

Transferable Role Template National Clinical Homecare

Quality Assurance Manager

Career Framework Level – Enhanced

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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 is a named cluster of competences and related activities that is applicable, relevant and replicable across different teams/organisations and geographic locations for clinical homecare teams, supporting greater workforce flexibility and consistency in care delivery.

All transferable roles will have common competences that are applicable for any role at the defined career framework level, plus core competences which are applicable to a specified role. The term ‘competences’ is used throughout the document. All competences are national occupational standards (NOS).

The template has a range of applications and may successfully be used by commissioners, managers, employers, current and aspiring employees.

It can be used to help define the learning and development needs for staff already working in these roles, as well as help signpost people who want to undertake a particular role to what is required to work successfully in the role defined.

Career Framework Levels and Competences

The Career Framework for National Clinical Homecare, which has five levels, provides a useful insight into what characteristics are required to work at each career framework level and gives examples of the knowledge and skills required, as well as ‘how’ an individual would need to behave and act in order to work at each level.

It is also a method of describing the level of autonomy and responsibility and the kind of decision making required by a role at that level. The level descriptor is intended to be relevant to any role within the health sector, both clinical and non-clinical roles.

The majority competences utilised are National Occupational Standards (NOS), which have been developed by expert groups, have undergone a rigorous nationally determined process to achieve their status, and are approved for use 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. The NOS 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. Each NOS is listed by its code and title; they are all underpinned by knowledge requirements and performance criteria.

The details behind the small number of clinical homecare service specific competences* are available from NCHA.

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

- **Common to the career framework level** –

  the common competences are intended to be relevant to any role in the health sector, whether it is clinical or not, and therefore are broad based

- **Core to the role** –

  the core competences represent the 'essential' elements of the role and are transferable between clinical homecare teams and/or organisations. It is not an exhaustive list, and is not intended to fully articulate roles at an individual level; rather it articulates the minimum expectation of the role and promotes greater transferability and consistency across teams and organisations

- **Facets** –

  some roles **could** have different facets, each made up of a group of NOS, relevant to different areas of practice

- **Locality Specific** –

  Additional NOS or other competencies/capabilities which are relevant to specific teams can be added 'locally' by individual employers here, however these would only be applicable in that specific circumstance.

Indicative Learning and Development

The learning and development section of the template gives an indication of the style (and possibly type) 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. Individuals can use the role profile - where appropriate with their line manager or potential employer - to identify what their learning needs are to be successful in a particular role and how they will achieve the required learning.

Definition of an Enhanced Level Role

People at this level require a critical understanding of detailed theoretical and practical knowledge, which can be a generalist with a special interest and/or have management and leadership responsibilities.

Likely to have specialist knowledge, skills and competences.

They may consult with patients, their families, and the multi-professional team to undertake assessments of patient need and devise and evaluate complex care plans.

They evaluate and analyse problems using their knowledge, seeking out and applying relevant evidence, enhanced techniques, interventions, and equipment to make clinical decisions.

They deliver enhanced care or services in the context of continual change, challenging environments, different models of care delivery, innovation and rapidly evolving technologies using analysis and their underpinning knowledge to manage complex interventions.

They undertake audits and research projects and implement changes as required, including the development, and updating of practice protocols / guidelines and procedures locally.

They will adopt national and local protocols where these exist.

They may delegate work to other members of the Homecare team and take accountability for the delegated activity.

They demonstrate initiative and are creative in finding solutions to problems.

They are likely to have responsibility for team performance and service development, and they consistently undertake self-development.

Role Profile

Named Role	**Quality Assurance Manager**
Area of Work	**Clinical Homecare**
Experience Required	• Experience of working in a clinical homecare environment • Incident management, investigation, reporting and sharing learning • Demonstrable leadership skills and auditor skills • Experience of participating in complex communications with professionals, multidisciplinary teams, patients and families, and influencing others • Practical experience of facilitating change • Demonstrable experience of developing and implementing new systems and procedures • Experience of successfully developing and implementing projects • Experience of monitoring budgets and business planning processes • Demonstrate a deep understanding of the wider healthcare system and its interdependencies • Understanding of the public sector, private sector, pharmaceutical industry, statutory, regulatory and professional bodies • Experience of creating and giving presentations to a varied group of internal and external stakeholders. • Evidence of excellent communication skills, including verbal, non-verbal and written • Excellent interpersonal skills • Relevant health and safety experience
Career Framework Level	**Enhanced**

Scope of the Role

With the ability to influence, resolve issues, manage difficult situations; navigate and make sense of ambiguity, the post holder will be expected to bring a high level of knowledge, skills and experience to support the delivery of assurance regarding safe, effective, quality services and care. The role will support and undertake work aligned to the strategic developments of service quality; this will include establishing and monitoring robust risk assessment processing, incident management and auditing procedures.

Accountable to the Director, and with the ability to build and sustain direct communication channels to the organisation and its Board, the post holder will be responsible for the development and implementation of quality reporting, data analysis and strategic planning for robust safe systems of delivery and supporting relevant regulatory inspections. Demonstrating professionalism and sound judgement, the post holder will undertake reviews of care and service interventions, giving assurances regarding the service's ability to meet the needs of the individual. Ensuring that the service meets quality standards is a key element of the role.

There is an expectation that the postholder will engage with peer networks.

Common Competences for all Enhanced Level Roles:

Competences Required
Communicate effectively in a healthcare environment
Obtain valid consent or authorisation
Act within the limits of your competence and authority
Manage and organise your own time and activities
Support the effectiveness of teams
Liaise between primary, secondary and community teams
Promote effective communication and relationships with people who are troubled or distressed
Promote people's rights and encourage them to recognise their responsibilities
Promote equality of opportunity, diversity and inclusion in your organisation
Manage conflicts in work environment
Give presentations to groups
Synthesise new knowledge into the development of your own practice
Lead and develop reflective practice

Make use of supervision

Provide supervision to other individuals

Recruit, induct and retain employees into their roles

Support individuals to take their medication as prescribed

Perform hand hygiene to prevent the spread of infection

Understanding clinical homecare services*

Promote your organisation and its services to stakeholders

Monitor and solve customer service problems

Identify and evaluate opportunities for innovation and improvement

Lead the implementation of inter-agency services for addressing health and wellbeing needs

Lead the development of inter-agency services for addressing health and wellbeing needs

Manage business processes

Implement and evaluate change

Receive, transmit, store and retrieve information

Manage and quality assure work in your team

Carry out and participate in quality audits

Support the safeguarding of individuals and others

Understanding Pharmacovigilance and Patient Safety Reporting in Clinical Homecare Services* Understanding the importance of C&I reporting in Clinical Homecare Services*

Core Competences relevant to Role:

Competences Required
Identify individual learning and development
Develop and prepare resources for learning and development
Plan and deliver training
Assess learner achievement
Build and maintain relationships with learners to ensure a learner-centred approach
Assist learners to review their own progress and implement their development objectives
Provide clinical information to individuals
Prepare and dress for work in healthcare settings
Assess risks associated with health conditions
Establish, sustain and disengage from relationships with the families of individuals with specific health needs
Safely dispose of healthcare waste, including sharps to prevent the spread of infection
Manage emergency situations
Receive and store medication and products
Evaluate the delivery of care plans to meet the needs of individuals

Advise on the health status and healthcare needs of individuals at a distant location using electronic communication media

Work in partnership with others to promote health and wellbeing and reduce risks within settings in a defined caseload

Prepare and coordinate operational plans and procedures

Manage continuous improvement of overall performance of your organisation

Manage quality assurance systems

Monitor compliance with quality systems

Develop risk management policies and procedures

Improve the quality of health and healthcare interventions and services through audit and evaluation

Facets (if required):

Competences Required

Locality Specific Competences:

In this space you can define additional competences which are essential for your local needs. If you intend to use NOS, then go to the Health Functional Map to begin your search for the competences

Competences Required
Quality induction
Service specific pharmacovigilance reporting
Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety
Manual handling
Digital screens and equipment
Home workstation risk assessment
Use of vehicles on company business
Manage budgets

Develop response and recovery capabilities, arrangements and plans
Freedom to speak up
Prevent
Anti-bribery and corruption

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.

Role template	Quality Assurance Manager
Formal endorsed learning	ISO 9001
Informal learning	Knowledge and skills developed should enable the individual to undertake their duties in a safe and competent manner. Core areas of learning should focus on: Equality, diversity and inclusion Interpersonal skills Analytical skills development Recognised Quality Assurance systems and processes
National Occupational Standards (competences) 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 learning outcomes for subsequent learning activities.
Credits (including framework used)	
Accreditation	Wherever possible learning should be accredited by learning 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:	