Job Description



Job Title:	Service Area:
Adult Social Care Discharge Officer	Adult Social Care – Assessment & Care Management
Division/Section:	Job Number:
Strategic Commissioning & Community Directorate	TBC
Grade:	Date last updated:
Sc6	May 2022

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

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PROTECTING OUR STAFF AND SERVICES

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In line with Government legislation, if the post you are applying for requires you to visit a registered care home as part of your role it is a legal requirement to provide evidence of your COVID-19 vaccination status or an exemption certificate to work for the Council.

Overall Purpose of Job Discharge Officer Job

The team provides a comprehensive contact front office single point of contact for all adult social care referrals in hospital.

To put the Council's vision of seamless local front office service delivery into practice, by assisting with front office services and providing a wide range of best class services which reflect and meet the needs of the local community in a specific locality within the Borough.

To support the overall delivery of the front office by working with the Adult Social Care Hospital Team and Hospital Discharge Coordinators to provide high quality service during opening hours.

Inputting data, making contacts with out of borough hospitals, restarting packages of care and screen assessment and discharges notices. Will visit the wards and on

occasions and gather information for colleagues working to discharge patients under the D2A pathway.

Job Context

- 1. The post holder reports to a Practice Manager and a level post for professional oversight and governance. Operational planning of work schedules and breaks will be controlled by the Practice Manager or Team Manager
- 2. The post holder will be expected to work within IDH team
- 3. The post holder will work flexibly and work as an effective team member.
- 4. The post holder will be required to work weekends and occasional public holidays in order to meet service requirements and in order to ensure appropriate representation of the Council with residents, the Mayor and elected members, and external bodies.

Key Tasks and Accountabilities:

Key tasks and accountabilities are intended to be a guide to the range and level of work expected of the post holder. This is not an exhaustive list of all tasks that may fall to the post holder and employees will be expected to carry out such other reasonable duties which may be required from time to time.

To undertake all responsibilities listed below:

Staff

- 1. To contribute towards the implementation of a working culture that is resultorientated and customer-focused.
- 2. To be responsible for continuous personal development by requesting support where and when necessary.
- 3. To liaise with the staff of all departments, external organisations or customer representative and attend meetings.
- 4. To value and celebrate the diversity of the community and organisation through personal example, open commitment and clear action and demonstrate a strong commitment to the delivery of Newham Council's diversity and equalities strategy in all aspects of their work.
- 5. To undertake all duties with minimal supervision.

Service Provision and Development

1. To maintain a high-level understanding of end-to-end customer interactions and to ensure appropriate levels of understanding throughout the designated service.

- 2. To handle difficult or sensitive enquiries effectively using the appropriate body language, listening skills and rapport building.
- 3. To inform the Practice Manager or Team Manager of any circumstances requiring management oversight, including issues around risk, mental capacity and safeguarding practices.
- 4. To understand what matters to residents, and to ensure appropriate levels of understanding throughout the staff delivering services.
- 5. To help support the delivery of continuous improvement within services, by responding to customer demand, reducing and eliminating "waste", and improving performance and efficiency.
- 6. To work as part of the IDH team to drive an innovative and demand-driven approach to service development, and to ensure that the Service is responsive to residents needs and achieves efficiency in operation.
- 7. To demonstrate alignment with the Council's vision, aims and values.
- 8. To use effective communications, liaison and working relationships across the IDH team.
- 9. To use all available information technology applications and other systems to provide information, advice and support for customers.
- 10. To assist with safeguarding enquiries, assessing and analysing risk to a high level of competence in line with the Safeguarding/Risk Management framework.

Administration, Finance and Performance

- 1. To uphold all of the Council's policies and procedures.
- 2. To adhere to all appropriate standards, procedures and quality management systems and participate in promoting innovative methods for improving service quality.
- 3. To operate within the agreed planning and performance review systems to deliver professional access service which is relevant, high quality, protects customer confidentiality.

Health & Safety & Council Policy

- 1. To comply with the Council's policies on Health & Safety.
- 2. To keep the IDH facility tidy, safe, secure and ensure that all health and safety requirements are met.
- 3. To uphold and ensure compliance with the Council's policies and procedures across the service, including customer complaints and Information Governance

(including the Data Protection Act, the Freedom of Information Act, Caldicott and related security and confidentiality policies and procedures) and to meet the Council's statutory responsibilities.

- 4. To carry out appropriate duties, as required, at any office location within the borough.
- 5. To carry out other duties within the competence of the post holder as may be reasonably required from time to time.

Person Specification

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The criteria listed in this Person Specification are all essential to the job. Where the Method of Assessment is stated to be the Application Form, your application needs to demonstrate clearly and concisely how you meet each of the criteria, even if other methods of assessment are also shown. If you do not address these criteria fully, or if we do not consider that you meet them, you will not be shortlisted. Please give specific examples wherever possible.

CRITERIA

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

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KNOWLEDGE:

A clear understanding of the Council's Application Form/Interview Vision for front office services.

Knowledge of Adults Services operational service areas.	Application Form/Interview
Good understanding and knowledge in relation to safeguarding principles and issues.	Application Form/Interview
EXPERIENCE:	
Experience of working within a customer-focused front-line service, in the public, private or voluntary sector.	Application Form/Interview
Experience of operating, updating and retrieving data from IT systems.	Application Form/Interview
SKILLS AND ABILITIES:	
Key skills	Application Form/Interview/Test
Good communication skills (orally and in writing) for a broad range of audiences.	Application Form/Interview
Good record keeping skills	Application Form/Interview/Test
Ability to deliver excellent customer contact standards.	Application Form/Interview
Sound problem-solving skills, and ability to quickly evaluate situations, identify risk, and initiate appropriate actions.	Application Form/Interview/Test
High level of problem-solving skills, and ability to quickly evaluate complex situations and take the appropriate actions to resolve the issue.	Application Form/Interview/Test
Be able to actively participate at team and corporate meetings, sharing best practice and developing effective working relationships.	Application Form/Interview
The ability to organise task and workload independently and meet	Application Form/Interview

timescales, demonstrate accountability and seek appropriate management oversight	
PERSONAL STYLE AND BEHAVIOUR:	
The ability to work as part of a team and create a productive and harmonious working environment.	Application Form/Interview/Test
Ability to work in a highly flexible way.	Application Form/Interview/Test
Ability to take initiative within given parameters to deliver required results.	Application Form/Interview/Test
Ability to respond quickly and effectively to shifting service needs.	Application Form/Interview
A demonstrable understanding of equal opportunities issues and commitment to achieving equality and opportunity in service delivery.	Application Form/Interview
A demonstrable understanding of providing high quality, inclusive services across a range of service areas, and a willingness and ability to, following training, work in a variety of service areas within the Front Office.	Application Form/Interview
Ability to take initiative within given parameters to deliver required results.	Application Form/Interview
Demonstrable evidence of taking personal responsibility for continuing personal professional development.	Application Form/Interview
OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	
This post is subject to a DBS enhanced disclosure.	Satisfactory clearance at conditional offer stage
Willingness and ability to work weekends and occasional bank holidays to maintain service delivery.	Application Form