## NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE

# JOB DESCRIPTION

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| 1. **JOB IDENTIFICATION**   **Job title:** Health Care Support Worker  **Responsible to:** Senior Charge Nurse/Charge Nurse  **Department(s):** Recovery/Same Day Admission Unit  **Directorate:** South Sector |
| 1. **JOB PURPOSE**   The Healthcare Support Worker is part of the multidisciplinary team delivering perioperative care to patients. Support and supervision is provided by a Registered Practitioner.  The post holder carries out a range of patient care that help to enable the team to provide an effective and efficient service for General Surgical; Urology; Renal; Elective Orthopaedic; Trauma; Emergency; ENT; and Vascular patients within the South Sector. |
| **3. ROLE OF THE WARD/DEPARTMENT**  The purpose of the department is to provide a high quality safe and supportive environment for all patients within the south sector undergoing elective and emergency procedures.  **4. SCOPE & RANGE**   * Provide and supports the delivery of patient care, before and after surgery, under the direction of a Registered Practitioner. * Participate in department housekeeping duties to ensure effective day to day running of the department. * Participate in the maintenance of department stock levels under the direction of a Registered Practitioner. * Demonstrates knowledge of care and maintenance of specialist equipment.   + Works within the defined policies/procedures, standards and protocols of the department to ensure maintenance of safe working practice for patients and colleagues   . |

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| 1. **ORGANISATIONAL POSITION**  CLINICAL SERVICE MANAGER **⇓** LEAD NURSE **⇓** SENIOR CHARGE NURSE **⇓**  ***CHARGE NURSE***  **⇓**    **SPECIALIST PERIOPERATIVE PRACTITIONER**  **⇓**  **PERIOPERATIVE PRACTITIONER**  **⇓**  **THIS POST** |
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| **7a. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY**   * The post holder is expected to demonstrate and act on the responsibilities placed upon them under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, to ensure that the agreed safety procedures are carried out to maintain a safe working environment for patients, visitors and employees. * The healthcare support worker will use a range of equipment and resources in their role and some of these are listed below:      * Patient trolleys, beds and furniture * Suction systems * Moving & Handling equipment * Patient positioning pressure relieving aids * Equipment for prevention of Deep Venous Thrombosis * Electric Bed Mover * Glucometer * Blood Gas Machine * Haemobank Fridge * PC/Printer * Phone * Drip Stands * Water coolers * Warming cabinet * Forced air warmers * Flowtron Machines | |
| **7b. SYSTEMS**  The post holder is responsible for inputting information into patient written records where applicable, e.g., Complying with the Data Protection Act, CNORIS, Caldicott Guidelines and local policies regarding confidentiality and access to medical records.  The post holder under supervision by a Registered Practitioner assists to maintain accurate documentation of patients preoperative care:   * Opera, Trakcare, FM First, Portertrak, Datix, BloodTrak Enquiry | |
| **8. DECISIONS AND JUDGEMENTS**   * The post holder is responsible to the Senior Charge Nurse or deputy for clinical guidance and professional management, work review and formal appraisal of performance. * Workload will be determined by the Senior Charge Nurse/deputy.   + Exercise the ability to plan and deliver allocated workload.   + Demonstrates the ability to acknowledge changes in the patient’s physical/psychological needs and report them to the Registered Practitioner in charge of the patient.   + Decide when to refer enquiries from the patient, carers and relatives to the Registered Practitioner.   + The HCSW is responsible for accepting delegated tasks from the Registered Practitioner and is accountable for undertaking them. The HCSW should highlight any concerns about undertaking the task.   + Sometimes works without direct supervision using own initiative within the parameters set in polices and SOP’s with guidance from registered practitioner available at all times. | |
| **9. COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS**   * The post holder communicates and liaises with the patient, their relatives/carers and the multidisciplinary team and maintains good relationships. * Communicates with other relevant professionals, for example: Theatre Co-ordinator/Senior Charge Nurse / Charge Nurse / Registered Practitioner/Operating Department Practitioner – for information regarding patients’ clinical condition/clinical problems/workload issues. * Communicates with the Theatre Recovery/SDAU Senior Charge Nurse/Education Co-ordinator for advice regarding educational and training issues relevant to patient management and personal development. * Communicates with other relevant departments – for example, Estates, Supplies Department. * There is a requirement to take account of communication barriers, for example, when English is not the person’s first language, people with hearing difficulties, learning disabilities etc and communicate effectively to deliver person centred care at all times. | |
| **10. PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS OF THE JOB**  The clinical demands include the following:  **Physical Skills:** The post holder will be provided training in the use of equipment and be able to demonstrate manual dexterity in the provision of physical care, for example;  * General physical skills relevant to the perioperative patient e.g. manual dexterity required for example keyboard skills, glucometer testing. * Preparation of and postoperative management of the perioperative environment equipment to receive a variety of perioperative patients. * Safe positioning of the anaesthetised/conscious or sedated surgical patient under the supervision of the Registered Practitioner.  Physical Demands *The post holder will on an ongoing basis perform the following physical demands during each shift:* Performs moving & handling tasks relating to static load, positioning conscious and unconscious patients and the assisted moving of compromised patients under the supervision of the Registered Practitioner.  * Perform moving and handling tasks related to static loads e.g. supplies and heavy equipment. * Due to the structure of the physical environment, the post holder will be standing/walking for the majority of the shift. * Moving and handling tasks relating to beds, wheelchairs, hoists and patient trolleys. * May be required to undertake emergency intervention such as chest compressions.  Mental Demands *The post holder will on an ongoing basis perform the following mental demands during each shift when prioritising patient care/workload in a busy environment:* Concentration required when checking clinical equipment whilst subject to frequent interruptions  * Concentration required when performing clinical tasks; i.e. ECG/Cannulation/Cardiovascular observations  Concentration levels required when receiving handovers and ensuring checking the patient’s name band to ensure we have the correct patient and documentation.Concentration required when observing patient behaviours, which may be unpredictable.  * Concentration required when collecting and delivering blood products.  Emotional Demands *The post holder will be exposed, on an occasionally basis, to the following emotional demands:*   * Communicating with distressed, anxious, or angry patients, relatives and carers. * Exposure to verbal and physical aggression. * May experience death of a patient and will assist the Registered Practitioner with last offices.  Working Conditions *The post holder is required to work within the Health &Safety Policy and will be exposed on an ongoing basis to the following working conditions:*   * Exposure to patients with infected illnesses, which may or may not have been diagnosed. * Exposure to blood, body fluids, specimens and body tissue. * Exposure to warm and humid environment. * Exposure to anaesthetic gases, sterilising and disinfection agents, chemicals and drugs which are classified as hazardous * Exposure to sharps. * Exposure to ionising and non – ionising radiation. | |
| **11. MOST CHALLENGING/DIFFICULT PARTS OF THE JOB**   * Managing workload by identifying competing demands and escalating these to the Registered Practitioner. * Maintaining relevant skills and knowledge in a busy clinical recovery environment. * Dealing with challenging behaviour of patients and members of the public. * Participate in the care for the totally dependent, critically ill or dying patient. This may include retrieving emergency equipment and blood. | |
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| **13. JOB DESCRIPTION AGREEMENT**  **Job Holder’s Signature:**    **Senior Nurse Manager Signature:** | **Date:**  **Date:** |