

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	Lead Nurse Specialist Practice: Cardiology	
DIVISION:	Cardiovascular	
SALARY BAND:	8a	
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Head of Nursing	
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	Deputy Director of nursing	
HOURS PER WEEK:	37.5	
LOCATION:	Cross-site	
MANAGES:	Directly:	Heart Failure and CRM specialist nurses
	Indirectly:	HCA's
<p>JOB SUMMARY:</p> <p>The Lead Nurse Specialist Practice role will incorporate the dimensions of expert clinical practice, education, leadership, management and research.</p> <p>The post holder will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To liaise with all key members of the multidisciplinary team to advise and support colleagues in the delivery of specialised patient care across professional boundaries. • To work autonomously to deliver specialist clinical care appropriate to the needs of the patient group and based on principles that are research based and enhance the quality of patient care. • To undertake nurse led clinics and to be responsible for excellent standards of nursing care to patients through the planning, co-ordinating, delivering and evaluating nurse-led clinics and services. • To line manage clinical nurse specialists within speciality and across boundaries. • To lead and support with specialist nursing knowledge the development, and implementation of programmes of nursing care for individual patients and the client group as a whole. • To contribute to the facilitation of the planning, delivery and evaluation of care pathways for a designated group of patients. • To contribute to training and education within specialist area. • To promote an innovative and progressive attitude to the continual improvement of patient care through reviewing the evidence base and embedding this in practice through engagement in research activities, including QI work. • To act as a visible role model and expert practitioner. • To deputise for the senior matron when required • To cross-cover with the Lead Nurse for RACP and cardiac rehab 		

Date of the JD review: 25.07.2022

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Royal Free World Class Values

The post holder will offer World Class Care to service users, staff, colleagues, clients and patients alike so that everyone at the Royal Free can feel:

- **Welcome** all of the time
- Confident because we are clearly **communicating**
- **Respected** and cared for
- **Reassured** that they are always in safe hands

1. CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1 Maintain a professional behaviour at all times and promote a positive image of Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust at all times, in line with World Class Care values.
- 1.2 Ensure that the needs of patients are placed at the centre of care delivery, thus achieving trust and national standards for clinical quality, safety and patient experience.
- 1.3 To lead, negotiate, supervise, participate in, and manage caseload of patients within nurse led clinics both on and off site using advanced clinical assessment skills and clinical judgement to take a detailed history, physically assess, make any required differential diagnosis, order any tests or investigations required to confirm diagnosis, prescribe medication, evaluate and review treatment plan.
- 1.4 Make any alterations in patient's current treatment plan or drug regimen required in response to evaluating test & investigation results or changes in patients' condition. Use advanced clinical knowledge & expertise in undertaking clinical assessments in partnership with patients and other professionals, using agreed protocols, but also where there are no appropriate precedents
- 1.5 Provide professional, clinical and managerial leadership to nursing and associated staff, and ensure the provision of a high quality, responsive nursing service.
- 1.6 Collaborate on all aspects of quality management related to the nursing and clinical area.
- 1.7 Assist in the evaluation of the service and patient care, including monitoring of patient experience and ensuring this is fed back to patients and the wider team.
- 1.8 Lead the implementation of improvements in nursing practices within own areas of responsibility in line with local and national agenda and patient feedback.
- 1.9 To have a thorough understanding of safeguarding procedures and knowledgeable with respect to safeguarding triggers and risks.
- 1.10 To be professionally and legally responsible and accountable for all aspects of own clinical and professional activities.
- 1.11 To recognise the limits of own clinical knowledge and skills and to seek medical support whenever needed to provide safe, effective and timely patient care.
- 1.12 Taking account of national policy, to ensure that core, specialist and advanced nursing practice is developed to meet service need, through the

use of research and evidenced based practice, ensuring they are linked to the clinical governance and patient safety agendas.

- 1.13** To contribute to the investigation of complaints and untoward incidents and ensure recommendations and related education/training programmes/action plans are implemented.
- 1.14** To promote new and innovative forms of nursing practice, backed up by relevant education and training plans, to deliver care that enhances access to the department and specialist services.
- 1.15** Maintain awareness of relevant research, evaluations and audit, and act on this information in collaboration with colleagues to continually develop the service.
- 1.16** Direct and support nursing staff in their commitment to advancing nursing / clinical practice through the use of research and the implementation of evidence-based practice.
- 1.17** Contribute to the creation and design, with other multi-professional team members, care pathways for referral of cardiology patients with the aim of disseminating good practice and improving outcomes throughout the trust.
- 1.18** Act in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Code of Professional Conduct and Scope for Expanded Practices for Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENTS

- 2.1** Act as autonomous first line of contact for patients seeking advice or support.
- 2.2** Provides professional and clinical leadership, providing a highly visible and authoritative presence ensuring the delivery of excellence in core, specialist and advanced nursing practice, audit, research, and service and practice development agendas.
- 2.3** To identify outcome measures which illustrate the quality of the service in line with national targets with a particular emphasis on establishing ways to show patient related outcome measures.
- 2.4** Recognises and champions innovations in nursing practice ensuring they are supported, evaluated and contribute to develop an evidence base to meet the needs of the patients, families, relatives and staff.
- 2.5** Communicates highly complex and sensitive information to patients, carers and other staff whilst promoting a culture of shared decision making across all sites to support patients through the decision making process.
- 2.6** Able to diffuse potentially hostile and antagonistic situations with staff, patients and relatives, using highly developed interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- 2.7** Contributes to service developments and innovations across the speciality and relevant external agencies, locally and nationally.
- 2.8** Contributes to the trust's nursing and professional agenda and promotes the trust as an international centre of excellence and national leader in the speciality.
- 2.9** Nationally aware of patient pathways and patient experience initiatives, and be able to implement these locally working together with patient groups

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICY AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1** Developing innovative models of care and effective patient pathways using QI and CPG methodology that ensure patients receive the best possible service which is delivered closer to patients' homes.
- 3.2** Liaise with other members of the multi-disciplinary team to ensure seamless patient care through the development of protocols and care pathways.
- 3.3** Contribute to protocols, documentation systems, standards, policies and clinical guidelines for others to use in practice.
- 3.4** To work with the senior management team to ensure that divisional and trust objectives are met.
- 3.5** In conjunction with the senior management team participate in business planning cycle, identifying areas of service development, focusing in particular on those related to nursing / education / training / research activities.
- 3.6** Contribute to organisational development projects to transform clinical services to meet the needs of world class nursing for the future.

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES

- 4.1** Provide support to the team acting as an expert resource, demonstrating tenacity, drive, professional integrity, balance and perspective.
- 4.2** Make effective use of resources available to support and enhance patient care.

5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEADING AND MANAGING

- 5.1** Provide professional, clinical and managerial leadership to nursing and associated staff, and ensure the provision of a high quality, responsive nursing service.
- 5.2** Contribute to the workforce and financial planning for nursing and support services within own areas of responsibility and where appropriate, work collaboratively across the trust to support these initiatives.
- 5.3** Engage in the implementation of improvements in nursing practices within own areas of responsibility in line with local and national agenda and patient feedback.
- 5.4** To have a thorough understanding of safeguarding procedures and knowledgeable with respect to safeguarding triggers and risks.
- 5.5** To ensure the delivery and compliance of mandatory training requirements for specialist nursing team when appropriate.

6. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMATION RESOURCES

- 6.1** Act as a resource to nursing staff in relation to the analysis of audit, research and quality improvement data.
- 6.2** Contributes to the development of appropriate outcomes and service impact measures to evaluate patient response and service development needs.
- 6.3** Ensures all information is stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Caldecott guidance.
- 6.4** Identify educational and training requirements on Information Resources for all relevant staff.
- 6.5** Process information electronically and manually.
- 6.6** Ensure information is communicated through the appropriate trust channels as required.
- 6.7** Oversees high standards of record keeping within areas of responsibility.

7. RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1** To undertake relevant research including the measurement and evaluation of the service by the process of audit and patient satisfaction.
- 7.2** To develop specific audits which support service improvement, or assess the benefits and outcomes following service improvements.
- 7.3** To have a good understanding of the research process and current trends in relation to areas of responsibility.
- 7.4** Contribute to the use of evidence to support practice and generate ideas for the potential generation of new evidence related to specialty.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Infection Control

Infection control is everyone's responsibility. All staff, both clinical and non clinical, are required to adhere to the Trust's Infection Prevention and Control policies and procedures and The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice for the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections and make every effort to maintain high standards of infection control at all times thereby reducing the risk of Healthcare Associated infections.

It is the duty of every member of staff to take personal responsibility for the prevention and control of infection, as laid down in the Trust's policies and procedures which reflect the statutory requirements of the Hygiene Code.

- To work in close collaboration with the Infection Control Team.
- To ensure that monitoring of clinical practice is undertaken at the agreed frequency.
- To ensure that the ward environments are cleaned and maintained to the highest standards; ensuring that shortfalls are rectified, or escalate as necessary.
- To ensure that all relevant monitoring data and issues are provided to the Directorate's Governance structures.
- To ensure that all staff are released to attend infection control-related educational sessions and staff with specialist roles, e.g. link practitioners, are released to undertake their duties.

