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Transferable Role Profile Template

Liaison and Diversion Service

Peer Support Worker

Career Framework **Level 3**

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Introduction to the Template

Transferable Roles

This template is designed to enable a common understanding and communication of transferable roles. A transferable role template is a named cluster of competences and related activities that is applicable, relevant and replicable across different geographical locations in the UK.

It can be used to help define the learning and development needs for staff already working in these roles and to support the establishment of transferable roles where appropriate.

In the development of this template Skills for Health seeks to provide some consistency of approach to defining the skills and competences needed to fulfil the requirements of new, hybrid, or existing transferable roles.

All transferable roles will have common or 'core' competences, plus specialty/pathway specific competences. The term 'competences' is used throughout the document. All competences are national occupational standards (NOS).

The Template

The template has a range of applications and may successfully be used by commissioners, managers, employers, and individual staff members.

In all cases the template is designed to be used as a whole. A role is composed of all components – level descriptors, national occupational standards and indicative learning and development.

Career Framework Levels and National Occupational Standards (NOS)

The Career Framework, which has nine levels, is a method of describing the level of autonomy and responsibility and the kind of decision making required by a job. Level descriptors have been established through rigorous discussions and are referenced to and linked with the qualifications frameworks as well as research where available regarding what should be expected of an individual at any given level. The level descriptor is intended to be relevant to any role within the health sector in both clinical and non-clinical roles.

It is important to bear in mind that the career framework levels are not intended to be coterminous with the NHS Agenda for Change banding, though there may be some similarities.

National Occupational Standards have been developed by expert groups, have undergone a rigorous nationally determined process to achieve their status and are approved for use in vocational qualifications by a panel within the UK NOS governance structure. Because of this they cannot be changed in terms of content or wording. They focus on what a person needs to be able to do, as well as what they must know and understand to work effectively. They are not in themselves levelled. Some may be more appropriate to a specific level on the career framework others will span all levels. They are all indicatively linked to the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework.

The reference function they are listed by in the template relates to the Health Functional Map which is a method of categorising the NOS and amongst other things facilitates finding them on the database.

Each NOS is listed by its code and title, they are all underpinned by knowledge requirements and performance criteria.

The NOS in this template are divided into the following sections:

- core to the level – the core is intended to be relevant to any role in the health sector, whether it is clinical or not and therefore is broad based in terms of the NOS it contains.
- specific to the role
- facets, some roles have different facets, each made up of a group of NOS, relevant to different areas of practice
- locality Specific – Additional NOS may be added here.

Indicative Learning and Development

The learning and development section of the template gives an indication of the level and style of learning relevant to the role. It is very much an indication and is not a comprehensive inventory of learning available.

