

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

**Job title:** Communications Officer

**Department:** RCN Eastern

The person specification sets out the essential and desirable criteria required for this role. The selection process will look for evidence that you meet these criteria as well as the core behaviour competencies described further below.







Each criteria is assessed at one or more stage of the process as indicated by a ✓

- AF (application form) - your application needs to address the criteria ticked in this column
- A (assessment) – if you're shortlisted you'll do assessments that test these criteria
- I (interview) – if you're invited to interview you'll be asked questions to assess these criteria

AREA	CRITERIA	A/F	A	I
<b>1. Knowledge, training and qualifications</b>	<b>Essential</b>			
	• An excellent standard of literacy and numeracy, and the ability to demonstrate exemplary attention to detail	✓	✓	
	• Educated to A level standard or equivalent and/or holding a relevant professional qualification in communications or a related subject	✓		
	<b>Desirable</b>			
	• Knowledge of nursing and health education	✓		✓
<b>2. Experience</b>	<b>Essential</b>			
	• Experience in a relevant communications function including public relations or media	✓		✓
	• Experience gained within a public sector, academic, service or membership organisation	✓		✓
	• Experience of writing for the web and print	✓	✓	✓
	• Understanding of design and production techniques both for print and electronic publishing	✓	✓	✓
	• Awareness of online communications and social networking tools	✓		✓
	• Experience of making a positive contribution to promoting equity, diversity and inclusion	✓	✓	✓
<b>3. Skills</b>	<b>Essential</b>			
	• Excellent written and oral communication skills, including writing, editing and proofreading	✓	✓	✓

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to manage own workload and prioritise in order to deal with competing priorities</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to devise, implement and use databases to produce activity schedules for assisting in the management of editorial projects</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to competently use Microsoft Office packages including Word, Excel, PowerPoint email, internet and diary software</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to use web content management systems</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrable attention to detail skills</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is factually accurate, comprehensive, clear and precise in both verbal and written communication</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to implement systems and embrace new ways of working</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes personal ownership of assignments</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to coordinate workload</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<b>Desirable</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to use specialist Adobe software including InDesign</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<b>4. Other requirements</b>	<b>Essential</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to build and maintain productive relations with groups of members, including RCN representatives</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps up to date with key organisational activity</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respects and engages with individual views regardless of position or place in the organisation</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to work as part of a team</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to understand how to work effectively with volunteers</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifies opportunities for self-development</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes clear decisions and stands by them, stating clear rationale</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shares information to facilitate understanding and learning by others</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong personal commitment to promoting equity, diversity and inclusivity</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates continuing professional development</li> </ul>	✓		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to travel, with occasional overnight stays</li> </ul>	✓		✓

**The RCN Core Behavioural Competency Framework** informs the key behaviours our employees need to demonstrate in their roles.

<b>Inspire others to greater heights</b>  <p>Be passionate about developing yourself and others and push yourself beyond your comfort zone</p>	<b>Value those around you</b>  <p>Prize diversity and deal fairly and consistently with people while recognising individual differences</p>	<b>Show passion for our services</b>  <p>Have members' and customers' interests at the heart of everything you do and go out of your way to manage &amp; exceed their expectations</p>	<b>Build outstanding relationships</b>  <p>Lead and contribute to your teams success and collaborate with people around you &amp; those beyond your immediate team</p>	<b>Get to the heart of the business</b>  <p>Have the business interests of the RCN at the forefront of all you do and seek out opportunities to develop your business know-how</p>	<b>Stay one step ahead</b>  <p>Be inquisitive, think differently and embrace opportunities for change, helping others to adapt and encouraging new ideas</p>
Use the strengths of those around you to maximum effect	Challenge unacceptable behavior where it exists	Demonstrate pride in the RCN and passion for its services	Understand how your team impacts on others	Learn all aspects of the business with enthusiasm	Improve how things are done
Take personal ownership of all that you do	Treat everyone with respect regardless of their position	Ensure all you do has a benefit to members and customers	Focus on your team's primary goals	See yourself as a shareholder in the RCN	Adapt enthusiastically to change and different ways of working
Persist in the face of difficulties and overcome obstacles	Recognise the benefit of different viewpoints	Empower members and customers to help them become more involved	Share knowledge within your team and across other teams	Generate viable opportunities to help the RCN grow and develop	Tackle unfamiliar situations with confidence
Articulate your views and be open to others' opinions	Communicate openly and actively listen to those around you	Stay calm and focused when dealing with challenging situations	Support and help those around you	Work within tight timescales when needed	Help others to respond positively to change
Coach others and share your expertise	Treat everyone fairly and consistently	Go the extra mile	Demonstrate pride in your team and its work	Prioritise work to respond to urgent needs	Be prepared to do things differently & learn from mistakes
Trust those around you to do their jobs	Encourage mature discussion of differences	Build strong partnerships with outside agencies	Plan projects to involve key people from the start	Show efficiency and value in your use of resources	Adapt your thinking according to the needs of the situation
Seek feedback and learn from what you hear	Be approachable and give time to others	See a task through to the end	Identify opportunities for cross-team working	Translate plans into realistic targets and objectives	Show positive energy even in times of pressure
Lead by example and act as a role model	Respect individual and cultural differences	See things from the members' and customers' perspectives	Understand your strengths and play to them when you can	Understand the impact of your actions on the business	Keep an open mind and think creatively about problems at work
Empower and develop yourself and those around you	Recognise the impact of your behaviour on those around you	Build rapport with members and customers	Seek expertise from outside the team where necessary	Focus on the purpose of your role	Encourage constructive discussion about change
Speak up if you can see a better way to do things	Seek out stakeholders' views where possible	Keep members and customers informed	Ensure all team members have a meaningful part to play	Concentrate on delivering best value	Show your initiative in all that you do