

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Senior Staff Nurse- Enhanced Hospice at Home
GRADE	5b
HOURS OF DUTY	Full Time – 37.5 hours across 7-day service. / Part time considered.
REPORTS TO	Enhanced Hospice at Home Team Leader
KEY RELATIONSHIPS	Director of Care & Community Services Head of Community Services Enhanced Hospice at Home Co-Ordinator Enhanced Hospice at Home Team Primary Care Team/District Nurses Saint Francis Hospice multi-professional team Hospice Community Team (Clinical Nurse Specialists) Community Liaison Marie Curie Service
RESPONSIBLE FOR	This role does not have line management responsibility

JOB SUMMARY

To work as a member of the Enhanced Hospice at Home team. To provide appropriate palliative nursing care and support to individuals and those they love, in their own homes across our catchment area of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Brentwood and Redbridge. To liaise with other members of the multidisciplinary team – Enhanced Hospice at Home Lead, Enhanced Hospice at Home Coordinator, Primary Health Care team, Clinical Nurse specialists, social care providers.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To provide appropriate physical, emotional and spiritual care in agreement with the individual and their family/friends
- To communicate effectively and appropriately with the individual and carers and liaise with other professionals involved in their care on behalf of the Hospice at Home team
- Have an understanding of the importance of multi-professional team-working and the ability to promote it within the organisation
- Have an understanding and awareness of behaviours and interpersonal skills that are vital to effective team working and practice them at all times
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- Participate in the co-ordination of the Enhanced Hospice at Home service on a seven-day rota as required in the absence of the service coordinator and as directed by the Enhanced Hospice at Home team Lead
- To attend regular Enhanced Hospice at Home meetings, reflective practice and multidisciplinary team meetings
- To accurately document care given within NMC guidelines both written and electronically as appropriate.
- To be competent in the use of iCare and other patient information systems used within the hospice setting.
- To recognise and report changes in the persons condition and respond appropriately to maintain effective symptom control
- Advocate for those we care for and their family whilst care and symptom control taking place at home in instances of medication request follow up, monitoring and raising concerns with key workers and appropriately involved health professionals.
- To provide physical care complying with manual handling policy and continually perform risk assessment in the person's home
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- To teach, empower and enable families to care for the individual
- To support the primary care team with the setting up and maintaining the administration of medication via syringe pump as directed.
- To recognise the impact that a terminal disease can have on the individual and their family and to support them through this process, respecting the individuality and rights of the person and promoting their independence
- To care for the body after death and support family members/carers after death
- To take forward training opportunities and skills to further develop senior staff nurse role with verification of death, clinical examination & diagnostics.
- To participate and initiate teaching, audits, surveys or other clinical governance activities as required/requested
- To practice in accordance with health and safety policies, lone working policy and adheres to fire regulations and maintains own personal safety accordingly
- To participate in own personal development through all mandatory training and suitable internal/external study days
- Participate and contribute to hospice Widening Access groups and Special Interest groups as appropriate

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF POSTHOLDER

- To act within the legal and statutory rules relating to nursing practice as laid down by the Nursing & Midwifery Council.
- To be responsible and ensure adherence to professional Revalidation expectations and process.
- Adhere to the policies and conditions of service of Saint Francis Hospice relating to sickness and absence, conduct, Health and Safety, Data Protection and any others that are relevant.
- Take responsibility for own professional and personal development which will be monitored in supervision sessions and in the annual appraisal system.
- To be responsible for any equipment provided by the hospice for the role in the community and the safekeeping of such items when not in use.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Some information received or supplied during the course of duty will be of a confidential nature – confidentiality is not to be breached and is a disciplinary matter.
- Ensure that computerised data is managed within the requirements of the Data Protection Act.
- Report accidents/incidents or potential hazards and to work in accordance with the Hospice's Health and Safety at Work Policy.

SENSITIVITY AND PROFESSIONALISM: As an employee of Saint Francis Hospice you should expect that it is likely that you will come into contact with individuals in our care, their loved ones and members of the public who are at the end of life or recently bereaved. All employees are expected to respond to people recounting and expressing their emotions about such events with sensitivity and understanding, and to know enough about the services that the Hospice provides to be able to signpost people who may benefit from our services to the relevant contacts.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The post holder must maintain confidentiality, security and integrity of information relating to individuals in our care and their loved ones, staff and other hospice matters during the course of duty. Any breach of Confidentiality may become a disciplinary issue.

DATA PROTECTION: It is the responsibility of all staff to be aware of their obligations in respect of the Data Protection Act 2018.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES: The hospice is committed to the development of positive policies to promote equal opportunity in employment and has a clear commitment to equal opportunities. All employees have a responsibility to ensure that they understand the standards expected and that they promote and adhere to the equal opportunity measures adopted by the hospice.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: All staff must be familiar with section 2 of the Health & Safety Policy, Organisation of Health and Safety. This documents sets out the responsibilities of all staff for health

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and safety, whether in a supervisory capacity or not. Policy section 3 (arrangements for Health and Safety) provides an overview of training for competence in Health and Safety matters.

HOSPICE IDENTITY BADGES: Hospice ID badges must be worn at all times whilst on duty.

SMOKING: The hospice acknowledges its responsibility to provide a safe, smoke free environment, for its employees, service users and visitors. Smoking is therefore not permitted at any point whilst on duty, in accordance with the guidelines set down within the Hospice No Smoking Policy.

REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE/CODE OF CONDUCT: All employees who are required to register with a professional body to enable them to practice within their profession are required to comply with their code of conduct and requirements of their professional registration.

WORKING TIME REGULATIONS: The 'Working Time Regulations 1998' require that you should not work more than an average of 48 hours in each week. For example, in a 26 week period you should work no more than 1248 hours.

Please note that this job description is not definitive or restrictive in any way. It is a guide to the responsibilities of the role. It may be reviewed, in consultation with the post holder, in light of changing circumstances and the changing needs of the Hospice.

The post holder will be expected to perform any other such duties as might reasonably be required by the Director and will work in accordance with all Hospice Policies and Procedures.

In an emergency, all staff may be required to work different hours or carry out different tasks to those set out in their contracts of employment. This will be done in consultation with individuals and taking into account any special circumstances that may exist.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION

SENIOR STAFF NURSE

E = ESSENTIAL	D = DESIRABLE
Demonstrating the Hospice Values –Compassionate, Collaborative and Creative	
<p>Compassionate -We are a caring team, kind to each other and put the needs of individuals and their loved ones at the heart of what we do.</p> <p>Collaborative – We value working in partnership across our communities and are pro-active about nurturing relationships with our stakeholders.</p> <p>Creative – We are forward-thinking, adaptable in our changing world and embrace change and innovative ways of working.</p>	E E E
Qualifications & Training	
<input type="checkbox"/> RGN –Significant post registration experience Significant care experience	E
Skills/Abilities/Knowledge	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative care qualification or equivalent experience.	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching qualification or equivalent experience	D
<input type="checkbox"/> Counselling qualification or equivalent experience	D
<input type="checkbox"/> IT skills and ability to use clinical database remotely.	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding the philosophy of hospice care and supportive of the ethos of enhanced hospice at home	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to work without direct supervision in a patient's home.	E
<input type="checkbox"/> A sensitive awareness of the needs of patients and their families in the community setting.	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to use own initiative, respond effectively in a crisis	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to work flexibly and have a flexible approach to working patterns.	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Motivated and enthusiastic	E
<input type="checkbox"/> An effective communicator with excellent written and verbal communication skills	E
Experience	
<input type="checkbox"/> Team player, committed to multidisciplinary working.	E
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience of working autonomously as well as part of a multi-professional team.	E

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<input type="checkbox"/> Flexible approach to team working and an awareness of team dynamics.	E	
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrable excellent interpersonal skills.	E	
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience of working in a community setting		D
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience of multi-agency working.		D
Other Requirements		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compassionate, sensitive, non – judgmental.	E	
<input type="checkbox"/> Good personal support mechanism and awareness of own stressors.	E	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to travel efficiently and effectively to a person's home across various locations within the hospice catchment area and must obtain insurance for business use.	E	

I confirm that I have read the Job Description/Person Specification and the duties contained therein and accept the conditions of this role.

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE: