

**Radiation Therapist, Clinical Specialist (INSERT SPECIALISM)**

**Job Specification & Terms and Conditions**

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| **Job Title, Grade Code** | **Radiation Therapist, Clinical Specialist (INSERT SPECIALISM)**  (Grade Code: 3964) |
| **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 |
| **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** | *Example:* To provide specialist clinical care including safe and accurate radiotherapy services to service users in conjunction with the Radiation Therapy and wider healthcare teams. |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | *The Radiation Therapist, Clinical Specialist will:*  **Clinical / Professional**   * Provide specialist clinical care and support within a team of Radiation Therapists for an allocated area (planning / pre-treatment area / CT simulator / treatment unit or clinical area) ensuring safe and accurate delivery of radiotherapy planning and treatment processes. * Ensure professional standards are maintained in accordance with the requirements as set out by CORU <https://coru.ie/files-recognition/standards-of-proficiency-for-radiographers-radiation-therapists.pdf>. * Ensure that the needs of patients and their carers are at the core of the delivery of radiotherapy services. Monitor the patient's mental and physical condition to ensure safety and accuracy of procedure. * Undertake and / or independently check specialised dose calculations and complex planning data throughout the processes of localisation, simulation, planning, verification and treatment delivery. * Adhere to legislation governing the use of Ionising Radiations and ensure staff and students within area of responsibility are compliant. * Communicate in a clear and empathetic manner to clients and carers to address any concerns. * Provide advice to patients either in person or by referral to another health care professional (i.e. Dietitian, Social Worker, Physiotherapist, etc.) * Develop and maintain effective communication with the multidisciplinary team to ensure there is an effective flow of information relating to radiotherapy and to promote mutual respect and understanding of professional roles and responsibilities. * Participate in the development of radiotherapy policies, procedures, work instructions and clinical protocols and in the process of internal and external audit. * Support the Radiation Therapy Service Manager in setting, monitoring and maintaining the highest standards of care within the radiotherapy quality management system.   **Education & Training**   * Participate in mandatory training. * Keep up-to-date in all aspects of radiotherapy and take responsibility for own continuous professional development, undertaking appropriate training and maintaining high levels of evidence based clinical skills and competence to practice. * Provide leadership at local / Group level for the professional development of Radiation Therapists and contribute to the development of other professions as required. * Provide specialist clinical training and supervision for less experienced Radiation Therapists. Provide support through coaching and mentoring as required. * Develop and maintain a training function as may be required in relation to qualified staff / trainees / students. Supervise and assess impact of training. * Be responsible, in partnership with wider network management, for the education of student Radiation Therapists through provision of placements and through support for Radiation Therapists who are practice educators within their department.   **Risk Management, Health & Safety**   * Work in a safe manner with due care and attention to the safety of self and others. * Report all incidents, errors and near misses immediately and ensure that corrective and preventive measures are implemented. Investigate and take appropriate action in accordance with hospital policy in relation to complaints, accidents and incidents. * Ensure that all radiotherapy equipment is safe and accurate to operate and immediately report any faults. Maintain accurate records of equipment service, maintenance, malfunction, downtime and performance as required and co-ordinate preventative maintenance schedules in accordance with clinical demand. * 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.   **Management**   * Support the Radiation Therapy Service Manager in the implementation of initiatives aimed at on-going service development and improvement. * Provide regular feedback through the reporting structure including updates on the day to day running of the clinical area of responsibility. * Contribute to the development and implementation of operational policies, protocols and guidelines to ensure optimum utilisation of resources and systematic audit of such usage. * Be cognisant of financial implications associated with service delivery and contribute to financial planning to ensure that appropriate budgetary control procedures are implemented. Manage use of consumables efficiently. * Allocate responsibilities to staff as appropriate. Ensure the optimum and effective use of staff through efficient scheduling, skills / grade mix planning, workload measurement and staff deployment in cooperation with Radiation Therapy Service Manager. Monitor workload pressures on staff and intervene as appropriate. * Take responsibility for managing and improving attendance of staff within area of responsibility in accordance with the HSE Managing Attendance Policy. * Hold regular team briefings and encourage a contribution from all staff. * Advise on equipment selection, purchase, replacement or upgrading and plan for changing circumstances. * Represent the department at meetings as required. * Engage in IT developments as they apply to service user and service administration. * Keep up to date with developments within the organisation and the Irish Health Service * Ensure the correct completion of records and reports. Respect and maintain the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of the service user in relation to all hospital activities as per statutory requirements e.g. FOI, GDPR. * Deputise for the Radiation Therapy Service Manager (RTSM) as required.   **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 them from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.** |
