

Job Title:	Neurology Specialist Practitioner – Band 7
Reports to (job title):	Head of Service
Line Manager to:	

Job purpose

Working as a key member of the Community Neurological Team, undertaking comprehensive assessments of the Health needs of people diagnosed with a neurological condition, and through proactive case management focus on ways to make demonstrable improvements to those individuals health care. Making appropriate referrals to other colleagues, agencies or organisations as required. To actively contribute towards the development of a high quality neurological service as part of the Integrated Community Neurology and Stroke Service.

Key responsibilities

- To be a highly specialist resource for the Trust, providing evidence based and patient centred care and on-going support for adults with Long Term Neurological Conditions.
- To use advances clinical skills to plan management programmes that are responsive to the needs of the people with long-term neurological conditions, their family and carers.
- To provide support and advice in promoting effective and efficient discharge processes, supporting early discharges from hospital to meet targets of reducing patient length of stay and preventing delayed transfers of care.
- To act as a specialist resource for knowledge on neurological conditions, providing training and education to develop and support staff of all grades, including patients and carers.

To promote and empower self-management through support and education.

- To maintain Clinical Governance Standards through audit and research.
- To play a key role in specific symptom management in conjunction with other health care professionals e.g. on-going assessments of treatment for people with deteriorating neurological conditions.
- To effectively manage own caseload and refer on to other Health Care Professional as appropriate.
- To effectively communicate with other members of the team to ensure that the service is adequately covered at all times.
- To ensure own clinical credibility through professional accountability, maintaining clinical skills through CPD and keeping evidence of this and maintain Professional registration.

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.

Care	Think	Do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspire• Understand• Communicate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenge• Improve• Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 , NHS Constitution and HSCIC 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.

Medicines Management Responsibility

Nursing or registered healthcare professionals

Undertake all aspects of medicines management related activities in accordance within the company's medicines policies to ensure the safe, legal and appropriate use of medicines.

Skilled non-registered staff

Undertake all aspects of medicines management related activities in accordance with the company's medicines policy where appropriate training has been given and competencies have been achieved.

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.

Job Description

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

- RGN or Therapist Qualification
- Excellent working knowledge of neurological conditions
- Good understanding of National standards/guidelines related to Long Term Neurological conditions.
- Knowledge of relevant issues in relation to current health policies & legislation.
- Neuroscience Experience.
- Recent experience of working at a band 6 level or above.
- Evidence of participating in audit.
- Palliative care experience/qualifications.
- Teaching and presentation experience.
- Experience working between NHS community and the acute sector.
- Clinical skills in the area of Neurological Long Term Conditions.
- Good teaching skills (GP's, Graduate level, users & other Health care Professionals).
- Presentation skills.
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written skills.
- Ability to work unsupervised and manage own caseload.
- Excellent organisation skills
- Good IT skills
- Ability to question practice and incorporate evidence based practice into everyday work
- Willing to work in other areas when required to do so.
- Ability to drive
- Self- motivated
- Good time management

Desirable

- Specialist Practice Qualifications
- Diploma/ degree in Neurosciences
- Working towards Master level.
- Prescribing qualification
- Experience of teaching/mentoring.
- Evidence of advanced experience and skills in working with people with Neurological Long Term Conditions.
- Evidence of formulating protocols/standards.
- Evidence of incorporating research into practice.
- Counselling skills/qualification



Job Description

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