



JOB DESCRIPTION

Nurse Advisor / Clinical Supervisor

1. Job Details	
Job Title:	Nurse Advisor / Clinical Supervisor
Pay Band:	Band 6
Reports to:	Clinical Safety Navigator
Accountable to:	Senior Clinical Operations Manager
Level of Accountability:	The post holder will work autonomously to agreed objectives for the service. In addition, there will be regular review and monitoring meetings. Objectives will be set, but the post holder will determine how results are best achieved.
Location/ Site/ Base:	Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Crawley / Coxheath and 111 Contact Centre, Ashford
Key Relationships	Senior Operations Managers - EOC (SOM) Clinical Safety Navigators Operations Managers - Clinical Emergency Operations Centre Manager (EOCM) Dispatcher Team leader (DTL) Clinical Supervisor (CS) Emergency Medical Advisor Team Leader (EMATL) Resource Dispatcher (RD) / Response Desk Co-ordinator (RDC) Emergency Medical Advisor (EMA)
2. Job Purpose	
<p>To provide clinical supervision and mentoring for the NHS Pathways call triage system and Trust's Emergency Medical Advisors (EMAs) and dispatch staff and functions. Provide remote clinical triage to appropriate incidents and where applicable provide home management instructions to patients to discharge patients from the Trust's care, in line with the NHS Pathways call triage system.</p> <p>To provide clinical oversight and advice for deployment of specialist resources, remote clinical leadership, information and guidance, where required, to ambulance crews.</p>	

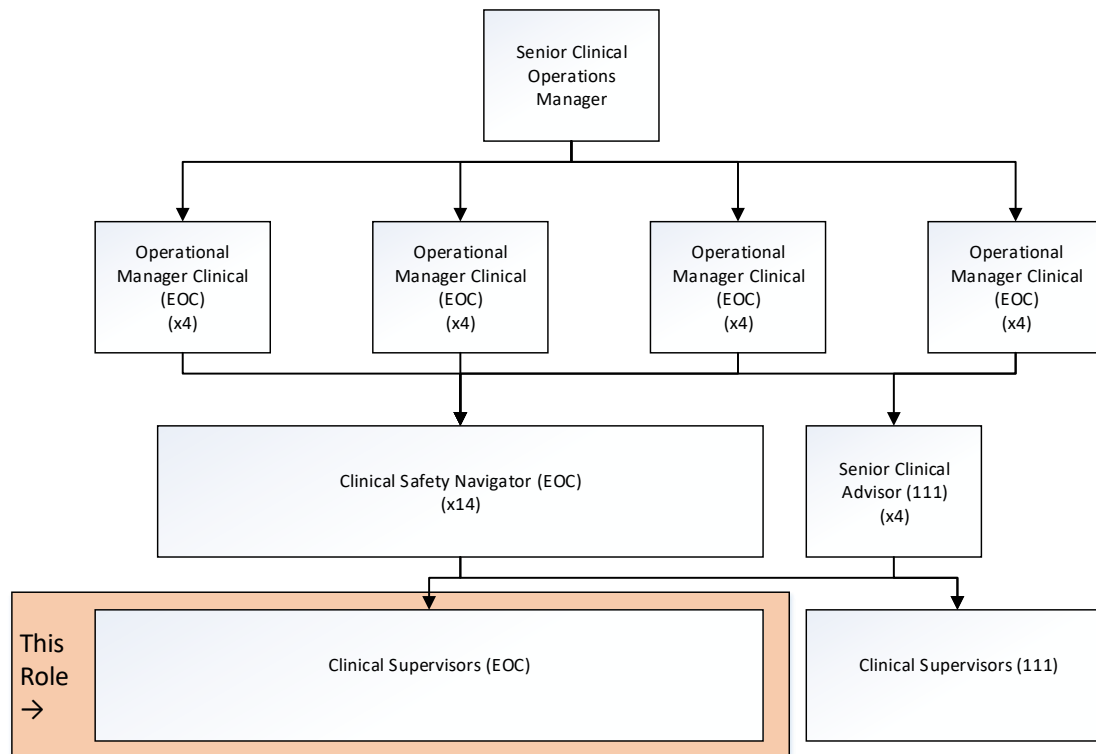
Provide a thorough telephone based assessment for patients calling 999 and managed through the NHS Pathways call triage system with unscheduled care and emergency care needs.