| **Eligibility Criteria**  **Qualifications and/ or experience** | ***Please insert Qualifications for the post. These are available on HSE website at -*** [***http://hse.ie/eng/staff/Jobs/Eligibility\_Criteria/***](about:blank)  **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 mostly relate to a specific role and might include education / experience required for a specific post in a specific location / may include specialisms e.g. ICU course or experience. We don’t include ‘Nice to have’ / ‘Desirable’ criteria – either a criterion is essential to the role or it isn't. Avoid including ‘numerical data’ here e.g. must have x no. of months / years’ experience in XXX. Instead it is more helpful to detail what it is you want the applicants to know / be able to do.** |
| **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 and Experience**  *For example:*   * An advanced level of clinical expertise, knowledge and evidence based practice to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the role in the area of specialism in line with relevant legislation and standards. * An advanced knowledge of molecular oncology, radiation biology, aetiology and epidemiology of main cancer sites. * An enhanced understanding of the theory, concepts and methods pertaining to practice and the variety of approaches to assessment, diagnosis, intervention and treatment, in the specialist area. * An advanced knowledge of other treatment modalities, surgery, chemotherapy, hormone therapy targeted therapies and their interaction with radiation. * Applies specialist knowledge to best practice. * Leads on clinical practice and service quality. * Maximises the use of ICT; computer skills particularly Microsoft Office, Outlook etc. and willingness to develop IT skills relevant to the role.   **Planning and Managing Resources**  *For example:*   * Balances clinical work with other research and educational responsibilities. * Provides flexible interventions to meet the varied needs of individual service users. * Plans and manages the delivery of an optimum service in an effective and resourceful manner, within a model of person-centred care. * Demonstrates a high level of initiative, flexibility and adaptability in response to workforce demands. * Promotes the delivery of a holistic, user-focused approach, which encompasses a multi-professional and inter-professional perspective.   **Managing and Developing (Self and Others)**  *For example:*   * Demonstrates advanced leadership and team skills including the ability to lead by example. * Demonstrates a commitment to managing and developing self and others in a busy working environment. * Deals positively and constructively with obstacles and conflict within teams. * Demonstrates commitment to continuing professional development (CPD) and facilitates staff development by providing support such as; supervising, mentoring, coaching and formal development planning. Develops and/or implements systems to support a CPD culture within the service.   **Commitment to providing a Quality Service**  *For example:*   * Leads on the design, delivery and implementation of a high quality, person centred service. * Designs and develops new, innovative and non-traditional service delivery models which aim to promote a comprehensive and integrated quality service within evolving healthcare structures, overcoming any resource limitations. * Demonstrates and promotes collaborate working relationships as well as having the ability to work independently and exercise a high degree of professional autonomy. * Displays awareness and appreciation of service users and the ability to empathise with and treat others with dignity and respect.   **Evaluating Information and Judging Situations**  *For example:*   * Exercises a high degree of professional autonomy in the analysis of highly complex facts or situations that contribute to the implementation of a treatment or management strategy for the service user. * Effectively analyses and critically evaluates complex information and makes appropriate decisions. * Explains the rationale behind decisions confidently when faced with opposing or competing demands. Is objective but also aware of sensitivities in their approach. * Regularly quantifies and evaluates activities against service plans and takes timely action to correct potential difficulties and/or to respond to changing needs. Recognises how service constraints impact on service delivery.   **Communications and Interpersonal Skills**  *For example:*   * Displays effective communication skills (written & verbal) e.g. presents written information in a clear, concise and well-structured manner / communicates complex information by tailoring the communication method and the message to match the needs of the audience. * Demonstrates sound interpersonal skills including the ability to collaborate effectively with a wide range of people, colleagues, families, carers etc. * Demonstrates sensitivity, diplomacy and tact when dealing with others and is patient and tolerant when dealing with conflict or negative attitudes from others. * Demonstrates strong negotiation skills, remains firm but flexible when putting forward a point of view. |
| **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. |
| **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. |

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

**1) Please remember to delete any prompts and / or tables (in dark blue) in the sections above**

**2) 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/>

   2 See link on health and safety web-pages to latest Incident Management Policy [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)