

Job Description

Post Title	Occupational Therapist	
Band	Band 5/6 developmental post	
Directorate	Central Manchester	
Location/Base	Community Mental Health Teams Manchester	
Responsible to	Team Manager	
Accountable to	Team Manager	

Job Summary/Purpose

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Main Duties & Responsibilities		
Heading	Duty/Responsibility	
Developmental	Undertake training and develop evidence based methods of communication to motivate and facilitate positive change	
	Train in goal setting and outcome measures for this client group	
	Undertake training experiences to develop skills and knowledge of evidence based interventions for the client group	
	Supervise students and gain other experience in supervision methods	
	When agreed provide evidence of competencies in assessment, formulation, goal setting, the delivery of evidence based interventions and use of goal attainment outcome measures for	

	clients with complex presentations		
	When agreed with the band 6 provide evidence of a high level of understanding in communication to clients with a range of communication styles to promote self-respect, positive regard and sense of empowerment and to engage and motivate.		
	When agreed with the band 6 provide evidence of knowledge of a psychological model and ability to apply to enhance occupational performance		
	In agreement with the band 6 demonstrate ability to write up detailed occupational and employment assessments and clear OT summary reports which include reference to assessments carried out and their location, a bio psycho social occupational formulation, intervention carried out and goals achieved		
	Undertake training to become an accredited fieldwork educator		
	Take on a band 6 position when and if achievement of the above competencies has been achieved		
Clinical			
Cinical	With support from the band 6 Occupational Therapist carry out a range of occupational and employment assessments with people under the team with complex biological psychological and social barriers to function		
	Support the band 6 to screen referrals to the recovery pathway and allocate as appropriate.		
	Be aware of and practice within the relevant legislative clinical guidelines issued by local and national statutory bodies and be legally responsible and accountable for all aspects of work.		
	Actively access and evaluate ongoing up to date Occupational therapy evidence based research to underpin, develop and inform clinical practice.		
	Apply theoretical knowledge and understanding of psychology, sociology physical science and of the effects of disability on function to analyse the information gathered and develop a case formulation describing an individual's strengths and obstacles to occupational performance.		

With the support of the band 6 occupational therapist select appropriate interventions based on the case formulation order to support and develop the client valued roles
Refer to other professions or services and monitor as appropriate
Identify client goals collaboratively,
Carry out interventions in environments most suitable to the therapy and the aim of social inclusion
Advise relevant individuals and agencies in relation to the functional ability safety and risk issues regarding clients.
With the support of the band 6 occupational therapist, evaluate and modify where necessary treatment and interventions to measure progress and ensure the effectiveness of the intervention in restoring socially valued roles and recovery of the individual.
Contribute an occupational therapy perspective to ensure the safe and effective discharge of clients.
Implement trust protocols for OT within the team in relation to standardised ADL and employment assessments with recommendations for intervention to relevant individuals including the Trust Accommodation Panel.
With the support of the band 6, carry out and contribute to employment assessments and support to users of the service liaising with staff and external agencies at all times.
Attend and actively offer an Occupational Therapy perspective and advice to service users and carers and within service meetings and external agencies in agreement with your line and professional managers
Share information with other agencies as appropriate, and in accordance with Trust policies, in particular where there are risk indicators.
Ensure continuity of care irrespective of the setting in which the service user resides – this will include liaising closely with inpatient facilities.
Undertake client-centred work, which addresses individual need and advocate for clients where necessary
Identify and carry out appropriate liaison and outreach work in partnership with other agencies to provide socially inclusive

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	opportunities for Service Users.		
	Work collaboratively and flexibly in order to respond to the needs of Service Users.		
	Work in a wide range of environments most appropriate to client need including the client's home, local area and other community resources.		
	Attend and contribute to multi-disciplinary referral/allocation meetings		
	Develop effective working relationships with service users and their families/carers to enhance the effects of proposed intervention strategies.		
Communication	Establish positive and effective communication structures with users Carers, MDT team and other professionals and agencies		
	With the support of the band 6 Occupational Therapist write up Occupational assessments with a case formulation and clear recommendations regarding the interventions and support needs of service users record and share effectively		
	Maintain clear records and communicate plans effectively.		
	In communication adhere to the standards set at a national and local level by the trust and the trust professional structure		
	Promote Occupational Therapy role within the team and the trust as requested.		
	Communicate and liaise with all appropriate individual panels, committees and organisations, in relation to client assessments, interventions and care packages		
	Maintain up to date and accurate records, including risk assessment and crisis/contingency planning, in accordance with Trust and team policies.		
	Maintain and protect at all times the confidential nature of clinical information, whether written or given verbally.		
	Provide information for performance management purposes as requested by the Team Manager or Deputy Team Manager.		
Supervision	Undertake formal supervision and participate in the Personal Development Review process of the Trust.		