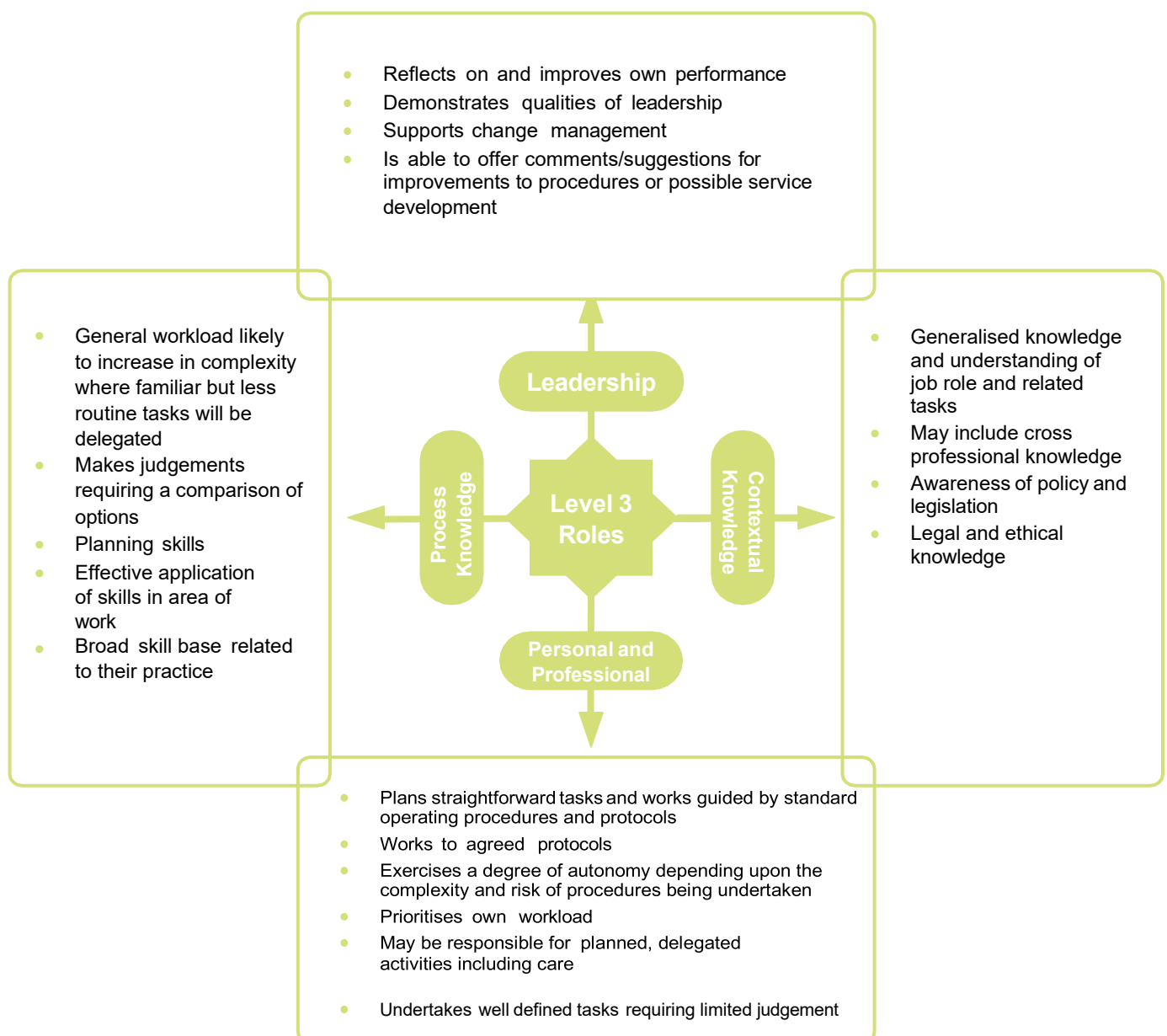
Some people may wish to or need to study whole qualifications - others will not. Some will need to participate in smaller 'bite sized' learning opportunities. Each individual should use the role profile to identify with their line manager what their needs are and how they will achieve them.

The Template

Level Descriptors

Definition of the Level 3 Role

People at level 3 require knowledge of facts, principles, processes and general concepts in a field of work. They may carry out a wider range of duties than the person working at level 2 and will have more responsibility with guidance and supervision available when needed. They will contribute to service development and are responsible for self-development. These roles have a variety of titles for example senior healthcare assistants, technicians and senior healthcare support workers. This is not an exhaustive list.



The National Occupational Standards

This section of the template has an example of a level 3 role. This example is intended to give core information for the role. Indicative learning and development are described within the role profile template.

Basic Information

Named Role	Peer Support Worker
Area of Work	Liaison and Diversion
Experience Required	Must be at least 18 years old and have knowledge of the local community, with an understanding of, and relevant lived experience of the criminal justice system and identified health needs. Have language skills relevant to the local community. DBS clearance and vetting, where appropriate. Previous experience of volunteering is desirable, although not essential. The post holder will be supported to develop their knowledge and skills and progress into other roles within a time frame that is appropriate for them.
Career Framework Level	Level 3

Scope of the Role

The purpose and scope of this role is to encourage individuals with complex needs to engage with the Liaison and Diversion Service, other agencies, and referral pathways. The post holder will provide emotional and other support, including acting as an advocate, and may also assist in recruiting and overseeing volunteers. The role is based within the Liaison and Diversion Team, working with Liaison and Diversion practitioners and Engagement Workers.

As well as enabling individuals to navigate through the Criminal Justice System, access support for mental and physical health needs, and other identified health needs, including substance misuse (alcohol and drugs), homelessness, learning disabilities and challenging behaviour, the postholder will provide, where appropriate, practical support to individuals. This could include planning and co-designing a programme of support with the Liaison and Diversion Practitioner, working with their families and friends and supporting them to access other agencies.

The post holder will contribute to the development of the Liaison and Diversion Service, supporting its main aims of:

- improved access to healthcare and support services for vulnerable individuals through effective liaison with appropriate services and a reduction in health inequalities.
- diversion of individuals, where appropriate, out of the youth and criminal justice systems into health or other supportive services.
- delivery of efficiencies within the youth and criminal justice systems.
- the reduction of re-offending.

Peer Support Workers are provided with training to enable them to:

- i) Encourage service users to engage with the Liaison and Diversion Service, other agencies and referral pathways and be able to navigate the support networks and services available
- ii) Provide engagement, emotional and other support and a willingness to share experience as appropriate with individuals
- iii) Increase the awareness and understanding of the range of local networks, community services and other services available e.g., recovery gym
- iv) Act as an advocate with individuals
- v) Have an ability to adapt and engage in a variety of environments to support individuals
- vi) Be able to provide support and advice to colleagues in the wider Liaison and Diversion Service/Team based on lived experience
- vii) Support the recruitment and the work of volunteers in Liaison and Diversion
- viii) Raise concerns to feed into clinical supervision and care planning, including review of care plans

Individuals providing Peer Support will initially be supported and supervised by the Liaison and Diversion Manager and will be provided with appropriate training for the role.

All level 3 roles will have the following common/core competences. All competences are national occupational standards (NOS)

Specific competences to the role have then been identified. Any additional competences specific to the locality should then be identified locally using the competence tools and the [health NOS Finder](#) and added to the template using the same format.

Common/Core Competences for all Level 3 Roles:

Underpinning Principles	Reference Function	Competence
1. Communication	Communicate effectively	Communicate effectively in a healthcare environment
2. Personal and People Development	Develop your own knowledge and practice	Develop reflective practice
	Reflect on your own practice	Monitor your own work practices
3. Health, Safety and Security	Ensure you own actions reduce risks to health and safety	Perform hand hygiene to prevent the spread of infection
		Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety
		Promote a healthy and safe workplace
	Protect individuals from abuse	Support the safeguarding of individuals and others
5. Quality	Act within the limits of your competence and authority	Act within the limits of your competence and authority
	Manage and organize your own time and activities	Manage and organise your own time and activities
6. Equality & Diversity	Ensure your own actions support equality of opportunity and diversity	Support equality, diversity, inclusion, and rights of individuals
B. Health Intervention	Obtain information from individuals about their health status and needs	Comply with legal requirements for maintaining confidentiality in healthcare
D. Information Management / Information and Communication Technology	Maintain information/record systems	Store and retrieve information using a filing system

Underpinning Principles	Reference Function	Competence
H. Management and Administration	Contribute to the effectiveness of teams	Support the effectiveness of teams
	Receive and pass on messages and information	Use digital communications

Role Specific Competences

Underpinning Principles	Reference Function	Competence
1. Communication	Communicate effectively	Communicate with individuals, groups and communities about promoting their health and wellbeing in a defined caseload
	Support individuals to communicate	Support individuals with communication and interaction difficulties
	Develop effective relationships with individuals	Develop effective relationships with individuals
		Communicate effectively with people
	Provide information, advice and guidance	Advise and inform others on services
		Advise on access to and use of services
		Support individuals to access information on services and facilities
2. Personal and People Development	Develop your own practice	Develop and maintain your professional connections
	Make use of supervision	Make use of supervision
5. Quality	Manage and organize your own time and activities	Manage and organise your own time and activities
A. Assessment	Assess an individual's needs arising from their health status	Identify potential mental health needs and related issues

