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| Job Title: | Nurse Practitioner/Prescriber |
| Reports to (job title): | Service Manager |
| Line Manager to: | XXX |
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## Job purpose

Join our dedicated healthcare team within the rewarding environment of HMP Chelmsford Prison. We are committed to providing high quality care and minor injury treatment to patients with both primary care and acute care needs in a prison setting. This role works as part of a team delivering care to patients both within the Healthcare Centres and on the Wings / House blocks within the prison environment.

The role requires autonomous function and within the scope of competency, whilst being a support and resource to less experienced members of staff.  The individual must have the ability to work effectively as part of a multi professional team within a fast pace environment.

***About our prisons service:***

We operate round-the-clock, nurse-led healthcare including prisoner screening on arrival and all primary care such as minor surgery, in-patient units, and prescribing. We also coordinate a wide range of other service providers, such as GP practices, to provide seamless care.

The safety of our team and the people we look after, particularly the most vulnerable, is our priority and we work closely with prison management. We also maximise the amount of ‘wing-based’ care given, which not only helps us to reduce risk posed by moving prisoners, but also helps improve waiting times and reduce the number of missed appointments.

Our motivated teams are driven by our belief that if you are a prisoner, you should receive same level of healthcare that you would in the community. We know that improving prisoners’ short and long-term health reduces their likelihood of reoffending.

**Services provide:**

* Patient-centric: Putting patients at the heart of everything we do.
* Care: To the most vulnerable patients in society
* Welfare: Holistic approach to physical, psychological, and social needs
* Safeguarding: Complex and detailed engagement with patients and external partners
* Quality: Providing the highest standard of care and treatment.
* Ethical: Operating within an ethical framework through openness and transparency.
* Passionate: Being passionate about enhancing caring for our patients.
* Teamwork: Leasing with the wider disciplinary team to provide patient lead care plans.

**Main Responsibility**

* Ensure a high standard of clinical care for patients under your management.
* Assess patients, plan their care, administer treatment and discharge or refer them as appropriate to other healthcare professionals or external agencies.
* Assess prisoner’s fitness for detention, release or transfer.
* Provide healthcare interventions to manage minor illness or injury and take appropriate actions and refer onwards for more serious conditions.
* Assess alcohol and drug intoxication and withdrawal. With guidance from the IDTS team
* Carry out first reception screening, which occurs when a person enters the prison. You must have the ability to make appropriate recommendations on prisoner care.
* Provide professional advice and support to Paramedics, HCA’s and non-clinical staff to ensure effective health care in line with current best practice.
* Make and maintain complete and accurate clinical records.
* Be responsible for the Emergency response radios and attend all emergency calls on shift.
* Lead and participate in primary clinics e.g. wound care.
* Undertake and support in prison audits.
* Provide written statements as required and to give oral testimony as required in any Court or Tribunal
* Undertake all duties as required of a Healthcare Professional in HMP Chelmsford and to comply with the competencies, knowledge and skills framework of the Department of Health
* Comply with all requirements and/or legislation of the post
* Carry out any other activity or action appropriate to the role of a Prison Registered General Nurse as required

The tasks and responsibilities shown above are not exhaustive but should merely be regarded as a guide. The jobholder will be required to conduct any reasonable activities according to the business needs at that time. These will be subject to periodic review and may be amended to meet the changing needs of the service. The job holder will be required to participate in this process and the company would aim to reach agreement to changes.

**The Ideal Candidate**

* B300 Prescribing Qualification is essential
* Excellent communication and inter-personal skills
* Ability to build and develop relationships
* Strong customer service skills
* Must be confident and capable of autonomous practice
* Experience in either Accident and Emergency, or other assessment areas of Healthcare
* Experience in a Prison environment highly desirable
* Excellent clinical examination skills
* Experience of venepuncture
* Experience of working as part of a multi-disciplinary team
* Must have current driving license

**Package Description**

As “**Nurse Practitioner**”, you’ll be part of our valued team:

* Salary of  £43,000-£50,000
* Membership of My Reward Hub, giving you access to discounts on everyday purchases like grocery shopping as well as cashback and voucher offers for treats for you and those special to you
* Group sick pay policy
* Life assurance
* Access to your wages as you earn them to help cover life’s emergencies and avoid overdraft fees or high interest rates
* Online and face to face help with your mental and physical wellbeing – from healthy recipes and activity challenges through to post trauma support, legal, debt and life management help, as well career coaching and counselling
* Access to eLearning, bespoke career pathways and opportunities for continuing professional development through our ‘Outstanding’ learning and development team, The Learning Enterprise

## 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.

## 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.

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.

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