

## Job Description

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Practice Nurse</b>
<b>Reports To:</b>	<b>Clinical Nurse Lead</b>
<b>Place of Work:</b>	<b>Riverside Clinic, Ipswich</b>
<b>Working Pattern:</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, Weekends and Bank Holidays</b>
<b>Role Purpose:</b>	The Practice Nurse will be responsible for the delivery of a safe and effective medical response for people in Suffolk accessing GP+ Service. The post holder will identify and provide the correct care and necessary treatment for individual patients to meet their presenting needs. This role



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will support appropriate patient care and ensure that flow is maintained across urgent and emergency care services within Suffolk.

The Practice Nurse is a key member of the team and will be expected to provide comprehensive care to patients. The Practice Nurse will work effectively with all colleagues within the team to deliver high quality patient centred care.

## **Main Duties**

- The post holder will be an experienced practice nurse acting within their professional boundaries . They will see patients for the following presentations; pill checks, injections, wound care, hypertension, swabs, suture and clip removal and cervical screening. They will demonstrate safe, clinical decision-making and expert care, including assessment and diagnostic skills, working within their level of competency
- To work closely with the wider urgent care teams in delivering high quality patient centred clinical care.
- Ensure on-going CPD to keep abreast of new clinical developments and maintain an appreciation of the commitments and requirements of the wider clinical workforce.



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- To provide appropriate health promotion and preventative health care advice to all patients attending the Service.
- Engage in the revalidation process and appraisal processes as relevant.
- To prioritise work and deliver appropriate management of care.

## **Clinical**

- To provide appropriate care and services to patients in all age ranges and level of health care needs, according to their level of competency.

## **Non-Clinical**

- To carry out appropriate administrative and other duties in line with the needs of the service
- To maintain clinical records in line with professional code
- To work flexibly as necessary.



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**Amending the job description:** It is expected that as the organisation develops and changes it may be necessary to vary the tasks and/or the responsibilities of the post holder. This will be done in consultation with the post holder and it is hoped that agreement can be reached to any reasonable changes.

**Confidentiality:** The post holder must at all times maintain 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 post holder must respect patient named confidentiality in keeping with “Caldicott principles”.

**Data Protection:** The post holder must at all times respect the confidentiality of information in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act. This includes, if required to do so, obtaining, processing and/or using information held on a computer in a fair and lawful way, holding data only for the specified registered purposes and using or disclosing data only to authorised persons or organisations as instructed.

**Policies & Procedures:** The post holder will be expected to comply with all statutory legislation, the organisations governance framework and approved national and local policy. All employees are expected to comply with all of the organisations Policies and Procedures.



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**General:** The post holder 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 post holder. As the organisation develops, the requirements of the job may change and the post holder is expected to adapt to these changes.

**Health & Safety:** Employees must share responsibility for abiding by health and safety policies and regulations, infection prevention and control policies and act in accordance with the Risk Management Policy. This includes compliance with The Health Act 2006 Code of Practice for the prevention and control of healthcare associated infection. In addition, be aware of the responsibilities placed on them by the Health & Safety at Work Act (1974) to ensure that the agreed safety procedure is carried out to maintain a safe environment for themselves, other employees and visitors.

**Equal Opportunities Policy and Anti-Harassment:** The post holder will immediately report to their line manager any breach or suspected breach of both equal opportunity and anti-harassment guidelines

**Safeguarding Children:** Everyone employed by the organisation regardless of the work they do has a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. When children and/or their carers



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use our services it is essential that all child protection concerns are both recognised and acted on appropriately. You have a responsibility to ensure you are familiar with and follow the Southend Essex and Thurrock (SET) child protection procedures and the organisations safeguarding policy to ensure you are equipped to carry out your duties effectively, you must also attend mandatory child protection training and updates at the competency level appropriate to the work you do.

**Safeguarding Adults:** Everyone employed by the Organisation regardless of the work they do has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of vulnerable adults. When patients and/or their carers use our services it is essential that all protection concerns are both recognised and acted on appropriately. You have a responsibility to ensure you are familiar with and follow relevant policies in relation to safeguarding vulnerable adults. To ensure you are equipped to carry out your duties effectively, you must also attend mandatory vulnerable adult protection training and updates at the competency level appropriate to the work you do.



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