To provide leadership and decisions relating to capacity and consent in the EOC. Promote and develop the role of Specialist Paramedics & Paramedic Control Practitioner both within the Trust and to external stakeholders.

Show holistic, evidence and guidelines based approach to meeting the needs of patients presenting to the Trusts EOCs. Refer patients to an alternative care setting and/or provide home management advice and discharge as appropriate.

3. Organisation Chart

The role fits into the rest of the organisation as seen in the below organogram



4. Key Duties

Communicate with patients and callers at their level of understanding, culture and background. Remain courteous and professional at all times. Validate and review all suitable incidents in the EOC utilising the NHS Pathways call triage system

Provide Home Management Advice: specific symptom management and worsening instructions to patients, utilising the NHS Pathways Module 2 Clinicians Module to provide safe, consented discharge of patients from the care of the organisation

To provide advance remote clinical assessment skills to patients via the EOC as required Actively manage and prioritise referrals to the Clinical Supervisors utilising the Trust's Computer Aided Dispatch system (CAD)

Utilise the NHS Pathways call triage software, ensuring all details received from

caller/patient are accurately entered. Any additional notes will be entered accurately in line with National Clinical Clerking in the CAD incident log.

Initiate appropriate action, utilising appropriate resources based on the telephone discussion with caller.

Proactively undertake call backs or welfare checks on patients where clinically necessary. Handling calls in an appropriate manner, which is safe, clinically/situationally appropriate and evidence based in line with the patient's needs.

Communicate effectively and sensitively with colleagues and other Health Care Professionals and other emergency services to ensure patients receive the most appropriate care available, this includes:

- Accessing information regarding patient's care plans and medical history
- Liaising with other Healthcare Professionals, including paramedics, doctors, GP, nurses, Allied Healthcare Professionals and Social Care professionals from primary and secondary care as well as third sector organisations
- Referral to a range of professional and organisations as is clinically appropriate: referral options will be provided by the Directory of Services (DoS) system, however it may be necessary to act on initiative to access referral opportunities
- Direct liaison with the HEMS desk, flight operations and clinicians
- Liaison with other emergency services, including Coastguard, Police, Fire, military as required
- Provide additional call taking support at times of high demand for 999, urgent and routine calls.
- Provide appropriate remote clinical supervision to clinical and non-clinical staff within SECAMB.
- Provide clinical supervision and mentoring for the EMAs; this will be supported by completion of the University based mentorship programme.
- Ensure that confidentiality of patients, staff and other aspects of the Trust's business is maintained at all times, in line with information governance legislation.
- Ensure productivity levels for telephone advice are high, by proactively identifying suitable calls.
- Maintain an awareness of mandatory performance standards and their relevance on a day to day basis.

The post holder will ensure they carry out their duties in a manner that maintains and promotes the principles and practice of infection prevention and control in compliance with national standards, trust policies, guidelines and procedures.

Liaise with other agencies/disciplines involved in the provision of care and treatment of patients and promote and develop cross trust partnership working.

Maintain required standards of clinical competence and qualifications, through continuing professional development. Demonstrate an understanding and application of evidence based practice

Where necessary, ensure continuity of care by following up on and managing patients already seen by another health care professional, including support the role of the Paramedic Practitioner within the Trust.

Demonstrate a developing ability to process and communicate complex facts, and interprets and acts appropriately on the information with a large degree of autonomy.

Demonstrate innovative ways of meeting individual patient and population needs within the confines of the Trust policies. Always work within the appropriate clinical scope of practice and Trust guidelines.

Recognises and acts on their own personal and clinical development needs.

Recognise the limits of their own practice.

Participates in the development, mentorship and clinical supervision of staff and students.

Shows an ability to organise self and others workload in an effective and efficient way

Demonstrates a high standard of clinical information collection and documentation, and a use of all guidance around the collection and storage of information under the existing local and national guidance.

Identifies and assists in the collection of data for audit and research purposes as required.

