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LANCASHIRE TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST WORKFORCE DIRECTORATE

JOB DESCRIPTION (Leadership Position)

JOB TITLE: Sister/Charge Nurse

DIRECTORATE: Orthopaedics

REPORTS TO: Ward Manager

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Matron

KEY RELATIONSHIPS: Ward Manager, Sister/Charge Nurse, Staff Nurse, Consultants

DIRECT REPORTS: Staff nurses, Assistant Practitioners, Healthcare Assistants

HOURS: Full Time

LOCATION: Royal Preston Hospital

BAND: 6

NB: The post holder may be required to work in other departments across the organisation including across sites

DBS (Criminal Record) Check Level required for role:

Please indicate the level of DBS check required in this role	No DBS Required	Standard	Enhanced without Barred List Checks	Enhanced with Child only Barred List Check	Enhanced with Adult only Barred List Check	Enhanced with Child and Adult Barred List Checks

KSF Core Dimension Levels for Role

Communication	Personal & People development	Health, Safety & Security	Service Improvement	Quality	Equality & Diversity
3	4	3	3	3	2

Role Summary

To support the Senior Sister/Charge Nurse, Ward Manager and/or Matron in ensuring the provision of excellent care with compassion for the patients, relatives and visitors who are cared for within the ward. Be responsible for ensuring the planning, delivery and evaluation of care to meet the personalised health and wellbeing care needs of patients, in line with the Trust's Values & Nursing & Midwifery Professional Framework. Provide strong leadership and direction to the team, monitoring and maintaining standards of care and professional practice to support day to day efficient running of the

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clinical area, service. Act as a strong role model and provide development, clinical supervision and advice for other staff and students to support them in reaching their full potential. To ensure the productive operation of the ward environment through the maintenance of a safe, clean and organised environment. To act at all times in a manner that upholds the Trust's Values and the Nursing & Midwifery Professional Framework goals. To work as part of a team to ensure that patients and relatives receive excellent care with compassion.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

The duties and responsibilities listed below should be undertaken in accordance with the levels of competence as defined in the KSF outline for this post.

In addition all staff are expected to act in accordance with the values and behaviours of our organisation

Leadership Framework Profile for Role

(Level of capability required: 0 – Not Required, 1 – Developing, 2 – Capable, 3 – Strong, 4 – Outstanding)

Leadership Behaviour Clusters Overview

INSPIRING OTHERS - Motivates staff by involving them in the planning process, utilising their strengths, providing support and delegating to empower others. Role modelling desired behaviours by showing passion, communicating the Trust vision with pride and behaving consistently with the Trust Values.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TEAM - Provides direction, feedback and understands the challenges faced by the team. Willing to pitch in and work as part of the team when necessary. Tackles conflict proactively and constructively. Demonstrates honest and trust.

LEADING FROM THE FRONT - Able to take charge when necessary, overcoming challenges caused by conflicting priorities, lack of resources, difficult or demanding situations in the internal and external environment. Displays determination and resilience to raise performance levels. Learns from mistakes and develops creative and innovative solutions.

CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP - Self-awareness of who they are, what they stand for, what others need from them and their impact on others. Considers different perspectives, follows up on promises and works in line with the Values. Reflects on performance using information to identify what needs to be done differently.

DELIVERING THE SERVICE - Focuses on quality and service provided. Continually tries to identify the most effective way of making the service responsive to meet changing demands. Articulates the vision with clarity, keeping focus on improving services and inspiring others to be positively involved. Manages short and long-term priorities, balancing the big picture with detail to ensure the highest standards are achieved.

Our Values



Being Caring and Compassionate

Being caring and compassionate is at the heart of everything we do, it is about understanding what each person needs and striving to make a positive difference in whatever way we can.



Recognising Individuality

Appreciating differences, making staff and patients feel respected and valued.



Seeking to Involve

Actively gets involved and encourages others to contribute and share their ideas, information, knowledge and skills in order to provide a joined up service.



Building Team Spirit

Working together as one team with shared goals doing what it takes to provide the best possible service.



