**Staff Nurse (General)**

**Job Specification**

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| **Job Title and Grade** | **Staff Nurse (General)** *(Grade Code 2135)* |
| **Competition Reference** | ULH010820181SN |
| **Proposed Interview Date(s)** | Monthly |
| **Location of Post** | ULHG |
| **Details of Service** | Information about specific sites will be provided at Expression of Interest stage including information on services provided, team structures, possible future developments etc. |
| **Reporting Relationship** | The post holder:   * Is professionally accountable to the Director of Nursing or designated officer * Will report to the Clinical Nurse Manager 2 or designated officer |
| **Purpose of the Post** | The Staff Nurse will assess, plan, implement and evaluate care to the highest professional and ethical standards within the model of nursing care practiced in the relevant care setting. The staff nurse will provide holistic, person centred care, promoting optimum independence and enhancing the quality of life for service users. |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | **Professional Responsibilities**   * Practice Nursing according to the Code of Professional Conduct as laid down by the Nursing Board (An Bórd Altranais) and Professional Clinical Guidelines * Adhere to national, regional and local Health Service Executive (HSE) guidelines, policies, protocols and legislation * Work within their scope of practice and take measures to develop and maintain the competence necessary for professional practice * Maintain a high standard of professional behaviour and be accountable for their practice * Be aware of ethical policies and procedures which pertain to their area of practice * Respect and maintain the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of the patient * Follow appropriate lines of authority within the Nurse Management structure   **Clinical Practice**   * Deliver the nursing care of an assigned group of patients within a best practice / evidence based framework * Manage a designated caseload * Promote the health, welfare and social wellbeing of patients within our services * Actively participate as a multi-disciplinary / inter-disciplinary team member in all aspects of service delivery including case conferences, clinical meetings, team meetings * Assess, plan, implement and evaluate individual person centred care programmes within an agreed framework and in accordance with best practice * Develop and promote good interpersonal relationships with patients, their family / social network supports and the interdisciplinary care team in the promotion of person centred care * Ensure that care is carried out in an empathetic and ethical manner and that the dignity and spiritual needs of the patient are respected * Promote and recognise the patients’ social and cultural dimensions of care and the need for links with their local community * Collaborate and work closely with the patient, their family, the multi-disciplinary / inter-disciplinary team, external agencies and services to facilitate discharge planning, continuity of care and specific care requirements * Provide appropriate and timely education and information to the patient, their family and be an advocate for the individual patient and for their family * Report and consult with senior nursing management on clinical issues as appropriate * Maintain appropriate and accurate written nursing records and reports regarding patient care in accordance with local / national / professional guidelines * Participate in innovation and change in the approach to patient care delivery particularly in relation to new research findings, evidence based practice and advances in treatment * Participate in clinical audit and review * Participate in community needs assessment and ongoing community delivery of care as appropriate * Undertake Key Worker role as appropriate * Promote a positive health concept with patients and colleagues and contribute to health promotion and disease prevention initiatives of the Health Service Executive * Delegate to and supervise the work of other grades of staff within the remit of their role, as appropriate * Demonstrate flexibility by rotating / assisting in other units / care settings as required to meet nursing resource needs and the requirements of the integrated services programme (ISP) * Refer clients to other services as required   **Clinical Governance**   * Participate in clinical governance structures within the local / regional / national clinical governance framework * Have a working knowledge of HIQA Standards as they apply to the role / care setting, for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc. * Contribute to ongoing monitoring, audit and evaluation of the service as appropriate * Accurately record and report all complaints to appropriate personnel according to local service policy * Participate in the development of policies / procedures and guidelines to support compliance with current legal requirements, where existing, for the safe storage and administration of medicines and other clinical products * Participate in the development of policies / procedures and guidelines with health, safety, fire, risk and management personnel and participate in their development in conjunction with relevant staff and in compliance with statutory obligations * Observe, report and take appropriate action on any matter which may be detrimental to patient care or well being * Be aware of, and comply with, the principles of clinical governance including quality, risk and health and safety and be individually responsible for clinical governance, risk management / health and safety issues in their area of work * Participate in the development, promotion and implementation of infection prevention and control guidelines * Adhere to organisational dress code * Assume responsibility for and coordinate the management of the unit / care setting in the absence of the Clinical Nurse Manager   **Education, Training & Development**   * Take responsibility for own competency and learning and development needs and actively contribute to the learning and development of the interdisciplinary team * Complete all mandatory training as deemed necessary by the Director of Nursing and ABA * Participate in performance evaluation / review with their line manager, identifying areas for improvement and appropriate plans / measures to achieve them * Provide feedback to the Clinical Nurse Manager or the designated officer with regard to compilation of proficiency assessments for students in the clinical setting * Develop and use reflective practice techniques to inform and guide practice as part of their daily work * Identify and contribute to the continual enhancement of learning opportunities within a population health framework * Participate in the clinical / workplace induction of all new nursing and support staff * Contribute to the identification of training needs pertinent to the clinical area * Develop teaching skills and participate in the planning and implementation of orientation, training and teaching programmes for nursing students and other health-care staff as appropriate * Having undergone appropriate training, act as a mentor / preceptor or clinical assessor for students * Participate in the development of performance indicators in conjunction with the Clinical Nurse Manager * Participate in innovation and change in the approach to service user care delivery, and contribute to the service planning process, based on best practice and under the direction of Nurse Management / Nurse Practice Development, particularly in relation to new research findings and advances in treatment   **Administration**   * Ensure that records are safeguarded and managed as per HSE / local policy and in accordance with relevant legislation * Work closely with colleagues across the integrated services programme in order to provide a seamless service delivery to the client within the integrated services programme * Maintain records and submit activity data / furnish appropriate reports to the Director of Nursing as required * Contribute to policy development and formulation, performance monitoring, business planning and budgetary control * Maintain professional standards including patient and data confidentiality * Contribute to the development and implementation of information sharing protocols, audit systems, referral pathways, individual care plans and shared care arrangements * Contribute to ongoing monitoring, audit and evaluation of the service as appropriate * Ensure that the care setting is maintained in good order using appropriate models, that supplies are adequate and that all equipment is in good working order and ready for immediate use * Ensure that equipment is safe to use and report any malfunctions in a timely manner * Assist with ordering of supplies as required and ensure the appropriate and efficient use of supplies is made and exercise economy in the use of consumables * Undertake other duties as required by the Director of Nursing or his / her designate   **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** | Be registered in the General Division of the Register of Nurses kept by An Bord Altranais or be entitled to be so registered  **and**  Have the clinical and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role  **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 |
| **Skills, competencies and/or knowledge** | * Demonstrate practitioner competence and professionalism in order to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the role * Display evidence-based clinical knowledge in making decisions regarding client care * Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development * Demonstrate evidence of effective planning and organising skills * Demonstrate the ability to build and maintain relationships including the ability to work effectively as part of a multi disciplinary team * Demonstrate evidence of ability to empathise with and treat patients, relatives and colleagues with dignity and respect * Demonstrate effective analytical, problem solving and decision making skills * Demonstrates excellent communication skills, including sufficient command of the English language so as to effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of the role * Demonstrates an awareness of legislation and standards relevant to the role * Demonstrate an awareness of developments within the HSE * Demonstrate knowledge of the HSE Transformation Programme * Demonstrate a willingness to engage and develop IT skills relevant to the role |
| **Competition Specific Selection Process**  **Shortlisting / Interview** | Short listing may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for short listing 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 shortlisting stage of this process (where applied) will be called forward to interview. |
| **Code of Practice** | The Health Service Executive will run this campaign in compliance with the Code of Practice prepared by the Commissioners for Public Service Appointments (CPSA). The Code of Practice sets out how the core principles of probity, merit, equity and fairness might be applied on a principle basis. The Code also specifies the responsibilities placed on candidates, feedback facilitates for applicants on matters relating to their application when requested, and outlines procedures in relation to requests for a review of the recruitment and selection process and review in relation to allegations of a breach of the Code of Practice. Additional information on the HSE’s review process is available in the document posted with each vacancy entitled “Code of Practice, Information For Candidates”.  Codes of practice are published by the CPSA and are available on [www.careersinhealthcare.ie](http://www.careersinhealthcare.ie) in the document posted with each vacancy entitled “Code of Practice, information for candidates or on [www.cpsa-online.ie](http://www.cpsa-online.ie). |
| **The reform programme outlined for the Health Services may impact on this role and as structures change the job description 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.** | |

