

# Area Director of Nursing, (Mental Health) Grade Code 2526

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 **Area Director of Nursing**, (Mental Health).

#### 1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

- (a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:
  - Are registered, or are eligible for registration, in the Psychiatric Division of the Register of Nurses and Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann).

#### And

(ii) Have ten years post registration psychiatric nursing experience and five years psychiatric nursing management experience of which two should be at ADON level.

#### And

(iii) Possess a post graduate qualification at not less than level 9 (QQI) in a health care or nursing management related area.

#### And

(iv) Demonstrate evidence of ongoing Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

#### And

(b) Candidates must possess the requisite clinical, leadership, managerial and administrative knowledge and ability for the proper discharge of the office.

# 2. <u>Annual registration</u>

Practitioners must maintain live annual registration on the Psychiatric Division of the Nurses & Midwives Register maintained by Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann).

# 3. <u>Age</u>

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.

# 4. <u>Health</u>

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.

### 5. Character

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January two thousand and sixteen.

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**Rosarii Mannion** National Director of Human Resources