

JOB DESCRIPTION

AFC Reference:	CBU/0045/LIVERPOOL
Job Title:	MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER (GENERIC)
Band:	6
Hours:	37.5 hours
Division:	Local Division
Accountable to:	OPERATIONAL MANAGER / MODERN MATRON / COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TEAM MANAGER

JOB PURPOSE

1. To provide high quality, evidence based care within Division for service users and their carers within inpatient and community services.
2. To work in a socially inclusive way and in line with the recovery model.
3. To function as named nurse/care coordinator to service users undertaking assessment, planning and evaluation and review of care, within a recovery focused model of care.
4. To participate as an active member of the multi disciplinary team.
5. To provide advice, expertise and leadership within the team.
6. To supervise care for service users presenting with complex and high risk needs.
7. To work autonomously, reaching clinically appropriate decisions based on information received and using the knowledge and experience of the multi disciplinary team.
8. To be qualified to act as a mentor for students.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To coordinate the care of service users carrying out assessment planning, implementation and evaluation of their care under the guidelines of the care programme approach and under the supervision of the line manager.
2. To ensure that the service users care plan is developed to meet the assessed need of the individual and that unqualified staff are delivering care as identified in the care plan.
3. To liaise with family members, carers and significant others when completing the assessment and developing a care plan.
4. To undertake and supervise risk assessments and formulation of risk management plan for service users under your care, taking note of the contributions from other members of the team, family members carers and significant others.
5. To ensure Safeguarding Children and Adults requirements are followed and participate in meetings as appropriate.
6. To direct unqualified staff in order to ensure delivery of a high standard of care to service users.
7. To participate in setting standards for care based on sound evidence based and research findings.
8. To participate in the systematic monitoring and evaluation of service users.
9. To communicate to other members of the multi-disciplinary team information which has an impact on the service user's care.
10. To use verbal and non-verbal communication skills gained through training or experience to impart sensitive information.
11. To check understanding of information where there are barriers to effective communications.
12. To give and receive accurate up-to-date information regarding service users' care in reviews and multi-disciplinary meetings etc. These reviews may be external to the trust.
13. To have accurate and up-to-date knowledge of the Mental Health Act / Mental Capacity Act and other relevant legislation.
14. Where appropriate to job role take responsibility for the safe administration of medication to service users ensuring that the Trust policies and procedures and the Nursing & Midwifery Councils regulations are adhered to.

15. To ensure that all relevant information with regards to a service users care and treatment is documented accurately and legibly into the health record. To supervise and monitor the entries made by unqualified staff.
16. Provide reports both in written and verbal formats as requested.
17. To ensure that all incidents or near misses are documented as per trust policy and that any follow up action is taken.
18. To react pro-actively in cases of service user crisis and put in place immediate plans to resolve the situation with supervision and guidance as appropriate.
19. To supervise nursing, social work, AMHP and other students
20. To actively participate in team meetings.
21. To participate in the induction of new staff.

PROFESSIONAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To be responsible for maintaining relevant professional registration and PREP requirements.
2. To participate in life long learning to maintain and develop practice utilising CPD, self directed learning reflective practice coaching mentorship clinical supervision and performance management in the interests and needs of yourself and the service.
3. To provide an effective link between mental health services and primary care, acting in an advisory capacity to professionals in other fields.
4. To develop effective working relationships with other professional outside of the Trust in order to enhance the delivery of care to service users.
5. To participate as a supervisor and supervisee in the Divisional performance management / supervision framework. Work towards and help others work towards goals and objectives as agreed in personal development plans.
6. To take responsibility for maintaining and developing own knowledge and skills within own area of work.
7. To attend, as appropriate, courses and conferences, and to feedback and share knowledge, gained from attendance.
8. To be professionally accountable for own actions as a registered practitioner.

9. To act, at all times, in accordance with trust policies and procedures, ensuring that unqualified staff are adhering to policy and procedure.
10. To undertake mandatory training as identified by the Trust and Division to ensure that all actions are in line with training.
11. To keep up to date with developments in professional practice and make recommendations for change to senior staff, as appropriate.

ORGANISATIONAL

1. To adhere to the Trusts right based approach taking into account service user choice.
2. To take reasonable care for the health and safety of yourself and any others that may be affected by your acts and omissions at work.
3. To ensure that familiarity with the terms and conditions of own post.
4. To take responsibility for identifying, reporting and managing environmental risk as necessary e.g. liaison with facilities.
5. To participate in service development as required.

OTHER

1. To maintain service user confidentiality in line with Caldecott Guidance both on and off duty.
2. To ensure that work is conducted in accordance with the Trust's Equality and diversity Strategy in a Human Rights approach and to contribute to its development.
3. To maintain appropriate professional boundaries with service users at all times both on and off duty.
4. To co-operate with reasonable requests from senior staff to vary your area of work to meet unplanned clinical need.
5. In exceptional circumstances to co-operate with reasonable requests from more senior staff to vary your area of work to meet unplanned clinical need.

N.B. This job description is an outline and account of the main duties. Any changes will be discussed with the post holder in advance but will also be reviewed regularly to take into account changes and developments in service requirements. The post holder has the right to request a review should they feel there have been significant changes to their role.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
QUALIFICATIONS / TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate professional qualification or experience at Degree Level e.g. RMN, AHP, Social Worker • Evidence of post registration study / continuing professional development e.g. Mentorship in Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards master level education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration check • Application Form/Portfolio
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 2 years post registration experience in mental health. • Evidence of leadership and management skills. • Evidence of experience of managing cases & case loads • Evidence of supervising staff. • Ability to work autonomously across the organisation/boundaries and with other agencies • Experience of working in partnership with other agencies and service users and carers • Experience of audit/research and working knowledge of clinical governance. • Experience in change management and policy formulation. • Experience of using Incident Reporting Systems e.g. DATIX • Experience of undertaking 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio • Application Form • Interview • Portfolio • Portfolio

	<p>and involvement in Serious Untoward Incident Reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of experience of working with a range of people with mental health problems in a variety of health care settings. 		
KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to communicate effectively both verbally and non-verbally. • Being responsive and flexible, seeing change as an opportunity to improve services • Ability to lead the process of standard setting and audit • Leadership Skills • Ability to work within a divisional management team, be able to generate own workload and ability to work to strict deadlines. • Ability to build purposeful relationships with a range of both internal and external to the organisation. • Proven knowledge of relevant mental health legislation. • Demonstrate knowledge of CPA ECC guidelines. • Demonstrate knowledge in the concepts of mentorship, preceptorship and supervision and ability to provide education and supervision to junior staff • Demonstrate a good knowledge of professional Codes of Conduct and Staffs' responsibility to identify gaps in their knowledge base. 	.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of knowledge and skills will be gathered from: • Application Form • Interview References

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional attitude. • Possess excellent listening and negotiation skills and leadership skills. • Excellent oral and written skills • Excellent interpersonal and organisational skills. • The ability to lead change management • Ability to contribute to developing care excellence within the ward / team area. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview • Portfolio References
OTHER (please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On going post-registration development. • Able to demonstrate flexibility in working hours. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio • Interview