Health and Safety at Work

The post holder is required to:

- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of himself/herself and other persons who may be affected by their actions or omissions at work.
- Co-operate with the employer in ensuring that all statutory and other requirements are complied with.

Confidentiality & Data Protection

The post holder has a responsibility to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 and maintain confidentiality of staff, patients and Trust business.

If you are required to process information, you should do so in a fair and lawful way, ensuring accuracy is maintained. You should hold information only for the specific registered purpose and not use or disclose it in any way incompatible with such a purpose.

You should disclose information only to authorised persons or organisations as instructed. Breaches of confidentiality in relation to information will result in disciplinary action, which may include dismissal. Employees are expected to comply with all Trust policies and procedures and to work in accordance of the Data Protection Act 1998.

For those posts where there is management or supervision of other staff it is the responsibility of that employee to ensure that their staff receive appropriate training (e.g. HISS induction, organising refresher sessions for staff when necessary.)

Conflict of Interest

The Trust is responsible for ensuring that the services for patients in its care meet the highest standards. Equally, it is responsible for ensuring that staff do not abuse their official position, to gain or benefit themselves, their family or friends.

Equality and Diversity

The Trust values equality and diversity in employment and in the services we provide. It is committed to promoting equality and diversity in employment and will keep under review our policies and procedures to ensure that the job related needs of all staff working in the Trust are recognised. The Trust aims to ensure that all job applicants, employees or clients are treated fairly and valued equally regardless of sex, marital status, domestic circumstances, age, race, colour, disablement, ethnic or national origin, social background or employment status, sexual orientation, religion, beliefs, HIV status, gender reassignment, political affiliation or trade union membership. Selection for training and development and promotion will be on the basis of the individual's ability to meet the requirements for the job.

You are responsible for ensuring that the Trust's policies, procedures and obligation in respect of promoting equality and diversity are adhered to in relation to both staff and services.

Vulnerable Groups

- To carry out responsibilities in such a way as to minimise risk of harm to children, young people and vulnerable adults and to promote their welfare in accordance with the Children Act 2004, Working Together to Safeguard Children (2006) and No Secrets guidance (DH 2000).
- To demonstrate an understanding of and adhere to the Trust's child protection policies.

No Smoking

The Trust implemented a No Smoking Policy, which applies to all staff. Staff contravening this policy will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

Standards of dress

All staff are expected to abide by the Trust's guidance on standards of dress.

This job description outlines the current main responsibilities of the post. However the duties of the post may change and develop over time and may therefore be amended in consultation with the post holder.

PERSON SPECIFICATION
POST TITLE: LEAD NURSE CARDIOLOGY (HF / CRM)

		Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Assessed through: App Form (A) Interview (I) Test (T)
Royal Free World Class Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrable ability to meet the Trust Values <i>Positively</i> welcoming <i>Actively</i> respectful <i>Clearly</i> communicating <i>Visibly</i> reassuring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A / I
Education & professional Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered general nurse Relevant first degree Master's degree or working towards Relevant qualification and experience in the specialty Appropriate teaching certificate or extensive teaching experience Advanced assessment qualification Evidence of recent professional / management / leadership development Non- medical prescribing course or willingness to undertake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E E D E E E E D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial experience in a senior nurse operational role in an acute NHS setting Experience in running nurse led clinics Proven ability to initiate audits/research & assess evidence Knowledge and experience of leading significant change, delivering tangible and sustained improvements Experience of developing business and workforce plans in line with future service requirements Extensive knowledge and experience of practice and policy across a broad range of responsibilities, e.g. financial systems & budgetary control, corporate and clinical governance, health & safety and human resources Experience of motivating staff and improving individuals and team performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E E D E E E E E E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I A / I

Positively **welcoming** *Actively* **respectful** *Clearly* **communicating** *Visibly* **reassuring**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to build rapport and credibility with senior clinical and managerial colleagues • Experience of managing employment relation issues • Budgetary management skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A / I
Skills and aptitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent communication skills and highly developed interpersonal and influencing skills • Ability to act autonomously in planning & implementing tasks • Ability to organize diverse teams to deliver high standard of patient care • Evidence of participation in audit & the promotion of evidence-based practice • Proven ability to influence others through research findings • To prepare written reports and contribute to business planning and service delivery • Open, participative, dynamic, and supportive leadership with a flexible management style • Successful track record in conflict resolution and performance management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E • E • E • E • E • E • E • E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I
Personal Qualities and attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly professional role model • Organisational skills - able to deliver objectives within an agreed timeframe • Demonstrates the ability to work in a multi professional team • Ability to work under pressure • Continues to advance their specialist knowledge & understanding • Ability to reflect, question & evaluate own practice • To be flexible and approachable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E • E • E • E • E • E • E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I • A / I