Demonstrate personal accountability in their everyday practice and an understanding of their responsibility for staff to which they delegate actions.

Undertake EMA audit, and feedback clinically relevant information where necessary.

Regularly participates in locality and directorate meetings as required.

The post holder will be expected to adopt a flexible attitude to take account of the changing needs of the service as dictated by patient and organisational need.

The post holder will ensure compliance with the requirements of Caldicott, the Data Protection and the Human Rights Acts and other relevant legislation and guidance.

To contribute to a healthy and safe working environment by adhering to health and safety regulations and Trust policies.

The post holder may be required to carry out a job of equal or less value than this post with relevant training to maintain service delivery, including providing direct clinical care.

To provide supervisory management of a regional EOC during periods of short notice absence, as required.

To adapt their triage for higher acuity patients during a major incident when a response time might be protracted.

To build a good rapport with the community when dealing with incidents that do not require an ambulance response.

Support operational staff members with clinical decision making and pathways.

To assist with social care issues such as end of life care.

Performance Management

Ensure that the Trust's funds are properly used, represent value for money and can withstand public scrutiny, for example using equipment and consumables carefully.

Act within Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions of the Trust.

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at risk of abuse and neglect

South East Coast Ambulance NHS Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk of abuse and neglect, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff are required to adhere to the trust's safeguarding policy and understand their individual safeguarding responsibilities

Equality and Diversity/Equal Opportunities

The Trust recognises the need for a diverse workforce and is committed to Equal Opportunities. It seeks to eliminate unlawful discrimination against colleagues, potential employees, patients or clients on the grounds of sex, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, pregnancy/maternity, political opinion, or trade union membership and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between staff and clients. Individuals, including volunteers, contractors and temporary workers, must at all times indicate an acceptance of these principles and fulfil their responsibilities with regard to equality legislation and the Trust's Equality Diversity and Human Rights Policy and protocols. Similarly, all individuals have a responsibility to highlight any potentially discriminatory practice to their line manager, human resources department or trade union/professional associations, ensure that they treat everyone with respect and consideration and attend relevant mandatory training.

Corporate governance:

High standards of governance are vital in healthcare organisations. Good governance sets the boundaries and structures in which we are able to function safely and provide the most effective care to our patients. We ask all employees to:

- Familiarise yourself with and apply Trust-wide and local policies, procedures and other formal instructions;
- Act within the scope of your authority and/or practice at all times. Limits of financial authority are set out in our Standing Financial Instructions;
- Undertake the statutory and mandatory training suitable to your role and maintain any relevant professional registration(s);
- Maintain accurate and timely records wherever required; and
- Notify the Trust if you identify any areas for improvement in any areas of corporate governance so that we can learn and improve.

Infection Prevention and Control

The prevention and control of infection is recognised as everyone's responsibility. All staff, bank workers, volunteers and contractors, both clinical and non-clinical are required to make every effort to maintain high standards of infection control in accordance with the Trust's Infection Prevention and Control Policy and The Health and Social Care Act 2008

Financial Management

Ensure that the Trust's funds are properly used, represent value for money and can withstand public scrutiny.

Where applicable, provide strong budget management for the defined area of management responsibility and monitor expenditure against those budgets.

Act within Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions of the Trust.

Health, Safety and Security

Meet Health and Safety legislation and move towards an environment where health and safety considerations are firmly embedded in the planning and decision making processes and the 'culture' of own area of responsibility.

Promote, monitor and maintain best practice in health, safety and security

All individuals have a responsibility, under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and subsequently published regulations, to ensure that the Trust's health and safety policies and procedures are complied with to maintain a safe working environment for patients, visitors and employees. All staff have a duty to protect their own health and safety and that of others persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions.

In addition, managers have specific responsibilities relating to health and safety activities including consenting to breaches; conniving to breach legislation or neglecting their duties under the legislation. Trust's objectives in accordance with the Trust's risk management strategy and policies.

Policies

The duties and responsibilities of the post will be undertaken in accordance with the policies, procedures and practices of the Trust, which may be amended from time to time.

