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| Job Title: | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Assistant Practitioner |
| Reports to (job title): | Lead nurse ADHD and Community Children’s Matron |
| Line Manager to: | N\A |
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## Job purpose

The postholder will work with the lead nurse for ADHD to assess referrals into the service and then to support children, young people and their families accepted onto the ADHD diagnostic pathway.

Base

Tree house Family Hub, Parnall Road, Harlow, Essex. CM18 7NG

This post is responsible for

1. To review and assess the pre-screening questionnaires (SNAP, SDQ, Conner’s) that determine the next steps for the child.
2. Reporting the results to the lead nurse/consultant.
3. Attend weekly review meeting to update lead nurse regarding children and young people (C&YP) awaiting assessment.
4. Ensuring the children are all booked for QB testing within the appropriate time-frames.
5. Ensure suitable rooms are available and booked for QB testing clinics
6. To carryout QB testing for all children referred into the service with suspected ADHD
7. To collate all the information from each QB test clinic and share with lead nurse/consultant at the review meeting.
8. Act as a point of contact for those families accepted on to the ADHD pathway
9. To liaise with edcucational settings (schools/colleges) where appropriate to arrange for addional information or an observation in the setting.
10. To maintain accurate patient records, make clear concise verbal/written reports to the lead nurse/consultant and ensure administrative tasks are completed within the agreed time scales to meet service targets.
11. Ensure that follow-up parent groups are offered to all where a positive diagnosis of ADHD is confirmed
12. To contribute to clinical audit as required

Proposed job plan

Screening

* Score Snap/SDQ
* Record on ADHD template
* Task Specialist Nurse to review referral and questionnaires

QB testing

* Ensure appointments are booked and parents notified
* Deliver the QB tests
* Record scoring and behaviour observation
* Task Specialist nurse to review QB test results

Parent group

* Ensure follow-up parent group sessions are offered where appropriate
* Support ADHD Specialist Nurse with parent workshop

## Our values

Our values are our moral compass and core to our DNA. They underpin the way we deliver our services and treat those who use our services.

To many organisations values are just words which don’t translate into reality of the day to day but our values flow through everything that we do, they define who we are, what we stand for and set the expectations of our colleagues, communities, customers and partners. They have been defined by our colleagues and have been integral to our journey so far and will be integral to our future as well.

We have three values which help us stand out from the crowd, not just because there’s only three, but because they are unique to who we are. We care, we think, and we do.

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| **Care** | **Think** | **Do** |
| * Inspire * Understand * Communicate | * Challenge * Improve * Learn | * Accountability * Involve * Resilience |

## Confidentiality and Information Security

As our employee you will be required to uphold the confidentiality of all records held by the company, whether patients/service records or corporate information. This duty lasts indefinitely and will continue after you leave the company’s employment.

All information which identifies living individuals in whatever form (paper/pictures, electronic data/images or voice) is covered by the 2018 Data Protection Act and should be managed in accordance with this legislation. This and all other information must be held in line with NHS national standards including the [Records Management:  NHS Code of Practice](https://www.nhsx.nhs.uk/media/documents/NHSX_Records_Management_CoP_V7.pdf) , [NHS Constitution](http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Rightsandpledges/NHSConstitution/Pages/Overview.aspx) and [HSCIC Code of Practice on Confidential Information](https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/looking-after-information/data-security-and-information-governance/codes-of-practice-for-handling-information-in-health-and-care/code-of-practice-on-confidential-information) and should only be accessed or disclosed lawfully. Monitoring of compliance will be undertaken by the Company. Failure to adhere to Information Governance policies and procedures may result in disciplinary action and, where applicable, criminal prosecution.

## Information governance responsibilities

You are responsible for the following key aspects of Information Governance (not an exhaustive list):

* Completion of annual information governance training
* Reading applicable policies and procedures
* Understanding key responsibilities outlined in the Information Governance acceptable usage policies and procedures including NHS mandated encryption requirements
* Ensuring the security and confidentiality of all records and personal information assets
* Maintaining timely and accurate record keeping and where appropriate, in accordance with professional guidelines
* Only using email accounts authorised by us. These should be used in accordance with the Sending and Transferring Information Securely Procedures and Acceptable Use Policies.
* Reporting information governance incidents and near misses on CIRIS or to the appropriate person e.g. line manager, Head of Information Governance, Information Security Lead
* Adherence to the clear desk/screen policy
* Only using approved equipment for conducting business

## Governance

Clinical governance is a framework through which organisations delivering health and care services are accountable to continuously improving the quality of their services and safeguarding high standards of care by creating an environment in which clinical and other forms of care flourishes. Employees must be aware that clinical governance places a duty on all staff to ensure that the level of care services they deliver to patients is safe and high quality, and that they follow/comply with our policies and procedures.

## Registered Health Professional

All staff who are a member of a professional body must comply with standards of professional practice/conduct. It is the post holder’s responsibility to ensure they are both familiar with and adhere to these requirements.

## Risk Management/Health & Safety

The post holder has a responsibility to themselves and others in relation to managing risk, health and safety and will be required to work within the policies and procedures laid down by the company. Staff are required to observe the Hygiene Code and demonstrate good infection control and hand hygiene.

Employees must be aware of the responsibilities placed on them by the Health & Safety at Work Act (1974) to ensure that the agreed safety procedures are carried out to maintain a safe environment for other employees, patients and visitors. It is essential to observe strict fire and security precautions at all times.

All staff must report accidents, incidents and near misses so that the company can learn from them and improve safety.

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Responsibility

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk of harm and expects all employees to share this commitment.

## Policies and Procedures

All colleagues must comply with the Company Policies and Procedures which can be found on the company intranet.

## General

We are committed to serving our community. We aim to make our services exemplary in both clinical and operational aspects. We will show leadership in identifying healthcare needs to which we can respond and in determining the most cost-effective way of doing so.

We recruit competent staff that we support in maintaining and extending their skills in accordance with the needs of the people we serve. We will recognise the commitment from our staff to meeting the needs of our patients.

The company recognises a “non-smoking” policy. Employees are not able to smoke anywhere within the premises or when outside on official business.

## Equal Opportunities

It is the company’s intention to be an employer of choice and ensure that no job applicants or employees are unfairly disadvantaged on the grounds of gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, trade union membership or any other factors that are not relevant to their capability or potential. To this end, the company has an Equality and Diversity policy and it is the responsibility of each employee to contribute to its success.

## Flexibility Statement

This job description is not exhaustive and may change as the post develops or changes to align with service needs. Any such changes will be discussed directly between the post holder and their line manager.

## Personal Specification

Essential

* Understanding the need for confidentiality; empathy and sensitivity working with this vulnerable group of young people.
* Good verbal and written communication skills
* Ability to work independently as well as part of a team with a flexible approach
* Ability to travel across the geographical area covered by the service as needed.

Desirable

* Knowledge of ADHD symptoms/good understanding of this condition
* Experience of working in a healthcare setting working with children & young people.
* Experience of working collaboratively with other agencies
* Supporting others in a care setting, whether this is experience in a professional or lived experience (friend, family, voluntary etc.)
* Experience of working with young people that have mental health issues
* Experience of working in a community care setting

Other requirements:

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