

**Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Mental Health)**

**Job Specification & Terms and Conditions**

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| **Job Title and Grade** | **Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Mental Health)** (Grade Code: 238Y) |
| **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** | Provide details to the following types of questions:   * 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** | Report to Divisional Nurse Manager as relevant to the post / as appropriate.  Be 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 provide professional / clinical leadership in the designated area(s) of responsibility. To oversee the management of resources including staffing and staff development. To facilitate communication across the healthcare teams. |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | The Clinical Nurse Manager 3 will:  **Professional / Clinical**   * Provide a high level of professional and clinical leadership. * 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 * The Manager will practice nursing according to: * Professional Clinical Guidelines * National and Area Health Service Executive (HSE) guidelines. * Local policies, protocols and guidelines * Current legislation * Manage, monitor and evaluate professional and clinical standards ensuring an evidence based, care planning approach. * Manage own caseload in accordance with the needs of the post. * Participate in teams as appropriate, communicating and working in co-operation with other team members. * Facilitate co-ordination, co-operation and liaison across healthcare teams and programmes. * Collaborate with service users, family, carers and other staff in treatment / care planning and in the provision of support and advice. * Communicate results of assessments, treatment / care programmes and recommendations to the team and relevant others in accordance with service policy / as required. * Formulate, manage and implement best practice policies and procedures. * Ensure that service users and others are treated with dignity and respect. * Ensure the maintenance of nursing records in accordance with local service and professional standards. * Adhere to and contribute to the development and maintenance of nursing standards, protocols and guidelines consistent with the highest standards of patient care. * Evaluate and manage the implementation of best practice policy and procedures e.g. admission and discharge procedures, control and usage of stocks and equipment, grievance and disciplinary procedures. * Maintain professional standards in relation to confidentiality, ethics and legislation. * In consultation with other disciplines, implement and assess quality management programmes as appropriate. * Participate in clinical audit as required and ensure that clinical audits are performed in his/her area(s) of responsibility. * Initiate and participate in research studies as appropriate. * Devise and implement Health Promotion Programmes for service users as relevant to the post. * 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. * Ensure staff work in compliance with the Scope of Practice. * 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 & Safety**   * Ensure that effective safety procedures are developed and managed to comply with statutory obligations, in conjunction with relevant staff e.g. health and safety procedures, emergency procedures. * Take appropriate action on any matter identified as being detrimental to staff and/or service user care or well-being / may be inhibiting the efficient provision of care. * Ensure adherence to established policies and procedures e.g. health and safety, infection control, storage and use of controlled drugs etc. * Ensure completion of incident / near miss forms. * Maintain a feedback mechanism with the clinical risk manager and report to senior management team where appropriate. * Ensure adherence to department policies in relation to the care and safety of any equipment supplied for the fulfilment of duty. Ensure advice of relevant stakeholders is sought prior to procurement e.g. CNS infection control, Occupational Therapist. * 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 etcand comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. * To 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**   * Contribute to service development through appropriate continuous education, research initiatives, keeping up to date with nursing literature, recent nursing research and new developments in nursing management, education and practice and attend staff study days as considered appropriate. * Provide support advice to those engaging in continuous professional development in his / her area of responsibility. * 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 identification, development and delivery of induction, education, training and development programmes for nursing and non-nursing staff. * Provide support supervision and professional development of appropriate staff. * Engage in performance review processes including personal development planning e.g. by setting own and staff objectives and providing and receiving feedback.   **Management**   * Exercise authority and co-ordinate the functions of the assigned area(s). * Provide support, advice and direction to staff as required. * Engage with the wider healthcare team and facilitate team building. * Facilitate communication at ward and departmental level and within the senior nurse/midwife team. * Provide staff leadership and motivation which is conducive to good working relations and work performance. * Promote a culture that values diversity and respect in the workplace. * Manage and promote liaisons with internal / external bodies as appropriate e.g. intra-hospital service, the community, voluntary organisations. * Contribute to the strategic management and planning process. * Formulate service plans and budgets in co-operation with the wider healthcare team. * Lead on practice development within the clinical area. * Manage resources, including staff, efficiently and effectively to ensure the highest standards of service. * Manage and evaluate the implementation of the service plan and budget. * Provide reports on activity and services in a digital format as required. * Develop and manage departmental and nursing policy with a particular emphasis on change management. Monitor as appropriate and lead on proactive improvement. * Ensure compliance with legal requirements, policies and procedures affecting service users, staff and other hospital matters. * Actively participate 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 Description 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 on work contexts, departmental and/or role specific duties, please click** [**here**](#Info)**.** |
| **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.   **Proactive Approach to Planning & Managing Resources**  *For example:*   * Senses and keeps an ear to the ground on the corporate agenda. Leads on translating the corporate agenda into practical service planning. * Shows awareness of service needs; is able to analyse and assess current systems and demand levels to develop best system, based on needs. * Acts as the conduit to ensure that the learning from new service practices actively shapes future service plans. * Shows system understanding and the ability to balance multiple resourcing issues; can skilfully deploy and adjust human resources to meet changes, demands and contingencies.   **Leadership & Team Management Skills**  *For example:*   * Demonstrates the ability to lead on clinical practice. * Articulates a vision and sets clear objectives for service delivery. * Demonstrate the ability to work within, lead and manage a team. * Is open to, leads and manages change. Makes a positive case for change / introduces new ways of working and sells the benefits of change to others; supports and monitors the implementation of change.   **Commitment to providing a Quality Service**  *For example:*   * Demonstrate a strong commitment to the delivery of quality service. * Demonstrate the ability to lead on service quality and participate in the service planning and development process. * Demonstrate knowledge of quality assurance practices and their application to nursing procedures. * Demonstrate motivation, initiative and an innovative approach to job and service developments.   **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; applies research findings to improve nursing practice and processes. * 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.   **Communication and Interpersonal**  *For example:*   * Demonstrates sensitivity to issues arising from multiple stakeholders. * Demonstrates good negotiation skills and assertiveness as appropriate. * Tailors communication to suit the needs of the audience and demonstrates sensitivity, diplomacy and tact when dealing with others. * Demonstrate resilience and composure in dealing with situations. |
| **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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| **CNM3 (Mental Health)**  **Contextual, Departmental and/or Role Specific Information:** |
| *Here you will find role specific information related to working in different contexts/ departments/ areas.*  *This information has been sourced from previously advertised Job Specifications where additional information was 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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| **Context / Department / Area** | **Additional Duties & Responsibilities relevant to the role** |
| **Quality and Compliance**  **And/ or**  **Quality Audit Research & Policy Development** | * Lead in the co-ordination of the Psychiatric Nursing Service’s continuous quality improvement programme to support and ensure the delivery of the highest standard of psychiatric nursing care and ensure a high degree of patient/client satisfaction. * Assist in evaluation of clinical effectiveness of current practices within the service and identify and implement best practice standards of care, taking account of patient need and evolving evidence-based practice. * Ensure that risks identified within nursing metrics and other nursing or service audit processes are resolved through Quality Improvement Plans and re-Audit developed with the relevant Clinical Nurse Manager / Service manager and staff. * Participate in the local Quality & Patient safety committee and work in collaboration with other members of this committee for the development of quality initiatives. * Develop and implement processes within the Approved Centres for the implementation of the Judgement Support Framework including a process of self-audit and review. * Train as a trainer for the HSE Best Practice Guidelines for Mental Health Services and support a service implementation plan for these guidelines to include continuous quality improvement cycle. * Lead out on initiatives which will focus on reducing seclusion and physical restraint practices within the approved centres. * Assist in the service Mandatory Training programme which may include delivery of specific training and / or identify service training deficits and bring to the attention of the local Quality & Patient Safety Committee. |

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 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/>

   2 See link on health and safety web-pages to latest Incident Management Policy [↑](#footnote-ref-2)