



THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: RCN Officer

Department: RCN England, Northern Region (Sunderland)

Reports to: Senior RCN Officer

Key relationships:

RCN regional colleagues

RCN Members in respective Patch

HR Managers/colleagues in NHS/Independent sector/trade unions

RCN Reps

Hours: 35 hours per week

(Required to work flexibly to meet the requirements of the job. Occasional travel within the UK with occasional overnight stays and extended days required to fulfil the duties of the post)

Grade: F

Location: RCN Northern Office with hybrid working

JOB PURPOSE

To work with a designated Senior RCN Officer and assist them in the provision of services for members, activists and branches within the Region. The work includes advice and representation on education, employment and professional practice matters for individuals and groups of members.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Management responsibilities

- 1.1 Manage self by taking personal ownership of work and career development.
- 1.2 Oversee casework of specified RCN Stewards working remotely in their workplaces providing supervision and mentorship.

- 1.3 Develop and progress equity, diversity and inclusion activity within the team.

2. Development responsibilities

- 2.1 Maintain and enhance an up-to-date knowledge on employment legislation, nursing and healthcare issues.
- 2.2 Ensure a commitment to Personal and Professional Development including links to the RCN Professional Development Framework.
- 2.3 Improve individual performance in line with the annual appraisal, operational and strategic objectives.

3. Financial responsibilities

- 3.1 Contribute to all internal and external audit processes ensuring implementation of recommendations within sphere of control.
- 3.2 Contribute to the effective use of RCN resources.

4. Specific role responsibilities

- 4.1 Manage your own portfolio of member cases dealing with employment processes and issues and professional nursing advice, offering support, advice and representation as appropriate to member needs and RCN policy.
- 4.2 Support the Senior RCN Officer in representing the RCN locally and strategically as required, working with employers, other trade unions and a range of stakeholders.
- 4.3 Build relationships with member employers in order to negotiate effectively.
- 4.4 Assist the Senior RCN Officer in working with employers and safety representatives to promote a positive safety culture and ensure that RCN members work within safe and appropriate working environments.
- 4.5 Liaise with other professional organisations and trade unions on areas of mutual concern or interest.
- 4.6 Assist the Senior RCN Officer in facilitating membership Learning and Development programmes.
- 4.7 Assist the Senior RCN Officer in supporting the activist Learning and Development programmes locally and be the focus for effective activist mentorship within the area.
- 4.8 Assist the Senior RCN Officer in supporting RCN branches including recruitment and engagement activities.

5. Strategic Duties

- 5.1 Support the designated Senior RCN Officer in the achievement of RCN Strategic and Operational objectives within the area.
- 5.2 Gather intelligence and campaign on behalf of the RCN for the benefits of RCN members in line with the RCN position.
- 5.3 Support the development of services for members.

6. Additional responsibilities

- 6.1 Work collaboratively with other appropriate parts of the RCN to provide a seamless service for RCN Members.
- 6.2 Act with diplomacy and discretion to always safeguard confidential and commercially sensitive information.
- 6.3 Champion equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights and be responsible for contributing to achieving the commitments set out in the RCN Group equality, diversity and inclusion statement.
- 6.4 Treat colleagues, members, customers and others with respect in line with our values and Our Respect Charter.
- 6.5 Maximise all opportunities available to:
 - encourage member recruitment and promote the benefits of joining the RCN
 - promote the RCN as the organisation that represents nurses and nursing, and that promotes excellent in practice and shapes health policies
- 6.6 Support member ballot and industrial action activities when required.
- 6.7 Comply with the RCN Data Protection Policy, Retention Schedule and department procedures to ensure personal data is always protected.
- 6.8 Undertake any other duties as requested in line with the job role.

Job description updated by:
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