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**NHS Lothian**

COMMUNITY LEARNING DISABILITY NURSING

SENIOR HEALTHCARE SUPPORT WORKER

BAND 3 HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT ROLE

PERMANENT PART TIME 23 HOURS PER WEEK

WEST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY LEARNING DISABILITY TEAM

Exciting opportunities are available to join the West Lothian Community Learning Disability Team within NHS Lothian. We have a Band 3 position available for a passionate, caring, and motivated person to join our highly skilled nursing team and work with patients who have a learning disability.

We offer the opportunity to work with talented teams within multidisciplinary environments and impact positively on the lives of patients and their families.

Find out what our staff say about working in NHS Lothian at https://careers.nhslothian.scot/acute-specialist-nurses/who-we-are/

**What We Can Offer You**

This post provides an opportunity for an enthusiastic and experienced person to join the multi-professional Community Learning Disability Team, which provides a specialist service to children and adults with learning disabilities living in West Lothian. You will be carrying out Health Needs Assessments on individuals with a Learning Disability, through the GP Surgeries within West Lothian, working alongside a Band 5 Registered Learning Disability Nurse. The team is based at Arrochar House, Livingston, West Lothian.

**Role**

Job Title: Senior Healthcare Support Worker Band 3

Responsible to Community Nurse (Learning Disability) Band 5 Staff Nurse

Department(s): CLDT West Lothian

Directorate: Learning Disability Service

Operating Division: West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership

* May require working with minimal or no supervision, depending on work area, to support patients in completing Health Needs Assessments reacting to patient needs, adopting a holistic approach to the delivery of care. A Registered Nurse will be available for guidance/support.
* Performs a range of clinical tests related to the health needs assessment, BP, Pulse, Urine dip testing. Record the results in relevant patient documentation and reports result to the Registered Nurse or other healthcare practitioner
* Report and escalate to the Registered Nurse any observed changes in the patient’s physical and psychological condition and / or needs and / or any deviation from normal recordings when carrying out clinical tests / observations.
* To support NHS Lothian’s values of quality, teamwork, care and compassion, dignity and respect, and openness, honesty and responsibility through the application of appropriate behaviours and attitudes.
* Have the skills and knowledge to address the potential range of challenging behaviours displayed by client group. Be able to implement de-escalation strategies in hostile and difficult environments.

This post isMonday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00-17:30.

For further information contact Susan Jackson, Team Leader, on 07979 688611 or Leanne Chalmers, Charge Nurse on 07977 246722.

  