Taking Personal Responsibility

Individuals are accountable for achieving improvements to obtain the highest standards of care in the most professional way, resulting in a service we can all be proud of.

ROLE DUTIES	MEASURABLE OUTCOMES					
<p>Support the Senior Sister/Charge Nurse or Matron in ensuring the provision of excellent care with compassion for the patients, relatives and visitors who are cared for within or by the ward, department, service or team.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure a high standard of nursing is delivered by self and others based on assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care to meet patients' needs in accordance with agreed local and National standards and evidence based guidelines</p>	<p>In order to provide excellent care with compassion the Band 6 Sister/Charge Nurse will support their line manager by ensuring that –</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All patients have their individual care needs assessed against their usual activities of daily living and then planned and documented by a qualified member of the team on admission or transfer to the ward (or into the teams care) and regularly thereafter according to need but at least daily and in accordance with standards of best</p>					

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	<p>nursing practice, best evidence, condition specific requirements and as identified in trust policies guidelines and protocols or in accordance with professional clinical judgement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All patients are involved in decisions about their care and have agreed their plan of care. <input type="checkbox"/> All patient based risk assessments e.g falls, nutrition, medication, infection control, and pain, are carried out in line with Trust policy and are used to inform the agreed plan of care. <input type="checkbox"/> All patients are provided with information and opportunities to learn about their condition, care and treatment and general health promotion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All patients are provided with, and encouraged to engage in appropriate activities and stimulation to maintain usual physical and mental function. 					
<p>Assist and support the Ward Manager in the safe, effective management of the area including management of personnel, facilities and the associated systems and processes.</p>	<p>Ensures staff rotas are planned in advance ensuring adequate staffing and skill mix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assists in the recruitment and selection of staff, following agreed policies. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates familiarity with policies and procedures, including major incident, fire, health and safety, disciplinary, complaints and grievance and follow these as necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Assists with management of performance issues including attendance, professional conduct, capability etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent care with compassion. <input type="checkbox"/> Carries the area bleep in the absence of the Ward Manager. <input type="checkbox"/> Actively tries to resolve issues and complaints at local level. <input type="checkbox"/> Assists with investigation of complaints, clinical incidents and errors to identify and supports any required change to nursing practice. 					

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Gives clear and concise advice to people on the procedures in place eg PALS, complaints. <input type="checkbox"/> Resolves potential conflicts as per conflict resolution guidance and the promotion of zero tolerance. <input type="checkbox"/> Reports incidents of violence or aggression immediately in order to seek help and support 					
<p>Act as a role model, presenting a positive image of self, team and the organisation.</p>	<p>Complies fully with the Trust Uniform Policy and ensures nursing team comply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All patients, visitors, staff and students are welcomed in a manner which promotes a positive image of yourself, the ward and the ward team. 					
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	<p>Own work is prioritised appropriately and time is managed effectively.</p>					

