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#### JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE:

**Medical Administration** 

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** 

Practice Manager / Assistant Practice Manager

#### JOB SUMMARY

Provide general assistance to the practice team and project a positive and friendly image to patients and other visitors, either in person or via the telephone

Facilitate effective communication between patients, members of the primary health care team, secondary care and other associated healthcare agencies. Carry out the duties described in a courteous and helpful manner and in the best interest of the practice and its patients.

To ensure that information is accurately entered on the system and that all activities are carried out in the best interest of the practice and it patients.

At all times to recognise the need for confidentiality when dealing with the medical records for our patients

#### **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES**

The duties and responsibilities outlined below are indicative only and are intended to give a range of the type of duties that will be allocated. These may change in light of development within the practice and service demands and are subject to review from time to time.

#### Management of appointment system

- Maintain working knowledge of the appointment system i.e. times of all clinics, duration of appointments, knowledge of computer system, doctors rotas and procedures for booking routine and urgent appointments.
- Book appointments accurately and appropriately, initialling data entries.
- Monitor daily available appointments and report any overload to supervisor as appropriate.
   Ensure sufficient appointments are blocked off for urgent and triage appointments.



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# Management of medical records and administration

- Ensure medical records are kept accurately in alphabetical order, in easily retrievable fashion and kept tidy.
- Retrieve and re-file records as required by team/clinical/admin staff.
- Carry out scanning of clinical documents as per written procedures, ensuring accuracy of appending to electronic patient record.
- Archive all scanned records as per practice policy
- To ensure that information is accurately entered onto the computer and that all activities are carried out in the best interest of the practice and its patients
- At all times to recognise the need for confidentiality when dealing with the medical records
  of our patients. In addition you will abide by all requirements of GDPR as it shall relate to the
  Practice and the patients of the practice
- Ensure efficient storage of scanned letters for confidential destruction.

## Supporting the registration and deductions process

- To process new patient registrations, temporary residents and immediately necessary forms
- To ensure when patients notes arrive from Shared Service Partnership that they are organised and put in order
- GP links Process any amendments to patient records that come via Shared Services Partnership
- To ensure accurate computer entry of records for change of addresses
- · List deductions and additions
- To process FP69's in accordance with practice policy
- GP2GP transfers

### Administrative and clerical duties

- Have a thorough knowledge of all practice procedures
- Work in accordance of written protocols
- Processing and distributing the mail, ensuring it is dealt with efficiently and forwarded to the correct person
- Computer data entry / data allocation; processing and recording information in accordance with practice procedures
- Scan post onto electronic medical records on a daily basis
- Enter read coded information onto clinical database
- Fax and photocopy as requested
- File back records after session when required

#### Information technology and audit duties

 Maintain working knowledge of computer clinical system, reporting any problems to Practice Manager / Assistant Practice Manager



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 Adhere to practice policies regarding security and confidentiality, records management roles and responsibilities and computer skills.

### Telephony

- Have working knowledge of telephone system, during and out of hours
- Handle telephone enquiries for appointments
- · Operate the switchboard efficiently, ensuring all calls are diverted appropriately
- Accept, accurately record and distribute messages for doctors, nurses and other member of staff
- Enter request for home visits onto computer system and where necessary refer to doctor
- Contact patient regarding results of tests and other relevant issues in accordance with practice guidelines.

### Confidentiality:

- In the course of seeking treatment, patients entrust us with, or allow us to gather, sensitive information in relation to their health and other matters. They do so in confidence and have the right to expect that staff will respect their privacy and act appropriately
- In the performance of the duties outlined in this job description, the post-holder may have
  access to confidential information relating to patients and their carers, practice staff and
  other healthcare workers. They may also have access to information relating to the practice
  as a business organisation. All such information from any source is to be regarded as strictly
  confidential.
- Information relating to patients, carers, colleagues, other healthcare workers or the business
  of the practice may only be divulged to authorised persons in accordance with the practice
  policies and procedures relating to confidentiality and the protection of personal and
  sensitive data

#### Health & safety

The post-holder will assist in promoting and maintaining their own and others' health, safety and security as defined in the practice health & safety policy, the practice health & safety manual, and the practice infection control policy and published procedures. This will include:

- Opening up/locking-up of practice premises and maintaining security in accordance with Practice protocols
- Using personal security systems within the workplace according to practice guidelines
- Identifying the risks involved in work activities and undertaking such activities in a way that manages those risks
- Making effective use of training to update knowledge and skills
- Using appropriate infection control procedures, maintaining work areas in a tidy and safe way and free from hazards
- Actively reporting of health and safety hazards and infection hazards immediately when recognised



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- Keeping own work areas and general / patient areas generally clean, assisting in the maintenance of general standards of cleanliness consistent with the scope of the job holder's role
- Undertaking periodic infection control training (minimum annually)
- · Reporting potential risks identified

# **Equality and diversity**

The post-holder will support the equality, diversity and rights of patients, carers and colleagues, to include:

- Acting in a way that recognizes the importance of people's rights, interpreting them in a way that is consistent with practice procedures and policies, and current legislation
- Respecting the privacy, dignity, needs and beliefs of patients, carers and colleagues
- Behaving in a manner which is welcoming to and of the individual, is non-judgmental and respects their circumstances, feelings priorities and rights.

# Personal/professional development

The post-holder will participate in any training programme implemented by the practice as part of this employment, such training to include:

- Participation in an annual individual performance review, including taking responsibility for maintaining a record of own personal and/or professional development
- Taking responsibility for own development, learning and performance and demonstrating skills and activities to others who are undertaking similar work

#### Quality

The post-holder will strive to maintain quality within the practice, and will:

- Alert other team members to issues of quality and risk
- Assess own performance and take accountability for own actions, either directly or under supervision
- Contribute to the effectiveness of the team by reflecting on own and team activities and making suggestions on ways to improve and enhance the team's performance
- Work effectively with individuals in other agencies to meet patients' needs
- Effectively manage own time, workload and resources

#### Communication

The post-holder should recognize the importance of effective communication within the team and will strive to:

- Communicate effectively with other team members
- Communicate effectively with patients and carers



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 Recognise people's needs for alternative methods of communication and respond accordingly

# Contribution to the implementation of services

The post-holder will:

- Apply practice policies, standards and guidance
- Discuss with other members of the team how the policies, standards and guidelines will affect own work
- Participate in audit where appropriate