	Contribute to the planning, coordination and delivery of staff induction	
	Contribute to the supervision of students	
Service Development	Contribute to the planning, development evaluation and audit of the	
	recovery team.	
Governance and Research	Contribute to the development of evidence based practice.	
	Contribute to research, audit and evaluation of Occupational therapy and Multi-disciplinary services.	
	Implement evidence based and best practice.	
	Apply national and local relevant acts policies and guidelines.	
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Professional	Adhere to the Royal College of Occupational Therapists code of ethics and professional conduct and other college guidelines for professional practice.	
	Actively participate in Continuous Professional Development and maintain and develop a professional portfolio.	
	Maintain registration with the Health Professions Council ensuring that statutory training is undertaken as directed.	
	Maintain and use up to date knowledge of relevant research.	
	Ensure that professional knowledge is up to date with current local and national developments in mental health services.	
	Work within own professional code of conduct and the Trust's policies and procedures, to ensure safe and quality practice.	
Training	Engage in training as identified in supervision and appraisal meetings.	
	Participate in Occupational Therapy specific training to develop ongoing clinical practice.	
	Identify and use opportunities to develop OT and generic skills.	
	Participate in all Trust mandatory training.	
	Provide fieldwork education for Occupational Therapy Students. Undertake training to attain fieldwork educator accreditation	

Trust Mandatory On- going Requirements - to be met by the candidate after commencing in post, these will not be assessed at the recruitment stage

Further Information for Post holder(s)

This job description is not exhaustive, but is intended to give an overall picture of the role. Other duties within the general scope of the post may be required from time to time. The duties of the post and job description can be reviewed through the agreed process. All information obtained or held during the post-holders period of employment that relates to the business of the Trust and its service users and

employees will remain the property of the Trust. Information may be subject to disclosure under legislation at the Trust's discretion and in line with national rules on exemption.

All Trust sites have been designated a no smoking area. The post holder is therefore advised smoking is not permitted within the hospital premises or grounds or whilst representing the Trust in the course of their duty. While the Trust will not discriminate against employing smokers, all prospective employees should be aware of this policy

Person Specification

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Essential Criteria - The qualities without which a post holder could not be appointed.	Desirable Criteria - Extra qualities which can be used to choose between candidates who meet all the essential criteria	How Assessed – AP = Application form IN = Interview OA = Other Assessment
Education / Qualifications - to be a	able to complete the duties as laid out	on the Job Description
Degree in Occupational Therapy Registration with HPC	AMPS Training Model of Human Occupation training Care Programme Approach Training Equality Diversity Awareness Training	Application form and interview
Experience - to be able to complete the duties as laid out on the Job Description		
	Providing Occupational Therapy in a	Application form and

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Using a variety of Occupational	mental health setting	interview
vocational assessments	Personal experience of mental health issues	
Identifying barriers to goal achievement		
Planning and carrying out evidence based interventions	Experience of working in a community setting.	
Supporting clients to achieve their goals	Experience of supervising support staff	
Knowledge - to be able to complete	the duties as laid out on the Job Desc	cription
Issues of and relating to mental illness		Application form and interview
Social inclusion and recovery models		
Evidence based Occupational Therapy assessments and interventions	Standardised Assessments e.g. the assessment of Motor and process skills MOHO	
Mental health legislation	The social model of disability	
Reflective practice	Knowledge of local cultures,	
Knowledge of local cultures, social diversity and an ability to work as an OT within this context	Knowledge of relevant models of supervision	
Skills and Abilities - to be able to co	omplete the duties as laid out on the J	ob Description
		Application form and
To use a variety of Occupational		interview
To use a variety of Occupational assessments	Use of employment assessments	
To plan and implement evidence based interventions aimed at achieving user goals		
To write records and reports		
To use effective communication skills		
To manage a caseload		
To work flexibly as an individual and team member,		

To follow policies and procedures,			
Computer literacy			
To work independently and set priorities			
Other Requirements - to be able to complete the duties as laid out on the Job Description			
Anti discriminatory attitudes			

The Trust will consider any reasonable adjustments to the recruitment and selection process and to employment for applicants who have protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

Drawn up by: Jane Lee

Designation: Professional Lead for Occupational Therapy Manchester Services Date: