

EAST LANCASHIRE T.B. SERVICE

JOB DESCRIPTION

POST TITLE: T.B. Specialist Nurse

GRADE: Band 6

REPORTS TO: Team Leader – T.B. Service

PROFESSIONALLY ACCOUNTABLE TO: Head of Nursing – Medicine

JOB SUMMARY

- Provide specialist nursing care to patients and their families and follow-up of tuberculosis in the community.
- Provide screening to all 'high risk' groups, ensuring all new entrants to the geographical areas, are screened and vaccinated where appropriate.
- Responsible for and demonstrating autonomy in assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating individual programmes of care within the specialist area of tuberculosis.
- Managing an independent case load of patients and prioritise accordingly.
- Provide specialist T.B. advice, support and education to health care professionals and outside agencies with Primary and Secondary care.
- Ensuring high standards of professional practice and provide a quality district service to the population of East Lancashire.

TUBERCULOSIS

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Clinical Patient Care

- 1.1 Responsible for the assessment, development and implementation of specialist nursing care programmes, in order to address patient needs and promote compliance with therapy.
This may frequently expose the post holder to verbal aggression unpleasant environments such as dirt and smells. Exposure to tuberculosis mycobacterium.
- 1.2 Provide specialist ongoing evaluation of treatment programmes, monitoring compliance and assisting patients in their homes to comply with prescribed treatment.
- 1.3 Provide screening for T.B. contacts, based on NICE guidelines in a clinic and /or community setting.
- 1.4 Liaise with GP's, Social Services, community drug and alcohol teams and other agencies in the ongoing care and support of T.B. clients.
- 1.5 Independently manage and prioritise own caseload of patients.
- 1.6 Have a sound knowledge of T.B. treatment and management and be able to act independently and promptly identify potential problems during treatment regimes.
- 1.7 Instigate and provide diagnostic investigations to aid screening and/or diagnosis of T.B. to hospital clinicians, GP's, HV's and other agencies.
- 1.8 Provide specialist knowledge and care to multi-drug resistant cases of TB.

2. Clinics and Services

- 2.1 Provide independent nurse led clinics for screening of T.B. contacts, new entrants and asylum seekers and provide a fast-track service to the chest physician and other agencies.
- 2.2 Provide tuberculin skin testing, interpretation and BCG vaccination to the high-risk groups identified in NICE guidelines, covering all age groups. Provide

accessible clinics to the community at various sites across the geographical area.

- 2.3 Provide screening services in the home setting where required. Assist with the management/mass screening programmes eg liaising with UKHSA and others to organise, plan and manage screening programmes in schools or other community settings providing screening, advice and support. This will also include collaborative working with the infectious control team in the hospital setting.
- 2.4 Provide support to team members when visiting/screening in a potentially hostile environment. This may include the homes of the vulnerable eg asylum seekers, new arrivals to England, refugees, alcoholics, substance misuse, drug addiction and also the homeless.
- 2.5 Maintain and order stock for use in clinics, community and or public health education.

3. Communication

- 3.1 Maintain accurate written records and database data collection.
- 3.2 Liaise closely with Infection Control Teams, PHE, Chest Physicians and Chest Clinics, X-ray Departments and other community services, including GP's in the overall management of and related issues in the community.
- 3.3 Participate in the presentation of cases at Cohort review.
- 3.4 Establish good, open effective communication with patients and their families and all individuals requiring screening, involving link workers/language line for non-English speaking clients.
- 3.5 Establish effective communications systems with other multi-disciplinary agencies.

4 Teaching and Support

- 4.1 Provide induction programmes and ongoing support/mentoring to new staff members until independent in their own practice.
- 4.2 Provide ongoing supervision and allocation of work to support staff including assessment of competency.

- 4.3 Provide teaching sessions for health care workers, including medical staff, nurses, care workers and other agencies as requested, in a formal format or in informal sessions on disease and management.
- 4.4 Provide specialist full or half day training sessions on BCG vaccination/mantoux testing to doctors, school nurses and other specialist nurses.
- 4.5 Act as a resource for health professionals, outside agencies and the public regarding and the services available in East Lancashire.
- 4.6 Provide clinical supervision to fellow team members and students.
- 4.7 Promote awareness to the wider community and target health promotion and awareness to high-risk groups.
- 4.8 Take an active role in the formulation of policies, procedures and information materials on tuberculosis, aimed at tuberculosis specialist nurses, tuberculosis team and other disciplines involved in tuberculosis prevention and control.

5. Health Protection

- 5.1 Communicate with Consultant chest physician and UKHSA regarding the notification of all patients by establishing effective communication and meetings.
- 5.2 Support PHE in the event of a major outbreak or large-scale contact tracing exercise. This will involve collaborative working to organise and plan contact screening in the community.
- 5.3 Establish and develop services to 'hard to engage' groups in the geographical area by community visiting and establishing effective communication links.

6. Professional Practice and Quality

- 6.1 Maintain professional standards of care and accurate documentation, according to the Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC) codes of conduct and practice.
- 6.2 Maintain professional registration with NMC and ensure updated practices are adhered to.
- 6.3 Maintain professional standards in accordance with Trust Policies and Procedures and work to the quality initiatives of the Trust.

- 6.4 Be professionally accountable for your own practice.
- 6.5 Participate in research and audit monitoring and actively research developments in related issues and evidence-based practice.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Ensure that personal action and conduct comply with the Trust Policies and Procedures with Health and Safety, Cardiac Arrest, Tobacco Control Policy, Equal Opportunities, Infection Control and Moving and Handling Regulations.

Conduct duties with regard to values underpinning the Trust's Vision:

- If it is about me, involve me
- Working together in partnership
- Aspiring to excellence
- Ongoing improvement of our service

Post holders are expected to work flexibly within their pay band. They should only be expected to carry out activities for which they are competent. Alternatively, they may carry out the additional duties if they are receiving support or training in order to obtain the recognised level of competence.

The Trust operates a Tobacco Control Policy.

Jobholder's Signature: Date :.....

Head of Department's Signature:..... Date:

Head of Department's Job Title: