

Registered Nurse in Maternity HDU and Theatres

Nursing and Midwifery

Job Description and Person Specification



About us

With a dedicated workforce of more than 7,500 staff and volunteers and an income of £570m, Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust (BHRUT) is one of the larger acute trusts in the country. We provide care for a population of about 750,000 people across north east London (NEL), and that number is predicted to increase by 15 per cent over the next ten years. Our Trust serves three London boroughs with diverse populations, and more than half of our workforce identify as Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic. In addition, eight out of every ten employees are women, and most of our workforce live within the host boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, and Redbridge.

We also provide healthcare services to people in south west Essex, and specialist neurosciences services to the whole of the county.

Our services include all the major specialties of large acute hospitals, operating from two main sites - King George Hospital in Goodmayes and Queen's Hospital in Romford. We also provide outpatient services at Brentwood Community Hospital, Barking Hospital, Loxford Polyclinic and Harold Wood Polyclinic. We have two of the busiest emergency departments in London - in 2019/20, emergency and urgent attendances (Type 1 & 2) were 189,518 and there were nearly 65,000 ambulance arrivals at both sites.

Over recent years, our Trust has made significant improvements to the quality of care we provide patients. Four years ago, following a re-inspection of services by the Care Quality Commission, BHRUT was taken out of quality special measures, and we have improved our overall rating from 'Inadequate' to 'Requires Improvement'. Since then, on-going improvements in the quality of care have been recognised by various external partners and organisations. In early 2018, the Trust entered Financial Special Measures. A Financial Recovery Plan is in place to deliver the financial savings required over the coming years.

Like other trusts across the country, Covid-19 meant we had to transform, overnight, the way we cared for patients and delivered services. Collaborative working with system colleagues ensured we were one of the first to set up a long Covid clinic that is proving invaluable in supporting the on-going needs of residents. During the vaccine rollout, King George Hospital was designated a vaccination centre and was established and launched in seven days.

Our Trust has been making good progress as we respond to the needs of those people whose treatment was delayed by the virus, although we have much work to do to improve waiting times for urgent and emergency care, and performance against the four-hour emergency access standard remains challenged, in comparison to most other London trusts. This aspect of the organisation's work will be one of the many benefits of closer collaboration with Barts Health. Working with them, and with all partners across NEL, we will find a sustainable solution that will enhance patient care.

We are particularly proud of our regional Neurosciences Centre; Radiotherapy Centre; Hyper Acute Stroke Unit; and dedicated breast care service at King George Hospital. We're also pleased to be part of the NEL Cancer Alliance.

As well as having a Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at Queen's Hospital, the stroke service has transformed from being 'D' rated to the highest possible 'A' rating. The improvements that have taken place have included changing stroke consultants' working patterns to match demand and introducing a virtual ward that allows patients, where appropriate, to receive care and support in their own homes.

In 2017, the Trust unveiled one of the UK's first Halcyon radiotherapy machines, which is just one example of the cutting-edge treatment we now offer patients. We also provide Ethos therapy, which uses artificial intelligence to tailor treatment to patients' changing daily anatomy (in terms of their tumour's shape and position).

We offer staff the opportunity to train to become nurses, while continuing to work full-time in our hospitals. This pioneering Registered Degree Nursing Apprenticeship is transforming lives - and helping to reduce shortages - by supporting staff who wish to progress to become nurses but who were unable to undertake the usual degree route after leaving school. Growing our own nursing workforce through this route is just one of the ways we have reduced our nursing vacancies and improved retention rates.

Patient experience is hugely important to us as a Trust, and has been recognised at the national Patient Experience Awards, particularly for the support we provide to bereaved families. We are also developing our staff networks and we are determined to continually improve our culture for the benefit of our workforce and our patients. We have appointed a Director for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion who is leading the work to foster a culture that is fair, equitable and inclusive and where every voice counts.

With such continuous improvement always at the forefront of our thinking, we are proud to have partnered with the Virginia Mason Institute, along with four other trusts in the country. Now, with the five-year collaboration at an end, we are continuing to embed The PRIDE Way as our methodology for quality improvement.

OUR VISION: TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING HEALTHCARE
TO OUR COMMUNITY, DELIVERED WITH PRIDE

OUR PRIDE VALUES

PASSION

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Job Description

Job title: Maternity HDU and Theatre Registered Nurse

Band: Band 5

Hours of work: 37.5 hours per week

Location: Maternity High Dependency Unit and Theatres

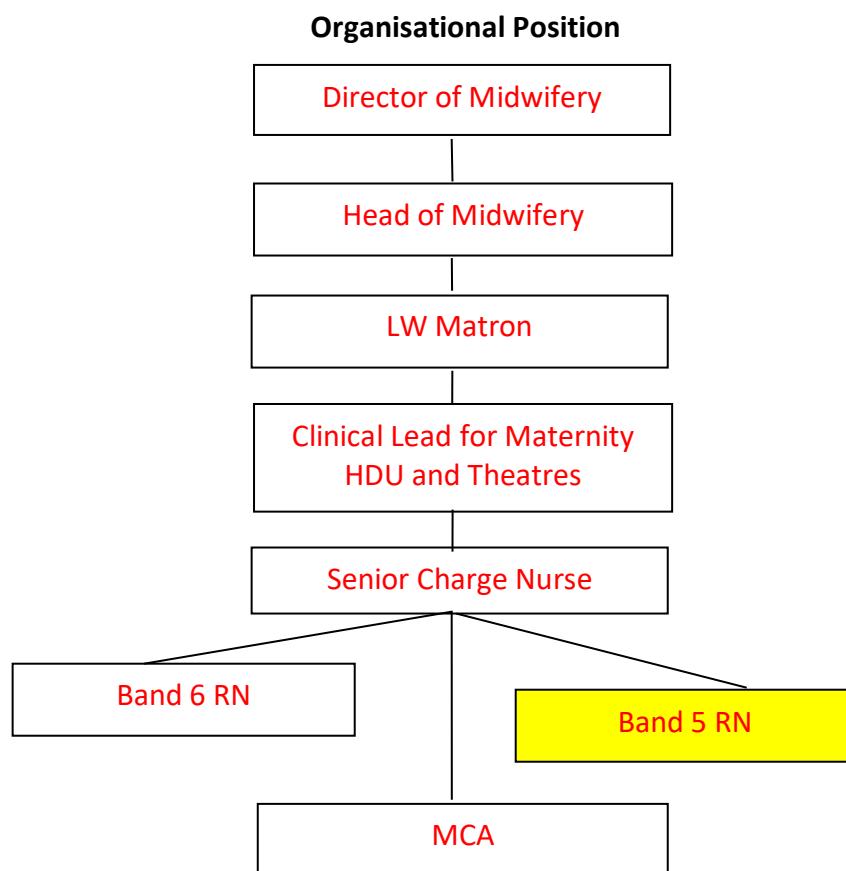
Specialty/department: Maternity, Women and Child Health

Accountable to: Director of Midwifery

Responsible to: Clinical Lead for Maternity HDU and Theatres

1. Job purpose

The post holder will have responsibility for delivering high quality, evidence based, clinical care to women and their babies within Maternity HDU, Theatres and Recovery. The post holder will develop their clinical skills, knowledge and understanding to the best of their ability in accordance with BHRUT policies and protocols.



2. Relationships

The post holder is expected to establish and maintain positive interpersonal relationships with other staff members characterised by trust, mutual respect, and open, honest communication, in line with the Trust Pride Values.

Internal Relationships

These include:

- **Divisional Director of Women and Child Health, Head of Midwifery, Matrons and senior Maternity Management teams**
- **Members of the Multidisciplinary team including the Obstetric teams, Midwives, Support staff, Nursery Nurses, Allied Health Professionals, Managers and HR Colleagues**
- **Broader teams outside of Maternity services e.g. CCOT, Surgical Teams, Main Theatres and Recovery, Imaging, General HDU and ITU**
- **Volunteers, student nurses and student midwives, Apprentice Nurse Associates and Apprentice Maternity Care Assistants**
- **Corporate teams**
- **Colleagues and co-workers**

External Relationships

- **Partners, visitors and members of the public**
- **External agencies**

3. Job summary

The post holder will have responsibility for delivering high quality clinical care to women and their babies within Maternity HDU, Theatres and Recovery. This will be achieved by the provision of appropriate assessment, delivery and evaluation of holistic, evidence based nursing care.

The Post Holder will work clinically as a credible member of the Nursing Team, making a positive contribution to the standards of care delivered. They will act as a role model to support and motivate the team and assist with the education and supervision of nursing students, learners and other staff as appropriate.

The Post Holder will support senior staff members.

4. Clinical / operational responsibilities

- To participate in individual nursing care in accordance with BHRUT policies and Protocols.
- To ensure safe and effective nursing care in the operating theatre, fulfilling the role of scrub practitioner.
- To ensure the clinical environment is clean, secure and safe.
- To participate in a positive risk reporting culture, reporting all accidents, risks and potential risks to senior staff.
- To be responsible for the care, control and administration of drugs and medicines as laid down nationally and within BHRUT

- To promote and contribute to a positive learning culture for all staff.
- To be aware of Infection Prevention and Control policies and practise, adhering to good practise within the clinical area.
- To take appropriate action within an emergency situation.
- To act as a Practise Supervisor and Practise Assessor for students on placement.
- To act as an advocate for women and their families.
- To participate in multidisciplinary team discussions for effective collaborative care.
- To communicate sensitive and complex information effectively and support the care pathway.
- To be able to identify and offer appropriate services to women and babies who are high risk or socially deprived.
- To provide confidential non-directive support and guidance for women at risk of domestic, physical or psychological abuse.
- To ensure standards of documentation are maintained in accordance with NMC Guidelines for records and record keeping as per BHRUT policies and protocols.
- Demonstrate an awareness of audit and participate in the collection of data.
- Administer care in accordance with The code (2015) NMC:
- Be guided by clinical guidelines and adhere to policies of the Trust and to be aware of any changes that affect midwifery and nursing practice.
- Maintain contemporaneous records in an accurate and legible manner.
- Be aware of all London and Essex child protection and safeguarding procedures.
- Be aware of own limitation of knowledge whilst working in this specialised area.

5. Policy, service, organisational and professional responsibilities

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

To carry out duties in a safe manner in order to maintain a high standard of nursing practice for all women and their babies by:

- Being responsible for revalidation requirements and have a portfolio of evidence.
- Practicing within the NMC Code (2015)
- Being guided by clinical guidelines and adhere to policies of the Trust and to be aware of any changes that affect midwifery practice.
- Promoting good working relationships with all members of the multidisciplinary team.
- Demonstrate flexibility and adaptability.
- Demonstrate appropriate and professional behaviours in stressful and potentially difficult situations.
- To participate in and attend ward meetings
- Maintaining contemporaneous records in an accurate and legible manner.
- Being aware of all Safeguarding procedures locally and nationally.
- Actively participating in clinical governance, audit and risk management
- Ensuring incidents are reported through the Safeguard electronic system
- Treating colleagues, patients and visitors with honesty, respect and dignity
- Participating in quality assurance and nursing research projects as required.

- Ensuring effective and appropriate communications in the transfer of care, in order to maintain continuity using the SBAR tool.
- Taking responsibility to ensure all equipment is maintained in working order.
- Participating in orientation and mentorship of new staff and student midwives.

EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in innovative and evidence-based nursing practice.
- Participate in mandatory training as stated within the education training needs analysis.
- Act as a preceptor, mentor, supervisor and assessor for student nurses, apprentice nurse associates and apprentice MCA's.
- Participate in research and audit within the service.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be conversant with and adhere to all Health and Safety policies and procedures of the Trust including manual handling. To assist in the frequent and safe movement of Clients and equipment.
- Adhere to Trust security policies/protocols.
- Report any faulty equipment or hazards to relevant area within the Trust.
- Initiate incident reporting mechanism by completing appropriate online documentation.
- Adhere to COSHH requirements.
- Be conversant with Trust policies with regard to dealing with body fluids, i.e. blood, blood products and liquor to which nurses are exposed on a daily basis.

6. General

- All staff are responsible for the continual compliance with CQC standards and outcomes.
- The postholder must be aware of, and work in line with, our Trust's Safeguarding Adults and Children procedures.

7. Personal development

All staff are required to be appraised by their line managers at least once a year at a personal development review meeting where progress made over the last year is discussed and agreed. Focus on the following year's departmental and personal objectives will be identified, discussed and agreed. Where necessary, help and support will be provided and development opportunities agreed in line with service provision and knowledge and skills competency framework.

8. Mandatory Trust responsibilities

Amending the job description

As the organisation develops and changes, it may be necessary to vary the tasks and/or the responsibilities of the postholder. This will be done in consultation with the postholder and it is hoped that agreement can be reached to any reasonable changes.

Confidentiality

The post holder must at all times maintain a complete confidentiality of the material and information that they handle. Any matters of a confidential nature, or in particular, information relating to diagnoses and treatment of patients and individual staff records must not, under any circumstances, be divulged or passed on to any unauthorised person or persons. The postholder must respect patient named confidentiality in keeping with “Caldicott principles”.

Data protection

The Trust relies on special provisions under data protection legislation to process personal information. Personal information includes name, address, national insurance number and date of birth as well as anything else confidential or sensitive. For example, racial or ethnic origin, trade union membership, health and the commission or alleged commission of any criminal or civil offences.

The Trust's fair processing notice is on our [website](#) details what personal information the trust uses, why this is required, the lawful basis for processing (legitimate reasons for collection, storage, usage and sharing), how the Trust processes (uses, stores, retains, disposes and protects) personal information, retention periods, who we share personal information with, confirmation of your information rights and the process for reporting a complaint or concern.

The Trust will lawfully process your personal information in compliance with data protection legislation.

Leaders' agreement

If the post holder has leadership and/or line management responsibility, then they are responsible for demonstrating, and developing in line with, the standard of behaviour as outlined in our Trust 'Leaders' Agreement'.

Policies and procedures

The post holder will be expected to comply with all statutory legislation, Trust Financial Framework Guidance and approved national and local policy. The postholder is also expected to be aware of our Trust's Risk Management Strategy which includes the responsibilities placed on them by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act (1974) and the Clinical Governance Framework. All employees are expected to comply with all Trust Policies and Procedures.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults is central to the care provided by our Trust and the post holder must be aware of their responsibilities and work in line with our Trust's Safeguarding Adult and Children Procedures.

Health and safety

Employees must be aware of the responsibilities placed on them by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act (1974) to ensure that the agreed safety procedure is carried out to maintain a safe environment for the other employees and visitors.

Sustainable development and our health and wellbeing

The Trust is committed to UK Climate Change Act and NHS Sustainable Development Unit strategy to reduce its business activity related carbon emissions and its impact on the environment. Our Sustainability vision is to “continually sustain, retain and enhance the savings and culture change to meet our sustainability commitments.”

All staff are required to support the Trust's Sustainability vision, which aims to minimise environmental and healthcare impacts by developing preventative approaches. This will help improve the internal and external environment, reduce impact on natural and energy resources, reduce air pollution, prevent infection, provide financial savings and improve the health and wellbeing of staff, patient and the public.

All Managers Band 7 and above are required to take appropriate responsibility in their departments. They are expected to support in raising awareness, encouraging staff on waste segregation, energy savings, promoting active and healthy modes of travel, help reduce waste and embed sustainability by completing a Sustainability Impact Assessment on their local activity and business cases.

Infection control

Employees must be aware of the responsibilities placed upon them by The Health Act (2007) to ensure they maintain a safe, infection free environment. This includes the knowledge and understanding of the management of infected patients and the principles of Standard Infection Control Precautions including the correct technique for Hand Washing and the appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Smoke free

Our Trust buildings and grounds became fully Smoke Free on National No Smoking Day 11th March 2015. Our Trust expects all staff to promote healthy living and to set good examples in their own behaviour. Those not ready to quit smoking must remain smoke free during working hours, and will not be able to smoke in Trust uniform, in Trust grounds including car parks, while driving on Trust business or take smoking breaks. Second hand smoke causes heart and lung disease, and is harmful to young children. However, disposable or rechargeable e-cigarettes (“vaping”) may be used outside hospital buildings.

General

The post holder will be expected to comply with all statutory legislation, Trust Financial Framework Guidance and approved national and local policy.

The postholder will be expected to be responsible for his/her continuing professional development and to take a proactive approach to maintaining personal and professional effectiveness in an evolving role.

The duties and responsibilities described in this Job Description are intended to be indicative but not exhaustive of the responsibilities of the postholder. As our Trust develops, the requirements of the job may change and the postholder is expected to adapt to these changes.

Equal opportunities policy

Our Trust operates in a multi-ethnic area. All members of staff are expected to take into account equalities in all areas of work.

All employees are expected to abide by our Trust's equal opportunities policy, failure to do so could result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

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Person Specification

Selection Criteria	Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria	Means of Assessment
Education/ Qualifications	Registered Nurse	IV administration competency Completion of Standards for Student Supervision and Assessment course Cannulation competency MELPS/ENB 997/998 or equivalent	
Skills/ Abilities	Able to communicate clearly, concisely and effectively. Able to demonstrate good oral and written skills, using punctuation, spelling and grammar effectively. Able to maintain good working relationships within the multidisciplinary team. Able to work well under pressure, demonstrating a calm and resilient approach. Total commitment to ensuring a high standard of care is delivered to all women. Able to prioritise workload and demonstrate effective time management.	Evidence of professional development Able to demonstrate good teaching skills Evidence of participating in nursing or medical audits	
Experience/ Knowledge	Have a sound knowledge of 'The Code' in relation to Nursing Practise. Aware of recent developments within nursing	Experience in assessing and managing the care of women with complex care needs Knowledge and experience of care of women pre- peri- and post-operatively.	

Personal Qualities	Good attendance record Friendly and adaptable approach Demonstrates a willingness to learn and develop Able to communicate clearly using verbal and non-verbal skills in situations which are frequently highly distressing. Motivated and enthusiastic		
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