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| **1.     JOB IDENTIFICATION** |
| Job Title: Advanced  Nurse Practitioner  AfC Banding: Band 7    Responsible to :  Lead Nurse Medicine of the Elderly    Department(s):  Nursing    Directorate:  HSCP Community Care Service    Job Reference:  No post holders: 2.4WTE    Last Update :  July 2023 |

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| **2.  JOB PURPOSE** |
| The Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) is an experienced and highly educated Registered Nurse who manages the complete clinical care for their patient, not solely any specific condition. Advanced practice is a level of practice, rather than a type or speciality of practice.  The ANP will demonstrate advanced practice skills in order to assess, diagnose, treat (including non-medial prescribing) and monitor patients within the community hospital setting. Working as part of the multidisciplinary team ANPs can work in or across all clinical settings, dependant on their area of expertise.  The ANP will provide clinical leadership, to promote high professional standards, facilitate learning, provide clinical supervision and mentorship and act as a nurse advisor to members of the Community Nursing Team and the wider Health and Social Care Partnership.  The ANP will have a role in undertaking and participating in research and audit and contribute to the development of new pathways of care as necessary to meet the needs of patients  The ANP will represent NHS Fife ANPs and Community Nursing on local and national working groups as appropriate. |

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| **3. DIMENSIONS** |
| * This ANP role involves working across organisational boundaries managing the holistic care needs of patients within the community hospital setting, utilising an expert knowledge base and clinical competence to manage complex patients across the community care inpatient areas. * The ANP role will work collaboratively within the team as well as liaising with the wider Community Nursing Team leader, District Charge Nurses, GPs, Hospital at Home and ICASS multidisciplinary teams. * This role operates flexibly across the community the initial 3 hospital bases so that the expertise of the practitioner can be matched to the clinical needs of the patient. * The role of the ANP is to provide visible, clinical leadership and support the team.   The Medicine of the Elderly inpatient service consists of;   * 219 inpatients beds across 5 community hospital sites   These posts are based within Tarvit, Glenrothes and Cameron Hospital.  **Clinical Practice**   * Within the context of the presenting condition, undertake a full systematic assessment, mental health assessment, physical examination and social health assessment patients who present with undifferentiated and undiagnosed problems. * Assess each patient’s needs and treat accordingly utilising evidence based practice. This will involve utilising highly developed clinical knowledge and advanced decision making skills to facilitate a full analysis and interpretation of the patient’s history, presenting symptoms and results of clinical examination to ensure an accurate diagnosis and subsequent management plan. * Implement advanced clinical care, incorporating advanced clinical skills within agreed protocols and guidelines, and within this make decisions to admit, refer and discharge. * Apply high level decision-making and assessment skills to formulate appropriate differential diagnoses based on synthesis of clinical findings. * Possess the freedom and authority to request, where indicated using judgement and clinical reasoning, appropriate diagnostic tests / investigations based on differential diagnoses. * Interpret and analyse previously ordered results of tests/investigations and work collaboratively with other healthcare professionals when needed. * Adopt a multi-agency approach to provide person-centred care throughout the continuum of care. * Act on the results to confirm diagnosis and thereby optimise treatment and management outcomes. * Formulate a person-centred care plan for the treatment of the patient, synthesising clinical information based on the patient’s presentation, history, clinical assessment and findings from relevant investigations, using appropriate evidence based practice. * Practice as an independent non-medical prescriber, prescribing/ dispensing/ administering within current legislation and in line with medicines reconciliation. * Implement non-pharmacological related interventions/therapies, dependent on situation and technical requirements of care * Freedom and authority to seek admission and discharge from identified clinical areas, dependent on patient need at time of review. This includes the freedom and authority to refer to all appropriate health care professional groups and agencies, working collaboratively with them.   **Leadership**   * Collaborate with the multi-professional team to develop a shared vision of the service. * Act as a role model and resource in expert clinical evidence-based practice. * Work collaboratively with colleagues to develop effective documentation, pathways, protocols and guidelines for care. * Demonstrate a commitment to share expertise and disseminate information. * Contribute to the development of the team and the service to continuously improve patient care. * Contribute to business continuity, workforce planning and skills profiling to ensure the targeting of resources to meet the needs of the service. * Participate in implementing national standards and frameworks at a local level. * Network locally, regionally, nationally and internationally and seek opportunities to develop the ANP role. * Have an understanding of budgetary constraints and may be required to manage budgets. * Use effective change management skills to initiate and implement service and practice development, making the best use of resources to improve practice and health outcomes. * Lead on the selection, interviewing, appraisal and professional development of team members. * Line manage members of the team where appropriate * Maintain involvement and active input in multidisciplinary meetings and appropriate local bodies / forums to contribute to practice and service development.   **Facilitation of Learning**   * Develop, maintain and advance personal theoretical knowledge. * Maintain high standards of clinical competence and professional development through ongoing education and attendance at relevant courses of study. * Develop and maintain a peer network of support, information and learning with other ANPs at a local and national level. * Demonstrate and evidence professional role and competence levels through own professional portfolio and reflective practice. * Contribute to the development and acquisition of advanced nursing practice and skills to enhance and extend the practice of other nurses and health care professionals within the service and beyond * Identify and address the educational needs of patients, families, carers and staff involved in the delivery of care. * Contribute to the teaching and support of students from the multi professional team within relevant educational programmes. * Provide an appropriate learning environment, including mentorship, coaching and preceptorship. * Organise and contribute to relevant educational programmes and in-house study days.   **Evidence, Research and Development**   * Coordinate and participate in ongoing service review and evaluation, including monitoring patient experience and outcomes in order to improve practice. * Demonstrate advanced clinical knowledge and skills in relation to clinical interventions to the multidisciplinary team, working in collaboration with education providers and key stakeholders. * Promote, develop and undertake clinical audit programmes to ensure best practice is delivered in accordance with current local and national policies and guidance. * Initiate and contribute towards research and critically appraise, evaluate and apply knowledge of theoretical frameworks, evidence and recommendations. * Interpret current research findings and implement accordingly to influence best practice. * Participate and actively seek peer review in practice and sound evidence for assurance purposes. * Identify areas of risk and address these through appropriate governance structures and forums. * Advocate and contribute to a working environment that promotes continuous learning and development, evidence based practice and succession planning, as well as identifying learning opportunities at local and national levels. |