<p>Be responsible for the delivery and co-ordination of care, through appropriate professional practice, delegation and supervision of duties carried out by junior staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ordinate care across the ward/department deploying staff and prioritising as necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Takes appropriate action when shortfalls occur, or are likely to occur. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated duties are realistic, achievable and take into account team members' role, abilities and development needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Staff are appropriately supervised and supported in their roles. <input type="checkbox"/> Meets standards for leading and co-ordinating ward teams. <input type="checkbox"/> Has built excellent relationships with MDT and liaises effectively to ensure seamless care 					
<p>Set, monitor and maintain standards of care to improve the patient experience and outcome of care.</p>	<p>Challenges poor standards of care or inappropriate behaviour and raises and escalates concerns about the safety and wellbeing of patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Takes a proactive part in team meetings. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures ward performance board maintained up to date. <input type="checkbox"/> Participates and leads in innovations and improvements in services including the 'productive' programme, seeking patients and others views as appropriate. <p>Ensures patients are placed on appropriate care pathways e.g the Care of the Dying Pathway, Sepsis Pathway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Undertakes audit and evaluation programmes. <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent care with compassion. <input type="checkbox"/> Makes constructive suggestions as to how the service can be improved. 					
<p>Proactively manage risk and maintain patient safety, conforming to health, safety and security legislation, policies, procedures and guidelines.</p>	<p>Ensures patient based risk assessments e.g falls, nutrition, medication, infection control, pain, are carried out in line with Trust policy and timescales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure documentation is complete, legible and accurate 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures appropriate actions to minimise risk e.g cot sides, blue tray, and enhanced care are implemented. <input type="checkbox"/> Achieves own ANTT and hand hygiene audit and promotes and carries out audits for other staff and students. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses and ensures agreed moving and handling procedures used and provides advice on patient moving and handling. <input type="checkbox"/> Current moving & handling update training maintained. <input type="checkbox"/> Reports all accidents, incidents, near misses, faulty equipment or environmental issues immediately as per Trust Policy 					
Communicates all relevant information to the multidisciplinary team internally and with external organisations as required, to ensure seamless care.	<p>Communicates in a professional and timely manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develops and maintain communication with people about difficult matters or difficult situations, in an appropriate, supportive and empathic manner. 					
Promote provision of patient education and health promotion.	<p>Ensure all relevant health assessments have been undertaken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Gives health promotion advice or refers to specialist. 					
Promote equality in care and practice by recognising, respecting and meeting the needs and choices of individuals	<p>Treats everyone with dignity and respect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Acts in accordance with current legislation, policies, procedures and good practice relating to equality & diversity. <input type="checkbox"/> Takes action to address behaviour that undermines equality and diversity. <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguards children, young people and vulnerable adults, escalating concerns in line with Trust policy and regulatory frameworks 					

<p>Ensures environment of care is safe, well equipped and compliant with standards for hygiene and cleanliness</p>	<p>Stock levels are maintained to enable smooth running of the department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manages resources within agreed budgets as set by the Clinical Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment is cleaned and maintained as per Trust standards 					
<p>To participate in education and training of junior staff.</p>	<p>Undertakes mentor training when identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of being active mentor and role model. <input type="checkbox"/> Actively involves and supports students and junior staff in educational opportunities. <input type="checkbox"/> Positive student feedback received through educational audits. <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent care with compassion. <input type="checkbox"/> Act as assessor and mentor to junior staff and students supporting their development. <input type="checkbox"/> Be involved in Induction and monitoring of new staff. 					
<p>Maintain and develop own professional competence and seek to extend the scope of personal knowledge and skills within scope of role and professional practice</p>	<p>Actively participates in the appraisal and Personal development planning process and has a current appraisal and Personal Development Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Carries out staff appraisals and ensures all staff have agreed objectives and personal development plans. <input type="checkbox"/> Undertakes identified learning and development opportunities, as agreed with manager. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains a current Personal Development Portfolio, in line with Trust Policy and NMC Registration. <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in reflective practice and clinical supervision activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory training as outlined by the Trust in the Risk Management TNA is up to date. 					

Occupational hazards or exposures relevant to this job (please tick)			
Physical			
Patient moving & handling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular DSE work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular equipment / material moving & handling > 10kg	<input type="checkbox"/>	Climbing ladders and / or working at height	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise (LEP,d > 80)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Arm Vibration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hot or cold conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exposure to Ionising Radiations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entry into confined spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other potential ergonomic problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driving on Trust business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational driving (C1,D1, LGV, PCV)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemical			
Exposure to known respiratory irritants or sensitisers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exposure to known skin irritants or sensitisers (including latex)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposure to asbestos (non-licenced work)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exposure to any other chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biological			
Exposure-prone procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laboratory exposure to pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other			
Night work	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-call duties/ lone working	<input type="checkbox"/>

Governance

The post holder will operate at all times to high standards of probity. This will include compliance with:

- Health and safety regulations
- All policies and procedures approved by the organisation
- Trust Standing Financial Instructions
- Working within Data Protection Legislation, Health & Safety at work Act 1974, maintain confidentiality at all times, as required by legislation and our policy
- Working to defined policies and procedures, actively implementing the development of the electronic solution
- Work within the limitations of the role
- Professional codes of conduct including the NHS Managers Code of Conduct (where these apply)
- All policies and procedures related to infection prevention and control as relevant to their post
- To raise any concerns as soon as possible, as per whistle blowing policy, relating to any:-
 - Healthcare matters, e.g. suspected negligence, mistreatment or abuse of patients; the quality of care provided
 - Concerns about the professional or clinical practice or competence of staff
 - The treatment of other staff, including suspected harassment, discrimination or victimisation
 - Health, safety and environment issues
 - Suspicion or knowledge of theft, fraud, corruption, bribery allegations or other financial malpractice
 - Employment standards and/or working practices
 - Criminal offences or miscarriages of justice
 - Failure to comply with any other legal obligation
 - Deliberate concealment of any of the above

Information Governance

- To be fully aware of and committed to all policies, procedures and initiatives relating to information governance - this will include, but not limited to, data quality improvements, confidentiality and information security
- To take personal responsibility for safeguarding and ensuring the quality of information.

Behaviour

The post holder will be expected to:

- Support the aims and vision of the organisation

- Act with honesty and integrity at all times
- Be a positive ambassador for the organisation
- Demonstrate high standards of personal conduct
- set an example and encourage openness and honesty (particularly in reporting incidents and near misses) and will actively foster a culture of learning and improvement
- Value and respect colleagues, other members of staff and patients
- Work with others to develop and improve our services
- Uphold the organisational commitment to equality and diversity
- Take personal responsibility for their words, deed and actions and the quality of the service they deliver

Job Review

This job description will be reviewed periodically to take into account changes and developments in service requirements. Any changes will be discussed fully with the post holder.

Signature of Post Holder:

Date:

Signature of Manager:

Date:

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PERSON SPECIFICATION

POST: Band 6 Sister/Charge Nurse **Band:** 6 **DIRECTORATE / DIVISION:** Trauma Orthopaedics

ATTRIBUTE	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	HOW ASSESSED
<p>Qualifications & Education</p>	<p>Appropriate NMC Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma or Degree in Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> NMC recognised Mentorship qualification <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of continuing professional education or development in area of speciality <p>Minimum 2 years qualified</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters level study • Post registration qualification in area of speciality area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Interview • Assessment
<p>Knowledge & Experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years post registration with orthopaedics and leadership knowledge • Evidence of management skills and ability to lead a team. • Experience of implementing changes to benefit patients and improve nursing practice • Participation in multi-professional learning • Evidence of actions taken to optimise learning outcomes and experience • Management experience • Knowledge of Clinical Governance and safeguarding and the relevance to practice • Knowledge of relevant policies and procedures • Experience of implementing changes to benefit patients and improve nursing practice • Knowledge of Ethical issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of multi professional working • Project Management skills • Knowledge of research and audit • Experience of design , planning, implementation and evaluation of training programmes • Experience of working with multi –professional learning • Experience of involvement in the delivery/support of clinical governance agenda • Knowledge of research and development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Interview

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates current knowledge of professional and NHS issues and the implication for clinical placements. • Demonstrates an understanding of the clinical governance agenda, including CNST Standards, Standards for Better Health, Hospital Hygiene • Demonstrates an understanding of workforce redesign and new ways of working • Tracheostomy care experience 		
Skills & Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent interpersonal skills • Good presentation skills and proven teaching ability • Committed to continuing professional development of self and others. • IT skills – MS word and excel • Ability to lead the process of change • Ability to work autonomously • Demonstrates a commitment to multi -professional learning • Able to prioritise • Good time management skills 	<p>Lead others in change management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Good presentation skills <input type="checkbox"/> Good teaching skills <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate IT skills <input type="checkbox"/> Experience of mentorship and ability to identify learning and development needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Interview Assessment
Values & Behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empathetic • Enthusiastic and Positive • Able to work as part of a team • Committed to working in a caring role • Aware of boundaries of the Role • Flexible to meet the needs of the service • Self-motivated and able to motivate others 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview