

Clinical Nurse Specialist

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Why Our Trust?

Terms and conditions

Post – Clinical Nurse Specialist

Division –Medicine

Department- Dermatology (Medicine)

Band – 6

Location – UHBW trust wide (to include Weston General Hospital)

Annual leave – Up to 33 days dependant on NHS Service

Pension - The NHS Pension Scheme is a defined benefit scheme. Further details and outline of benefits can be found at: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions

Job Purpose

The post holder will work as an important member of the Multidisciplinary Team within University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust. The post holder will provide specialist nursing advice and support to patients.

The post holder will be responsible for working with a defined group of patients suffering with diagnosed inflammatory skin disease. They will assess their health care needs using validated scoring tools; and advise patients on topical and systemic treatment options, referring to their supervising senior nurse or consultant for any systemic treatment choices. They will order the appropriate screening and monitoring for systemic treatments or liaise with primary care to do so where appropriate. They will advise patients on self-management of their skin condition, mitigation of side effects of treatment, and take an holistic approach to promoting patients' general health and well-being.

The post holder may be involved in planning and implementing audits as well as being involved in research.

About us

Our mission is to improve the health of the people we serve by delivering exceptional care, teaching and research every day.

What you'll love about working here

UHBW has been rated by the CQC as 'Good' - our staff are proud to deliver excellent care. As a forward-thinking multi-award winning Trust, our world-leading research and innovations are having a positive local and global impact. Our hospitals are spread across Bristol and Weston-super-Mare, join us and you can enjoy the very best of both worlds; city living within a stone's throw of the countryside or beside the seaside, both with easy access to all that the South West has to offer.

A digital exemplar- Being appointed as a Global Digital Exemplar means we can realise this vision by implementing digital technologies that will help us to transform the way we work and how we relate to our colleagues, patients and partner organizations.

Sustainable healthcare - We have joined the international movement to declare a climate emergency, recognising the impact climate change is having on the world. Climate change is labelled as the greatest threat to health in the 21st century, with a range of conditions related to heat, cold, extreme weather and air pollution predicted to rise. To lead the way in healthcare the Trust has set ambitious goals to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Access to further opportunities with the Trust - Apprenticeships are a great way to learn and earn on the job. UH Bristol and Weston provides a range of apprenticeships to support a huge number of career opportunities in clinical and non-clinical support services with apprenticeships starting at level 2 through to level 7. As an organisation we encourage further development of all employees to progress upward within their chosen field.

Diversity & Inclusion

A core principle of the Trust is to ensure that patients and staff are treated with dignity and respect. Promoting equality, diversity and human rights and challenging any form of inequality, discrimination, harassment or abuse are central to the Trust's Values.

'Committed to inclusion in everything we do' is the ambition set out in the Trust's Workforce Diversity & Inclusion Strategy. The Trust will not tolerate discrimination, harassment or bullying under any circumstances and particularly because of a characteristic protected by the Equality Act 2010.

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Main Duties and Responsibilities

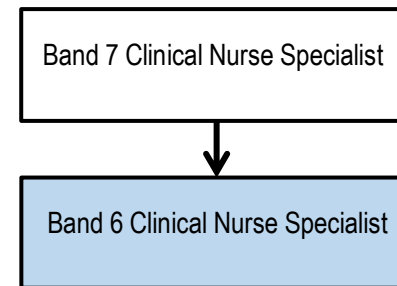
Communication and Relationship skills:

- Demonstrate politeness, courtesy and sensitivity in providing compassionate care for patients, visitors/relatives and colleagues.
- Contribute towards sharing good practice within the multidisciplinary team.
- Promote a positive image of University Hospital Bristol NHS Foundation Trust at all times.
- Work cohesively with all members of the multidisciplinary team and promote effective liaison with the team in ensuring that the very best services to patients are provided at all times.
- Communicate effectively within the multidisciplinary team, participate in motivating and supporting team members and maintain confidentiality with patients and carers. Give written and verbal advice/teaching to patients and carers.

Patient Care:

- To provide patients and staff with specialist advice to manage complex symptoms
- To develop, improve, and promote the service ensuring the delivery of high quality, cost effective care utilising the support and guidance of senior colleagues
- To develop and share expertise within the multidisciplinary team
- To develop the skills to act as a resource in the care of patient's needs, ensuring an optimum level of service to patients and their carers.
- To work closely with community and relevant network, other hospital and community staff to ensure an effective seamless service.
- To provide effective communication systems of support for patients
- To build up a skill set to embed patient and public involvement within the sphere of specialist nursing practice.
- To ensure that all patients and families are aware of all treatment options, including clinical trials
- To work as patient advocate, to help negotiate the patient journey and ensure optimum care is provided to each patient.
- To develop links with other organisations providing support and information.
- To adhere to infection control guidelines and procedures.

Organisational Structure



Key Relationships

Laura Crosby – Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist.

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- To act as a positive role model for nurses in the hospital through the demonstration of excellent communication and clinical skills.
- Through supervision and support develop the skills to analyse and respond to complex clinical situations utilising specialist knowledge to assess a range of options to formulate solutions and recommendations.

Professional Development and Education Responsibilities:

- To participate in the planning and delivery of formal and informal education programmes for patients, carers and all staff.
- To participate in education forums locally.
- To participate in individual performance review annually.
- To ensure that professional knowledge and practice is constantly updated
- Takes personal responsibility for life-long learning and personal development through clinical supervision, appraisal and Knowledge and Skills Framework

Leadership and Management:

- Planning the provision of day to day organisational tasks

- With support, manage a caseload based on flexible principles, prioritises and the care needs of patients.
- In conjunction with their line manager develop the skills to provide an initial response to complaints and queries, and have a working awareness of the Trust's complaints procedure.
- Maintain accurate and concise records that produce statistical data for the purpose of evaluation and development of the service.
- To keep accurate and up to date patient records.
- Actively engages with appropriate agencies to contribute expertise and experience
- In partnership with the line manager develop the skills to provide specialist nursing advice and support to patients including their families.
- To assist in the development of evidence based policies and procedures relating to the speciality
- To assist in the development of quality initiatives such as audit, evidence based practice and risk management within a culture of continuous quality improvements.
- To practice in accordance with current policies and procedures of the Trust
- To act as a change agent, using appropriate communication skill that will motivate and reassure staff through negotiation and training, to facilitate the change process.
- The post holder may be required to order supplies as advised and/or safely use equipment
- To record all patient related work to ensure this is commissioned correctly.
- To actively contribute to trust wide and divisional CNS work e.g. PANDORA, CNS away days, annual job plan reviews, and annual reports

Research Responsibilities:

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- Demonstrate and promote an understanding of the interplay between research and practice to ensure patient care is supported by good evidence and continues to improve
- Demonstrate the ability to access up-to-date evidence and critically analyse this to inform care practices
- Learn to identify gaps in knowledge and discuss these with relevant teams as possible areas for research or clinical audit
- Contribute to an ethos of striving for excellence through promotion of an enquiry-based culture
- Be informed regarding the research studies being undertaken within clinical specialty and support these through:
 - knowledge of inclusion/exclusion criteria and referral of suitable patients to research team
 - provision of appropriate space for research team to see patients
- Facilitate patient and staff involvement in research studies where appropriate as part of promoting excellent care through research, by:
 - assisting in the collection of research data when part of usual clinical care, following relevant training
 - ensuring the delivery of research intervention when part of usual clinical care, following relevant training

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Personal Profile - (E) = Essential (D) = Desirable

Knowledge and Experience

- Thorough and up to date knowledge of nursing theory and best practice particularly within speciality area - E
- Relevant clinical experience in specialist area - D
- Evidence of recent teaching experience - E
- Experience of undertaking research or audit projects – D
- Excellent IT skills – E
- Experience of autonomous working - E

Aptitudes

- Supportive - E
- Respectful - E
- Innovative - E
- Collaborative – E

Skills and Abilities

- Organisation and management skills - E
- Teaching - E
- Ability to work effectively under pressure - E
- Ability to problem solve - E
- Flexibility, adaptability to meet needs of a changing service - E
- Ability to work alone or as part of a team - E
- Ability to cope with emotional issues presented in the course of work, and to support others - E
- Knowledge of national and local specialty specific issues - D
- IT skills including use of email and Microsoft office packages - E
- Act as a role model and as a mentor/assessor - E
- Innovative and participates with practice and policy change - E
- Awareness of professional responsibilities to self and others - E
- Commitment to the development and provision of high quality nursing care - E
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills - E
- Awareness of current national changes in nursing / NHS - E

Qualifications and Training

- Active 1st level registration with NMC - E
- 1st Degree In nursing or health related subject, willing to undertake/ working towards – E
- Qualification in Teaching and Assessing – E
- Post-registration Physical assessment and clinical reasoning qualification or willingness to work towards - E
- Willingness to work towards Masters level academic study – E
- Non-medical prescriber or willingness to work toward (D)

Public Sector Language Competency

- Be able to speak fluent English to an appropriate standard – E

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Transforming Care

Delivering sustainable healthcare services to our patients, which are effective, efficient and driven by excellence, is at the heart of our organisation. Transforming Care is the Trust's overarching programme of transformational change. It enables staff to use a structured approach to continuously improve and innovates their services, strengthen our capability, and deliver our Trust's mission to improve the health of the people we serve by delivering exceptional care, teaching and research, every day.

Our Quality Improvement Academy is open to all staff and leaders across the Trust, and provides training to lead or take part in improvement and transformation activities in their departments and across the Trust. We will support staff to develop the skills and tools to improve services to deliver the best care to our patients and public.

Information Governance

It is the responsibility of all staff to respect the confidentiality of patients and staff, as specified in the Caldicott Principles, Data Protection Act 2018 and the Human Rights Act. It is the duty of every employee to:

- Only access person identifiable information as required in the execution of their duties.
- Disclose information appropriately, in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.
- To ensure good quality data by recording, promptly and accurately, clinical and non-clinical information within agreed timescales to PAS, the health record or the appropriate clinical or non-clinical information system
- Always trace patient notes on the Patient Administration System

Maintain the confidentiality of their passwords / usernames and if in possession of a 'Smartcard' abiding by the terms and conditions of its use.

Workplace Wellbeing

The Trust Workplace Wellbeing Framework encourages all colleagues to look after their own wellbeing as well as supporting the wellbeing of colleagues. Line managers will oversee the wellbeing of their team, making wellbeing a priority when considering ways of working and will undertake regular health and wellbeing conversations that are supportive, coaching-style one-to-one discussions focused on building team resilience. To assist this, the Trust offers comprehensive wellbeing provision for employees, students, volunteers and managers.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults, and as such expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Quality and Clinical Governance

Quality in the NHS has three core dimensions: Patient Safety, Patient Experience and Clinical Effectiveness. Clinical Governance is about the systems, processes and behaviours to ensure that high quality services are provided to patients. Every member of staff has a role to play in striving for excellence: it is important that everyone is aware of and follows policies and procedures that govern their work; and if something goes wrong, everyone has an obligation to report it so lessons can be learned from mistakes, incidents and complaints. If any member of staff has concerns on any clinical governance matters, they should raise them with their line manager, professional adviser, or a more senior member of management. Reference should be made to the Trust's guidance on Raising Concerns about provision of patient care.

Health and Safety

Under the provisions contained in the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, it is the duty of every employee to:

- Take reasonable care of themselves and for others at work
- To co-operate with the Trust as far as is necessary to enable them to carry out their legal duty
- Not to intentionally or recklessly interfere with anything provided including personal protective equipment for Health and Safety or welfare at work.

Everyone has a responsibility for contributing to the reduction of infections.

Senior Management is responsible for the implementation throughout the Trust of suitable arrangements to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all employees at work and the health and safety of other persons who may be affected by their activities. Where health and safety matters cannot be resolved at Senior Management level the appropriate Executive Director must be notified.

Line Managers are responsible for the health and safety management of all activities, areas and staff under their control. This includes responsibility for ensuring risk assessments are completed and implementation of suitable and sufficient control measures put in place. Health and safety issues are dealt with at the lowest level of management practicable. Where health and safety matters cannot be resolved at a particular management level the appropriate Senior Manager must be notified.