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| **4.  ORGANISATIONAL POSITION** |
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| **5.   ROLE OF DEPARTMENT** |
| There are inpatient wards within QMH, Cameron Hospital, Glenrothes Hospital, Adamson Hospital and St Andrews Community Hospital who primarily provide care to older people requiring ongoing rehabilitation and general Palliative Care. The focus of care is for rehabilitation and enablement but there is also care for people requiring continuing NHS care. Services will develop and evolve in line with the clinical strategy and health and social care strategic plan. |

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| **6.  KEY RESULT AREAS** |
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| **7a. EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY** |
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| **7b.  SYSTEMS** |
| * Microsoft Office (Outlook, Access, Word, Excel and PowerPoint) * Microsoft Teams * NHS Near Me * NHS Fife communication systems such as BLINK * TrackCare * Clinical Portal * Datix system * Immediate Discharge Document |

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| **8. ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW OF WORK** |
| Working as an autonomous practitioner workload will be generated according to patient need through various referral protocols of multidisciplinary teams in line with legislation and performance indicators set by the Scottish Government Health Department.  Work will be carried out and reviewed in accordance with NHS Fife policy and guidelines.  Performance review and appraisal will be carried out by identified line manager and professional nursing lead (if required).  Will have a Professional Personal Development Plan, including an assessment of clinical competence which will be reviewed annually by the responsible line manager.  Governance of clinical competence is assessed by an appropriately qualified designated clinical lead, demonstrated and evidenced by a relevant, up-to-date professional portfolio.  There will be 2.4 WTE Advanced Nurse Practioners initially within the Medicine of the Elderly inpatient service.  Clinical work will be assigned through having representation at each of the handovers and identifying patients that require the skills of an Advanced Nurse Practioner. |

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| **9.  DECISIONS AND JUDGEMENTS** |
| Make complex autonomous clinical decisions including analysis, diagnosis, and clinical management, based on an in-depth broad expert knowledge and interpretation of clinical findings.  Determine referral protocols and using advanced clinical reasoning skills, make further referrals when it is identified that further clinical intervention is required.  Use own initiative and acts independently within the boundaries of own knowledge and skills. |

