

Job Description

Job title	Deputy Ward Manager/Charge Nurse	Job family	Healthcare
Reporting to	Ward Manager	Job code	
Location		Evaluation Date	1 st February 2021

Job Purpose

The role of the Deputy Ward Manager is to provide senior nursing leadership to the ward nursing team in support of the Ward Manager. They will have clinical experience and leadership that provides expertise and confidence to the nursing team and ward overall. They will have defined delegated responsibilities from the Ward Manager; having 20% a week protected time for their management duties and have supervisory responsibilities for an agreed group of staff.

Responsibilities

- Works as Senior Nurse in a Ward or equivalent area ensuring a safe and therapeutic environment for patients, their families and visitors.
- Apply relevant policies and statutory requirements within the ward and hospital framework of governance and communicates requirements to the wider team.
- Ensures that risk is assessed and managed across the immediate and wider working environment and that statutory requirements are met.
- Respects and applies the requirements of diversity and inclusion, promoting and role modelling these across the team.
- Identifies deficits in skill mix and safe staffing levels and acts to address these.
- Supervises a defined group of team members and contributes to their overall CPD, mandatory training and appraisal process recognising the skills required across the team. This will also include addressing any performance issues that are below the expected standard.
- Acts as a role model to promote a culture of learning development, inquiry and a team vision.
- Actively supports Junior Staff and student nurses on placement on the ward
- Implements, monitors and evaluates therapeutic interventions within an overall care programme, enabling people with mental health and or learning disability needs to develop coping strategies.
- Actively supports and contributes to effective Multi-Disciplinary Working.
- Engages in collaborative problem solving, supporting and encouraging clients to take ownership of issues, identify problems and to develop solutions to them based on their own needs and preferences.
- Contributes to the process of collaboratively assessing and acting on risks of harm, danger and abuse.
- Is named nurse for a small group of patients, and Associate nurse when required when on duty, and is a regular shift leader.
- Provides Clinical Supervision to a group of defined nursing staff.
- Undertakes Lead roles for the ward, as agreed with the Ward manager.
- Deputises for the Ward manager as and when required.
- Adheres to all National, Company and local standards, policies and procedures.
- Participates in recruitment and retention of staff on the ward and hospital when required

Knowledge / Education / Skills

- Active Registration with the Nursing Midwifery Council, meeting the requirements of Revalidation
- Trained Assessor/Supervisor
- Clinical Supervision experience essential, training desirable
- Evidence of Continued Professional Development and intent to maintain and develop Continued professional development and leadership
- Good computer skills

Experience

- At least 18 Months – 2 years’ experience post-registration
- Demonstrable expertise within a clinical speciality

Communication

The post holder is required to have effective written, verbal and non-verbal communication skills, with an ability to adapt their style as appropriate to the environment they are communicating in.

Responsibility

Leadership

The post-holder is one of the senior nurses in the Ward and hospital. Within that is the requirement to demonstrate visible, positive leadership amongst the nursing team, and wider team of clinical and non-clinical colleagues

Budgets & Equipment

The post-holder is responsible for the safe, effective and efficient use of staffing and ward resources when on duty, alerting the Ward Manager or Director of Clinical Services of any variance to the resources allocated to the ward, be that human, environmental or financial

Information

Shared responsibility for the confidentiality, security and accuracy of patient records, data and information. Ensuring good quality patient documentation, which meets the Regulatory guidelines and statutory requirements.

Safeguarding

All Priory Group colleagues have a responsibility to safeguard the individual’s we care for, these may be adults and children or individuals connected to the people Priory Group supports. Colleagues must ensure they are aware of the local child and adult safeguarding policies and procedures in their service, in addition to who to contact within the Local Authority Safeguarding Team for further advice.

All colleagues are required to attend safeguarding training appropriate to their role and to undertake additional training in associated areas.

Diversity and Inclusion

Respects and applies the requirements of diversity and inclusion, promoting and role modelling these across the team

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Working Environment

The post-holder will be required to work a regular shift pattern over a 7 day period, and this will include supernumerary time of 20% of their contracted hours to undertake their deputy role, as delegated by the Ward Manager

Upholding the Company Behaviours

This provides some guidance on the types of conduct to support the Company Behaviours

Behaviour	Evidence
Putting People First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strives to ensure every colleague is able to make a positive and lasting difference to Service Users and their families • Actively seeks to develop the potential of every service user and staff member
Being Supportive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrates success and supports colleagues through difficult times • Demonstrates loyalty to colleagues, manager and team

Acting with Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is honest and respectful in all interactions with colleagues and customers • Demonstrates emotional control • Ensures accurate recording of any transactions and interactions on all company documentation • Challenges poor performance and behaviours
Being Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes the company in a positive way at all times • Strives for positive outcomes, especially when times are challenging
Striving for Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always puts service quality first • Shares and encourages innovation • Keeps on top of new developments in the sector