth and breadth of experience of delivering concurrent, multiple projects.**   **Post Specific Requirements are not additional qualifications. It is not possible to include other qualifications in this section, without engaging in having those qualifications recognised as an essential part of the role. Essential requirements form part of the Eligibility Criteria. Eligibility Criteria must be agreed with National HR and are applied to all roles at this grade, not a job in a particular site or service.**  **For additional information in relation to role specific duties / requirements click here:** [**Role Specific Duties**](#Role_Specific) |
| **Other requirements specific to the post** | **Please outline if there are specific practical requirements that are specific to the post**  **e.g.**   * **have access to appropriate transport to fulfil the requirements of the role** * **participate in an on-call rota** |
| **Skills, competencies and/or knowledge** | **Professional Knowledge & Experience**  *For example:*   * Demonstrate practitioner competence and professionalism. * Demonstrate an awareness of current and emerging nursing strategies and policy in relation to the clinical / designated area. * Demonstrate the ability to relate nursing research to nursing practice. * Demonstrate an awareness of HR policies and procedures including disciplinary procedures. * Demonstrate an awareness of relevant legislation and policy e.g., health and safety, infection control etc. * Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development. * Demonstrate a willingness to develop IT skills relevant to the role.   **Organisation and Management Skills**  *For example:*   * Demonstrate the ability to plan and organise effectively. * Demonstrate the ability to manage deadlines and effectively handle multiple tasks. * Demonstrate an awareness of resource management and the importance of value for money. * Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability in their approach to work   **Building and Maintaining Relationships *(including Team Skills and Leadership Potential)***  *For example:*   * Demonstrate the ability to work on own initiative as well as part of a team * Adopts a collaborative approach to patient care by co-ordination of care / interventions and interdisciplinary team working. * Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills including the ability to build and maintain relationships. Fosters good professional work relationships between colleagues * Demonstrates the ability to lead on clinical practice   **Commitment to providing a Quality Service**  *For example:*   * Demonstrates a strong commitment to the delivery of quality service. * Display awareness and appreciation of the service user and the ability to empathise with and treat others with dignity and respect. * Demonstrates integrity and ethical stance. * Demonstrate motivation, initiative and an innovative approach to job and service developments, is flexible and open to change.   **Analysis, Problem Solving and Decision-Making Skills**  *For example:*   * Demonstrates evidence-based decision-making, using sound analytical and problem-solving ability. * Shows sound professional judgement in decision-making. * Takes an overview of complex problems before generating solutions; anticipates implications / consequences of different solutions. * Uses a range of information sources and knows how to access relevant information to address issues. * Demonstrate resilience and composure in dealing with situations.   **Communication Skills**  *For example:*   * Demonstrate strong communication skills - presents written information in a concise, accurate and structured manner. * Demonstrates the ability to influence others effectively. * Anticipates and recognises the emotional reactions of others when delivering sensitive messages. |
| **Campaign Specific Selection Process**  **Ranking/Shortlisting / Interview** | A ranking and or shortlisting exercise may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for ranking and or shortlisting are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of this job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements.  Failure to include information regarding these requirements may result in you not being called forward to the next stage of the selection process.  Those successful at the ranking stage of this process (where applied) will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation.  The HSE is an equal opportunities employer. |
| **Code of Practice** | The Health Service Executive will run this campaign in compliance with the Code of Practice prepared by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA).  The CPSA is responsible for establishing the principles that should be followed when making an appointment. These are set out in the CPSA Code of Practice. The Code outlines the standards that should be adhered to at each stage of the selection process and sets out the review and appeal mechanisms open to candidates should they be unhappy with a selection process.  The CPSA Code of Practice can be accessed via <https://www.cpsa.ie/>. |
| The reform programme outlined for the Health Services may impact on this role and as structures change the job specification may be reviewed.  This job specification is a guide to the general range of duties assigned to the post holder. It is intended to be neither definitive nor restrictive and is subject to periodic review with the employee concerned. | |

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**Terms and Conditions of Employment**

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| **Tenure** | The current vacancy available is **permanent/temporary** and **whole time/part-time.**  The post is pensionable. A panel may be created from which permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part time duration may be filled. The tenure of these posts will be indicated at “expression of interest” stage.  Appointment as an employee of the Health Service Executive is governed by the Health Act 2004 and the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004 and Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Amendment Act 2013. |
| **Remuneration** | The Salary scale for the post is: **PLEASE INSERT (Pro Rata - part-time)**  **PLEASE INSERT the most recent salary scales for the role and grade code.**  New appointees to any grade start at the minimum point of the scale. Incremental credit will be applied for recognised relevant service in Ireland and abroad (Department of Health Circular 2/2011). Incremental credit is normally granted on appointment, in respect of previous experience in the Civil Service, Local Authorities, Health Service and other Public Service Bodies and Statutory Agencies. |
| **Working Week** | The standard working week applying to the post is to be confirmed at Job Offer stage.  **Please include the following paragraph for posts that traditionally worked 9-5, Monday to Friday. Do not include for nursing and other posts that are required to work shifts over a 7-day week.**  HSE Circular 003-2009 “Matching Working Patterns to Service Needs (Extended Working Day / Week Arrangements); Framework for Implementation of Clause 30.4 of Towards 2016” applies. Under the terms of this circular, all new entrants and staff appointed to promotional posts from Dec 16th, 2008 will be required to work agreed roster / on call arrangements as advised by their line manager. Contracted hours of work are liable to change between the hours of 8am-8pm over seven days to meet the requirements for extended day services in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement (Implementation of Clause 30.4 of Towards 2016). |
| **Annual Leave** | The annual leave associated with the post will be confirmed at Contracting stage. |
| **Superannuation** | This is a pensionable position with the HSE. The successful candidate will upon appointment become a member of the appropriate pension scheme. Pension scheme membership will be notified within the contract of employment. Members of pre-existing pension schemes who transferred to the HSE on the 01st January 2005 pursuant to Section 60 of the Health Act 2004 are entitled to superannuation benefit terms under the HSE Scheme which are no less favourable to those which they were entitled to at 31st December 2004 |
| **Age** | The Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act, 2018\* set 70 years as the compulsory retirement age for public servants.  ***\* Public Servants not affected by this legislation:***  Public servants joining the public service or re-joining the public service with a 26 week break in service, between 1 April 2004 and 31 December 2012 (new entrants) have no compulsory retirement age.  Public servants, joining the public service or re-joining the public service after a 26 week break, after 1 January 2013 are members of the Single Pension Scheme and have a compulsory retirement age of 70. |
| **Probation** | Every appointment of a person who is not already a permanent officer of the Health Service Executive or of a Local Authority shall be subject to a probationary period of 12 months as stipulated in the Department of Health Circular No.10/71. |
| **Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998** | As this post is one of those designated under the Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, appointment to this post appoints one as a designated officer in accordance with Section 2 of the Act.  You will remain a designated officer for the duration of your appointment to your current post or for the duration of your appointment to such other post as is included in the categories specified in the Ministerial Direction. You will receive full information on your responsibilities under the Act on appointment. |
| **Mandated Person Children First Act 2015** | As a mandated person under the Children First Act 2015 you will have a legal obligation:   * To report child protection concerns at or above a defined threshold to TUSLA. * To assist Tusla, if requested, in assessing a concern which has been the subject of a mandated report.   You will remain a mandated person for the duration of your appointment to your current post or for the duration of your appointment to such other post as is included in the categories specified in the Ministerial Direction. You will receive full information on your responsibilities under the Act on appointment. |
| **Infection Control** | Have a working knowledge of Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc. and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. |
| **Health & Safety** | It is the responsibility of line managers to ensure that the management of safety, health and welfare is successfully integrated into all activities undertaken within their area of responsibility, so far as is reasonably practicable. Line managers are named and roles and responsibilities detailed in the relevant Site Specific Safety Statement (SSSS).  Key responsibilities include:   * Developing a SSSS for the department/service[[1]](#footnote-1), as applicable, based on the identification of hazards and the assessment of risks, and reviewing/updating same on a regular basis (at least annually) and in the event of any significant change in the work activity or place of work. * Ensuring that Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) is integrated into day-to-day business, providing Systems Of Work (SOW) that are planned, organised, performed, maintained, and revised as appropriate, and ensuring that all safety related records are maintained and available for inspection. * Consulting and communicating with staff and safety representatives on OSH matters. * Ensuring a training needs assessment (TNA) is undertaken for employees, facilitating their attendance at statutory OSH training, and ensuring records are maintained for each employee. * Ensuring that all incidents occurring within the relevant department/service are appropriately managed and investigated in accordance with HSE procedures[[2]](#footnote-2). * Seeking advice from health and safety professionals through the National Health and Safety Function Helpdesk as appropriate. * Reviewing the health and safety performance of the ward/department/service and staff through, respectively, local audit and performance achievement meetings for example.   **Note**: Detailed roles and responsibilities of Line Managers are outlined in local SSSS. |