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| **10.  MOST CHALLENGING/DIFFICULT PARTS OF THE JOB** |
| Being able to manage the organisation requirements whilst maintaining continuity of care and improving patient care.  Managing workload within identified resources.  Working autonomously and making advanced clinical decisions.  Leading difficult conversations with patients and families relating to complex conditions, situations and prognoses.  Providing a professional advisory role to a wide variety of contacts e.g. patients, relatives, carers, junior and senior nursing, medical and paramedical colleagues.  Acting as an effective change agent integrating information gained from research and audit into clinical practice. |

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| **11.  COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS** |
| Communicate verbally and in writing to members of all Health and Social Care teams, including third sector and local authority services as necessary.  The patient, their relatives and the multidisciplinary team involved in the provision of care.  Partnership, Trade Union and Professional Organisation representatives in relation to service and staffing issues.  Acts as a patient /staff advocate through the application of ethical, legal and professional knowledge and skills |

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| **12. PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS OF THE JOB** |
| This section may vary depending on clinical area. Examples may include:  **Physical Skills:**  Administer medicines, injections, syringe drivers, intravenous infusions and blood transfusions.  Administer enteral tube feeding.  Insert urinary catheters.  Apply wound dressings.  Manual handling techniques.  Keyboard skills.  **Physical Demands:**  Physical manual handling of patient, patient movement with use of mechanical aides  Push wheelchairs and other mobile equipment.  Stand/walk for the majority of shift.  **Mental Demands:**  Concentration is required at all times when caring for patients and undertaking clinical decision making.  Maintenance of precise and accurate records and report writing.  Frequent interruptions from patients / relatives / team members.  Concentration required when decision-making  **Emotional Demands:**  Communicating with distressed / anxious / worried patients and relatives.  Caring for patients and relatives following receipt of bad news and supporting them in identifying realistic expectations in relation to clinical conditions.  Communicating with and caring for patients who have reduced understanding and insight due to cognitive impairments.  Caring for the terminally ill.  Motivating and supporting junior staff / colleagues in the work environment.  **Working Conditions:**  Exposure to body fluids.  Potential exposure to verbal and physical aggression from patients and relatives / other visitors.  Exposure to infections and temperature variations. |

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| **13.  KNOWLEDGE, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED TO DO THE JOB** |
| ANPs are educated at Masters Level in advanced practice and are assessed as competent in this level of practice. As a clinical leader they have the freedom and authority to act and accept the responsibility and accountability for those actions. This level of practice is characterised by high level autonomous decision making, including assessment, diagnosis and treatment (including prescribing) of patients with complex, multi-dimensional problems. Decisions are made using high level, expert knowledge and skills. This includes the authority to refer, admit and discharge within appropriate clinical areas.  Registered Nurse on Part 1 of the NMC Register  Be recorded as a Non-medical Prescriber (V300) with the NMC  An appropriate Masters level qualification in Advanced Practice which has enabled competence in:   * *Clinical assessment* * *Clinical reasoning, judgement and diagnostic decision making* * *Anatomy and pathophysiology* * *Non medical prescribing- V300* * *Leading, delivering and evaluating care* * *Practice learning/transferable work based learning*   Significant comprehensive post registration experience within a healthcare setting some of which must be at a senior practitioner level  A commitment to lifelong learning and demonstrates evidence of continuing professional development  Can demonstrate experience in managing staff, leading a team, providing education and training and establishing a supportive, learning environment  Successful track record in working in multi-disciplinary team settings and promoting collaborative approaches to delivering excellent patient care  Immediate Life Support  Previous experience as a senior clinical nurse in a general medical/surgical setting  Well informed symptom control knowledge with advanced decision-making skills and experience of managing complex clinical situations relating to frailty and  Capable of working independently with the ability to plan and prioritise own workload  Excellent communication skills  Leadership skills and team working abilities   * Motivational skills both for self and others * Effective IT skills. * Ability to develop effective local and national networks * Demonstrable change management skills |

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| **14.  JOB DESCRIPTION AGREEMENT** | |
| A separate job description will need to be signed off by each jobholder to whom the job description applies.    Job Holder’s Signature:    Head of Department Signature: | Date:    Date: |