

Job description



Job title: Senior Registered Nurse

Responsible to: Deputy Manager/Home Manager

Responsible for: Care teams

Our Values

- ❖ Fulfilling Lives is our core purpose
 - ❖ Every one of us makes a difference is the belief that drives us
 - ❖ Caring, Passionate and Teamwork are the values that underpin everything we do
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Job Summary

To provide leadership for the care teams and support the development and delivery of consistently high quality clinical and care services for residents with complex health and social care needs.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide leadership and support for clinical and care colleagues and act as a champion for residents' safety and dignity.
- To maintain skills and knowledge and ensure that care is delivered according to latest guidelines and best practice evidence available.
- Comply with the clinical governance framework and all activities related to it. This includes participation in the clinical audit programme
- Develop monitoring and reporting systems which promote the delivery of safe, effective and high quality services.
- Ensure that clear and accurate records and communication systems relating to clinical and care delivery are maintained and effectively used by colleagues.
- Act as a role model for good clinical and care governance practice.
- Act within Care UK's Admission & Discharge Policy.

Specific responsibilities and duties

Provide leadership and support for care staff and act as a champion for residents' safety and dignity

- Provide effective leadership and support for the nursing team within the home.
- To support the deputy manager in development of or changes to service provision and support implementation.
- Act as a mentor for new colleagues joining the team or for those who require specific support to develop care skills or knowledge.
- Support new care colleagues in the completion of induction programs, training and competency assessment.
- Liaise with GPs and other health professionals to ensure that residents receive the medical and clinical support they require.
- Demand high quality service delivery focused on residents individually assessed needs.
- Promote the professional image of the services through excellent communication, appropriate behaviour and professional appearance.
- Act within Care UK's Admission & Discharge Policy.

- It may be necessary to assist in the recruitment of staff for the home as directed by the home manager and in accordance with the Company's procedures.
- Maintain efficient control and use of contract, bank and agency staff ensuring that staffing levels are in accordance with Company policy.
- Instigate investigation into complaints or accidents involving residents and/or staff.
- To ensure compliance with all statutory requirements in record keeping, documentation, time, health and safety and security as detailed in the Company's policies.
- Ensure that any non-nursing home personnel including contractors are monitored.

To maintain skills and knowledge and ensure that care is delivered according to latest guidelines and best practice evidence available

- Maintain skills and keep up to date with clinical developments and best practice in areas relevant to care delivery in the home.
- Monitor delivery of care, including infection prevention and control procedures, e.g. wound care, catheter management; and ensure high standards are maintained.
- Develop links with local nurse specialists and teams e.g. continence nurse, tissue viability nurse, falls service etc. and ensure that residents are referred according to local procedures and protocols.
- Provide support in relation to medicines management and be able to assess colleagues' competency to manage medication. Monitor & audit medications practices in order to ensure resident safety. Work with GP's & local practices to ensure resident medications remain in place only where required and are regularly reviewed to avoid over reliance on prescription medications.
- Act at all times within your own skills and competence in accordance with NMC 'The Code'.
- To attend all statutory and mandatory training as required by the Company in order to fulfil your duties.

Develop monitoring and reporting systems which promote the delivery of safe, effective and high quality services

- Collate performance information required for the monthly management and other reports as required by the deputy manager.
- Undertake clinical audits as required by the deputy manager and the Care, Quality and Governance team. Ensure action plans are fully implemented.
- Review accidents and incidents and ensure that lessons learnt are translated into practice. Conduct investigations as directed by the Home Manager, following an accident, incident or complaint.
- Ensure high standard of record keeping are maintained in accordance with NMC and company requirements.
- Review compliance with the Health and Social Care Act (2008) and Essential Standards of Quality and Safety (2010) and ensure that any requirements and recommendations made following a CQC review are actioned appropriately.
- Ensure that clinical equipment is maintained in a safe, clean and fully functional state and that colleagues are competent and confident to use it.
- Report areas of concern to the deputy manager and agree appropriate action to be taken.

Ensure that clear and accurate records and communication systems relating to clinical and care delivery are maintained and effectively used by colleagues

- Ensure colleagues are aware of company policies and procedures and that these are incorporated into practice.
- Ensure effective and clearly documented handover systems are in place and that they facilitate the effective transfer of information between colleagues.
- Ensure that notifications are completed and sent to CQC, in accordance with regulatory requirements and that all accidents and incidents are reported, recorded and investigated in line with company policy.
- Ensure that all colleagues are aware of the safeguarding vulnerable adults procedures and that these are implemented within the home.
- Organise Team Meetings and ensure that minutes are taken and disseminated.

- Provide information to residents and relatives in relation to care delivery, being mindful of data protection and Caldicott requirements.

Act as a role model for good clinical and care governance practice

- Act at all times within own competence and knowledge in line with NMC registration requirements.
- Report any concerns regarding poor performance or unsafe practice to the deputy or home manager.
- Intervene immediately in situations where there is significant risk to residents.
- Assist the deputy manager to meet all relevant regulatory, contract and good practice standards.
- Maintaining necessary residents confidentiality; at all times being mindful of Caldicott requirements and following the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) 'Code'.
- Participate in continuous professional development to ensure requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) revalidation are met.

Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults / Mental Capacity Act

To complete training on Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults and the Mental Capacity Act and be able to understand and implement SVA and MHA policies and procedures taking responsibility for reporting any safeguarding concerns to the senior person on duty or on-call Regional Director.

Health and Safety

As an employee of Care UK, the post holder has a duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, to:

- Take reasonable care of the health and safety of themselves and all other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work.
- Co-operate with their employer to ensure compliance with Health and Safety legislation and the Health and Safety policies and procedures of the organisation, not intentionally or recklessly interfere with, or misuse, anything provided in the interests of health, safety, or welfare, in pursuance of any of the relevant statutory provisions.
- To ensure that adequate measures are taken to protect the health and safety of all staff including the maintenance and upkeep of a safe environment.

Data Protection

The post holder must at all times respect the confidentiality of information in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the company's ISO27001 accreditation. This includes, if required to do so, obtain, process and/or use information held on a computer in a fair and lawful way, to hold data only for the specified registered purposes and to use or disclose data only to authorised persons or organisations as instructed.

- ❖ This list of duties and responsibilities is not exhaustive and the post holder may be required to undertake other relevant and appropriate duties as reasonably required by the home manager that due to the senior nature of this post may initially appear to be outside the remit of this job description and may involve additional working hours.
- ❖ This job description is subject to regular review and appropriate modification.

Person specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMC Registered Nurse • Evidence of personal and professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree or post graduate diploma
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in the care home environment • Experience of working with older people • Knowledge and use of clinical assessment tools e.g. Waterlow, • Understand care planning processes and have experience of writing care plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working with people with dementia
Technical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good organisational skills • Good supervisory skills • Good communication skills both written and verbal • Ability to contribute to, monitor and implement changes that improve service delivery and outcomes for residents • Ability to plan allocate and delegate work appropriately • IT literate 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to be flexible with regard to working hours • Builds effective and credible relationships both internally and externally • Works collaboratively with others sharing ideas and information at all times • Effectively builds trust with a consistent approach between actions and words • Has the ability to raise standards through innovation and new ideas • Will take responsibility for issues and resolve them. • Able to cope in difficult situations with tact and diplomacy • Ability to build rapport and positively influence others • Ability to inspire professionalism 	