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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Betsi Cadwaladr
University Health Board

JOB DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE

JOB DETAILS:

Job Title	Registered Nurse
Pay Band	Band 5
Hours of Work and Nature of Contract	To be completed on recruitment
Division/Directorate	Nursing
Department	
Base	To be completed on recruitment

ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Managerially Accountable to:	Ward manager/Team Leader/Nurse Manager
Reports to: Name Line Manager	Nurse in charge
Professionally Responsible to:	Clinical Lead Nurse, Senior Nurse Manager, Nurse Manager

Job Purpose:

The post holder is responsible for the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of evidenced-based nursing care, working collaboratively and co-operatively with others to meet the needs of patients and their families.

Assist in the management and organisation of their clinical area and participating in the education, development and supervision of other staff members.

Managerial / Leadership.

- Will be required (dependent on level of experience) to take charge of a group of patients/clients with the guidance and supervision of the person with continuing responsibility/ Nurse in charge.
- Co-ordinate the work of healthcare support workers, assistant practitioners, students, preceptorship nurse (depending on level of experience) in the delivery of nursing care.
- Supervise healthcare support workers, assistant practitioners, students, preceptorship nurse (depending of the level of experience) of the nursing team, and participate in their education and development.
- Maintain confidentiality with sensitive information i.e. staffing, financial and patient issues.
- Record patient's property ensuring that procedures are compliant with Health Board Policies and protocols.
- Participate in service development by contributing to the development of team, through unit/department meetings.
- Participate in the effective and efficient use of physical and financial resources.
- Have an awareness of own limitations and escalate to a more senior level circumstances/situations that may be detrimental to the well being of patients or colleagues.
- Ensure knowledge of staffing policies and statutory guidance relating to area of work and professional accountability relating to staffing
- Support department manager by contributing to the evaluation and risk assessment of staffing levels on a shift by shift basis, undertaking any actions within level of competence to resolve staffing
- Ensure concerns relating to staffing are raised with Nurse In Charge/Matron and entered on Datix
- Have an awareness of harms dashboard and support manager to ensure actions implemented where trajectory outside of agreed parameters, or escalation whereby outside of local control.
- Participate in Ward accreditation for own area supporting ward manager in ensuring actions put in place and monitored as a result.

Clinical.

- Assess the patients nursing needs, plan, implement and evaluate nursing care in order to ensure the delivery of effective patient care.
- Ensure the principles set out in the Fundamentals of Care are incorporated into daily practice to ensure a high quality service for the patients and clients.
- Maintain patients nursing records to ensure information is accurate and up to date
- Ensure that patients and carers/relatives are involved in the planning and delivery of care.
- Ensure patient needs are met by working collaboratively with other professionals and agencies, especially in relation to ongoing care needs.
- Ensure that effective communication is established and maintained with patients and carers/relatives, taking accurate message information on the phone or from

seniors, relaying all environmental and patient information to the nurse in charge and remain polite and courteous at all times.

- Communicate complex and sensitive information to patients/families, including patients with special needs/learning disabilities or other barriers to communication.
- Assess patient's suitability for discharge following medical review and instigate discharge planning arrangements. Liaise with multidisciplinary teams as appropriate to assist in complex discharge planning.
- Administer medication e.g. intravenous, intramuscular/subcutaneous medications, ensuring that procedures are compliant with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Policy Board Policy.
- Carry out procedures in relation to care of patients e.g. catheterisation, removal of sutures, aseptic technique in line with ANTT requirements
- Ensure that the patient is safely prepared for and escorted to/from theatre endoscopy and other investigations or procedures relevant to area of work.
- Recognise and respond appropriately to urgent and emergency situations.
- Participate in the responsibility to maintain a clean environment and ensure all members of staff follow cleaning responsibilities.

Clinical Governance.

- Take a proactive role in the management of risk. i.e. risk assessments, reporting incidents and near misses.
- Undertake all reasonable precautions for a safe and secure environment for self and others in accordance with Health and Safety legislation reporting any areas of concern to the Nurse in Charge.
- Use evidence based practice in nursing interventions by keeping self updated in line with NMC Revalidation requirements
- Ensure compliance with policies, procedures and clinical guidelines for self and others.
- Promote excellence and improve standards of nursing care by being involved in audit within the clinical area e.g. infection control audits.
- Participate in the monitoring of standards and quality of nursing care, through benchmarking, audit and research.
- Participate in patient and public involvement activities.
- Promote people's equality, diversity and rights.

Education and Development.

- With the relevant experience act as a supervisor , mentor or assessor for students or Healthcare support workers
- Develop own skills and knowledge and contribute to development of others.
- Develop own skills and knowledge as outlines in the knowledge and skills framework and personal development plan as agreed in an annual professional development review.
- Participate in the induction and training of new staff members and pre-registration students, acting as a mentor/supervisor/assessor to students as required.

Professional Accountability.

- Limiting ones actions to those which you feel competent to undertake.

- Maintain active status on NMC Register.
- Act in accordance with NMC Code and guiding documents.
- Adhere to Health Board Policies and Procedures.
- Maintain up to date skills and knowledge and maintain awareness of professional issues.
- Maintain a professional portfolio.
- Ensure compliance with meeting Health Board Mandatory Training requirements and any other training deemed essential for the role

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Include those relevant to the post requirements;

- **Values:** All employees of the Health Board are required to demonstrate and embed the Values and Behaviour Statements in order for them to become an integral part of the post holder's working life and to embed the principles into the culture of the organisation.
- **Registered Health Professional:** All employees who are required to register with a professional body, to enable them to practice within their profession, are required to comply with their code of conduct and requirements of their professional registration.
- **Healthcare Support Workers:** Healthcare Support Workers make a valuable and important contribution to the delivery of high quality healthcare. The national Code of Conduct for NHS Wales describes the standards of conduct, behaviour and attitude required of all Healthcare Support Workers employed within NHS Wales. Health Care Support Workers are responsible, and have a duty of care, to ensure their conduct does not fall below the standards detailed in the Code and that no act or omission on their part harms the safety and wellbeing of service users and the public, whilst in their care.
- **Competence:** At no time should the post holder work outside their defined level of competence. If there are concerns regarding this, the post holder should immediately discuss them with their Manager/Supervisor. Employees have a responsibility to inform their Manager/Supervisor if they doubt their own competence to perform a duty.
- **Learning and Development:** All staff must undertake induction/orientation programmes at Corporate and Departmental level and must ensure that any statutory/mandatory training requirements are current and up to date. Where considered appropriate, staff are required to demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development.
- **Performance Appraisal:** We are committed to developing our staff and you are responsible for participating in an Annual Performance Development Review of the post.
- **Health & Safety:** All employees of the organisation have a statutory duty of care for their own personal safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions. The post holder is required to co-operate with management to enable the organisation to meet its own legal duties and to report any hazardous situations or

defective equipment. The post holder must adhere to the organisation's Risk Management, Health and Safety and associate policies.

- **Risk Management:** It is a standard element of the role and responsibility of all staff of the organisation that they fulfil a proactive role towards the management of risk in all of their actions. This entails the risk assessment of all situations, the taking of appropriate actions and reporting of all incidents, near misses and hazards.
- **Welsh Language:** All employees must perform their duties in strict compliance with the requirements of their organisation's Welsh Language Scheme and take every opportunity to promote the Welsh language in their dealings with the public.
- **Information Governance:** The post holder must at all times be aware of the importance of maintaining confidentiality and security of information gained during the course of their duties. This will in many cases include access to personal information relating to service users.
- **Data Protection Act 1998:** The post holder must treat all information, whether corporate, staff or patient information, in a discreet and confidential manner in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and Organisational Policy. Any breach of such confidentiality is considered a serious disciplinary offence, which is liable to dismissal and / or prosecution under current statutory legislation (Data Protection Act) and the HB Disciplinary Policy.
- **Records Management:** As an employee of this organisation, the post holder is legally responsible for all records that they gather, create or use as part of their work within the organisation (including patient health, staff health or injury, financial, personal and administrative), whether paper based or on computer. All such records are considered public records and the post holder has a legal duty of confidence to service users (even after an employee has left the organisation). The post holder should consult their manager if they have any doubt as to the correct management of records with which they work.
- **Equality and Human Rights:** The Public Sector Equality Duty in Wales places a positive duty on the HB to promote equality for people with protected characteristics, both as an employer and as a provider of public services. There are nine protected characteristics: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation. The HB is committed to ensuring that no job applicant or employee receives less favourable treatment on any of the above grounds. To this end, the organisation has an Equality Policy and it is for each employee to contribute to its success.
- **Dignity at Work:** The organisation condemns all forms of bullying and harassment and is actively seeking to promote a workplace where employees are treated fairly and with dignity and respect. All staff are requested to report any form of bullying and harassment to their Line Manager or to any Director of the organisation. Any inappropriate behaviour inside the workplace will not be tolerated and will be treated as a serious matter under the HB/Trust Disciplinary Policy.
- **DBS Disclosure Check:** In this role you will have * direct / indirect contact with*

patients/service users/ children/vulnerable adults in the course of your normal duties. You will therefore be required to apply for a Criminal Record Bureau *Standard / Enhance Disclosure Check as part of the Trust's pre-employment check procedure.
*Delete as appropriate. The post holder does not require a DBS Disclosure Check.
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- **Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults:** The organisation is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. All staff must therefore attend Safeguarding Children training and be aware of their responsibility under the Adult Protection Policy.
- **Infection Control:** The organisation is committed to meet its obligations to minimise infections. All staff are responsible for protecting and safeguarding patients, service users, visitors and employees against the risk of acquiring healthcare associated infections. This responsibility includes being aware of the content of and consistently observing Health Board Infection Prevention & Control Policies and Procedures.
- **No Smoking:** To give all patients, visitors and staff the best chance to be healthy, all Health Board sites, including buildings and grounds, are smoke free.

Flexibility Statement: The duties of the post are outlined in this Job Description and Person Specification and may be changed by mutual agreement from time to time.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	METHOD of ASSESSMENT
Knowledge and Qualifications	NMC registered	- Evidence of post registration study and training, e.g. - POVA - Child Protection - Intermediate Life Support if required in clinical setting	NMC Registration Application form
Experience	- Pre-registration evidence in direct nursing care - Experience of providing holistic nursing care - Interest in developing nursing skills	- Clear understanding of clinical governance framework - Implement evidence based practice	Application form Interview
Skills and competencies	- Clear understanding of contract of care - Ability to document details clearly and accurately - Clear understanding of consent process - Basic IT skills	- Knowledge of incident reporting policy - Awareness of Policies Knowledge of incident reporting policy	Application form Interview
Personal/Disposition	- Ability to communicate effectively - Ability to work under pressure.	Welsh speaker	References