**Staff Nurse**

**Terms and Conditions of Employment**

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| **Tenure** | The appointment is permanent / temporary (as previously notified) and pensionable.  Appointment as an employee of the Health Service Executive is governed by the Health Act 2004 and the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointment) Act 2004. |
| **Remuneration** | The Salary scale for the post is:  €29,860, €31,654, €32,734, €33,951, €35,487, €37,019, €38,546, €39,866, €41,189, €42,506, €43,824, €45,119, €46,501 **LSI 01/09/2019.** |
| **Working Week** | The standard working week applying to the post is 39 hours.  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 is to be confirmed at job offer stage. |
| **Superannuation** | All pensionable staff become members of the pension scheme.  Applicants for posts in the Mental Health service are advised that Section 65 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, does not apply to new entrants to the Mental Health Services as defined by the Public Service Superannuation(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004 (Section 12 of that Act) New entrants |
| **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 recruited between 1 April 2004 and 31 December 2012 (new entrants) have no compulsory retirement age.  Public servants recruited since 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 an 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. |
| **HIQA Standards** | Have a working knowledge of 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. |
| **Protection of Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998** | This post is one of those designated in accordance with Section 2 of the Protection of Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act, 1998. You will remain a designated officer for the duration of your appointment in this post or for the duration of your appointment to such other post as is included in the categories specified in the Ministerial Direction. Such officer will on receiving a report of child abuse formally notify the Principal Social Worker in the community care area in which the child is living. An information pack containing more specific details will be issued on appointment to the post. |
| **Infection Control** | All HSE employees must have a working knowledge of 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. |