Underpinning Principles	Reference Function	Competence
B. Health Intervention	Refer individuals to services for treatment and care	Recognise problematic use of alcohol or other substances and refer individuals to services
	Support individuals who are distressed	Support trauma informed practice
C. Health Promotion and Protection	Enable people to address issues relating to their health and wellbeing	Promote the use of services and facilities
		Support individuals to access information on services and facilities
		Enable individuals to change their behaviour to improve their own health and wellbeing
		Enable people to address issues related to health and wellbeing
	Act on behalf of an individual, family or community (advocacy)	Advocate with and on behalf of individuals
H. Management and Administration	Provide leadership	Lead and Motivate Volunteers
	Recruit, select and retain colleagues (and volunteers)	Recruit and place volunteers
		Induct volunteers

Locality Specific Competences

In this space you can define additional competences which are essential for your local needs.

Go to the [Health NOS Finder](#) to begin your search for the competences related to the additional tasks or functions you have identified.

All competences are cross-referenced to the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF).

Underpinning Principles	Reference Function		Competence

Indicative Learning and Development

Transferable roles may be underpinned by a range of learning and development activities to ensure both competence and role confidence. The learning and development included within the template is by nature indicative. In some cases, it is endorsed by professional bodies and/or special interest groups and accredited by an awarding body.

Transferable role	Liaison and Diversion Service Peer Support Worker
Formal endorsed learning	NVQ/QCF/Diploma in related subject area in health/care/justice Formal introductory and bespoke Liaison and Diversion training- Core 1 and 2 IT skills Literacy skills Apprenticeships Other training which may be formal or informal: • Record keeping • Conflict resolution • Advocacy • First Aid at Work • Basic life support • Lone working • Information governance • Equality, Diversity and Inclusion • Understanding of mental health conditions • Understanding of neurodiversity • Trauma-informed practices • Safeguarding
Informal learning	Statutory/Mandatory training Locality specific training within the service Additional learning for the role being undertaken
National Occupational Standards used	As detailed within role outline. The performance criteria and knowledge statements in each NOS will form the basis for the development of specific learning outcomes for each person and may be used to develop generic learning outcomes for each module/unit of learning
Credits (including framework used)	Wherever possible learning should be credit rated to enable transferability and progression
Accreditation	Wherever possible learning should be accredited by education providers, professional bodies or similar
APEL and progression	Wherever possible learning should be transferable through APEL and should enable progression to other formal learning
Leading to registration or membership with:	

Continuing Professional Development

It is recognised that continuing professional development is an essential component to maintaining competent, safe practice at all levels of the career framework.

The following is considered the minimum required to maintain competence within this role. Learning should be active, with the impact on service delivery clearly defined and agreed between the learner and their line manager. A range of methods for capturing the impact of learning may be used e.g. learning contracts, reflective accounts, productivity measures, appraisals systems and processes. Wherever possible learning should be accredited and/or credit rated and should focus on the needs of the individual in the role.

Statutory and Mandatory learning of particular relevance to the role	Safeguarding Data Protection Information Governance	
Formal endorsed learning	Title	
	Awarding body	
	Credit	
	Level	
Informal learning	Negotiated at appraisal/performance review	
Method of capturing impact	Annual appraisal	
Funding required	Dependent upon agreed CPD plan and negotiated locally	
Frequency required (once a year, once every two years, twice or more a year)	Annual learning needs will be identified and planned as part of the appraisal process. Specific goals will be agreed and the best method for achieving them negotiated.	

References:

- Skills for Health Summary of Attributes and Definitions for Career Framework Levels (2010)
- Skills for Health Employability Skills Matrix (2014)
- NHS England Liaison and Diversion Operating Model (2013/14)
- NHS England Liaison and Diversion Standard Service Specification (2019)

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