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| **CNM1 (Mental Health) –** **Role Specific Requirements** |
| *Here you will find role specific information related to working in different care / service areas.*  *This information has been sourced from previously advertised Job Specifications. Additional information has been provided to candidates to describe the specifics of a particular role in relation to duties & responsibilities and/or professional knowledge requirements.*  *This information is intended as a guide to possibilities and is not in any way prescriptive / exhaustive. You may wish to consider using the examples below* ***if*** *they are relevant to the role for which you are recruiting.*  *Please be aware of the* ***impact*** *that including additional professional knowledge indicators will have on your candidature – only knowledge that is absolutely necessary for effective performance in a the role should ever be included.*  *Please also remember that the minimum qualifications are already addressed in the Eligibility Criteria and these cannot be amended without consultation with National HR.*  *Also, consider carefully both the level of the role and the likelihood that candidates would have been able to gain that knowledge / experience in their career to date.* |

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| **Role** | **Post Specific Requirement** |
| **Adult / Older Adult / Psychiatry of Later Life Services** | Demonstrate professional knowledge and experience across a wide range of disorders and dysfunctions and the management and care of these across a number of settings including but not limited to:   * Inpatients * Continuing Care * Rehabilitation * Managing Challenging Behaviours * Security & Risk * Deliberate Self Harm * Administrative / Management   Professional Knowledge refers to appropriate care for this client group. |
| **Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (0-16 (18))** | Demonstrate professional knowledge and experience across a wide range of disorders & dysfunctions and the management and care of these across a number of settings including but not limited to:   * Inpatients * Continuing Care * Rehabilitation * Managing challenging behaviours * Security & Risk * Deliberate Self Harm * Administrative / Management   Professional Knowledge refers to appropriate care for this client group. |
| **Forensic Mental Health** | Demonstrate professional knowledge and experience across a wide range of disorders and dysfunctions and the management and care of these with a particular emphasis on, but not limited to:   * Therapeutic Security * Risk Assessments * Therapeutic Programmes * Managing Challenging Behaviours * Deliberate Self Harm * Administrative / Management   Professional Knowledge refers to appropriate care for this client group |
| **Intellectual Disability (with Mental Health diagnosis)** | Demonstrate professional knowledge and experience across a wide range of disorders and dysfunctions and the management and care of these across a number of settings including but not limited to:   * Inpatients * Continuing Care * Rehabilitation * Managing Challenging Behaviours * Security & Risk * Deliberate Self Harm   Professional Knowledge refers to appropriate care for this client group. |

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Helpful Reminders\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**1) Please remember to delete the above table once you have finalised the Job Specification.**

**2) Please remember to delete any prompts (in dark blue) in the sections above**

**3) Ensure all fonts are now in black**

1. A template SSSS and guidelines are available on the National Health and Safety Function here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/safetywellbeing/about%20us/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See link on health and safety web-pages to latest Incident Management Policy [↑](#footnote-ref-2)