Patient Safety is a key priority for the Trust. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are fully compliant with SECamb policies and procedures in respect of patient safety, for example Risk Management, Infection Prevention and Control, Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Values

The post holder is required to work in conjunction with our Trust values;

Taking Pride
Striving for Continuous Improvement
Demonstrating Compassion and Respect
Assuming Responsibility
Acting with Integrity

Post- holders will also be required to understand and work in accordance with the NHS constitution and actively role model the Trust corporate values, putting the patient at the heart of their work.

Disclosure and Barring Service

We are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

This post is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exceptions Order) 1975 and as such it will be necessary for a submission for Disclosure to be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly known as CRB) to check for any previous criminal convictions. The process will be completed as part of your pre-employment checks and repeated every 3 years as a minimum. Your suitability for this position (based on the results of the DBS) will form an important condition of your ongoing employment.

Review

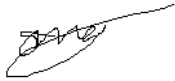
This JD reflects the principle duties of the post as identified at date of issue. It may be subject to amendment in the light of the changing needs of the service, and will be reviewed periodically.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge	<p>High levels of current clinical knowledge.</p> <p>Commitment to and evidence of Continuous Professional Development.</p> <p>Commitment to clinical review and evidence-based practice.</p> <p>Working knowledge of clinical governance.</p>	<p>Working knowledge of Health and Safety relating to working with computers.</p> <p>Knowledge of ambulance service working and clinical policies and procedures.</p>
Skills	<p>Medically fit, the role requires applicants to work rotating shifts to provide 24/7 cover and possible operational incidents.</p> <p>No current disciplinary or performance issues outstanding.</p> <p>Professional attitude and appearance.</p> <p>Understanding and commitment to equal opportunities.</p> <p>Able to remain calm under pressure</p> <p>Being assertive whilst appropriately empathetic</p> <p>Tact and diplomacy</p> <p>Work independently and as part of a team</p> <p>Highly organised and priority conscious.</p> <p>Ability to work on their own initiative without direct supervision.</p> <p>Willing to wear and maintain uniform.</p> <p>Strong listening and communication skills with a caring and compassionate approach.</p> <p>Strong team worker with a collaborative style.</p> <p>Ability to multi task and prioritise existing</p>	

	<p>workloads using a methodical and systematic approach to work.</p> <p>Ability to communicate with people from different professional backgrounds and at all levels.</p> <p>Ability to manage risks and defuse stressful situations and aggressive patients, including well-developed personal stress management techniques.</p> <p>Ability to use reflective practice and participate in peer review.</p> <p>Literate and numerate.</p>	
Experience	<p>Experience of mentoring/training junior staff and sharing knowledge and skills.</p>	<p>Experience of telephone triage using NHS Pathways software.</p> <p>Experience of a computer aided dispatch system.</p>
Professional Qualifications	<p>The post holder should have a good general education, with evidence of formal qualifications at GCSE/A level or above (or equivalent) .</p> <p>The post holder should hold a recognised higher education qualification for example Bachelor's Degree/Diploma in Paramedic Science, Paramedic Studies or Paramedic Practice or have the BTECH Level 4 Paramedic qualification or have completed the IHCD Paramedic qualification. Alternatively they may have completed a BSc/DipHE or equivalent in Nursing.</p> <p>Professional registration is the sole responsibility of the paramedic/nurse, and failure to remain on the register may lead to suspension from duty.</p> <p>HCPC Registered Paramedic. Minimum of 3 years qualified practice at Ambulance Technician level or equivalent, of which at</p>	

	<p>least 2 years must be as Registered Paramedic. The 3 years Clinical practice time cannot include time spent as a Student Paramedic.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>NMC Registered Nurse. Minimum of 3 years' post registration with relevant clinical practice as a nurse in front line acute or chronic care, or telephone-based triage.</p>	
Professional Registration and Membership of Professional body	<p>He/she must be registered as a Paramedic with the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) (or NMC for Nurses) and have current registration. Professional registration is the sole responsibility of the employee, and failure to remain on the register may lead to suspension from duty.</p> <p>A commitment to personal and professional development is essential and membership of the College of Paramedics or other professional body is desirable</p>	

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