

<b>Job title:</b>	Clinical Director
<b>Directorate:</b>	West Sussex
<b>Professionally Responsible to:</b>	Chief Medical Officer
<b>Accountable to:</b>	Deputy Chief Medical Officer
<b>Pay band:</b>	Consultant Pay Scale, recognising the applicant's seniority & existing clinical excellence & impact awards, plus £25,000 Responsibility Allowance
<b>Location:</b>	West Sussex sites (Chichester/Crawley/Horsham) and Worthing
<b>Contract Hours</b>	Permanent / 40 hours (10 Programmed Activities)
<b>Disclosure required:</b>	Full DBS
<b>Job outline:</b>	

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The Clinical Director will have responsibility for ensuring the best quality care and outcomes are delivered by the services in their division for the local population served within the resources available and in partnership with others.

The Clinical Director will have clinical leadership of the division, ensuring the clinical care pathways are enabled to deliver the national and local strategies and for the achievement of high quality performance and clinical outcomes.

The postholder will play a key part in the leadership of the Trust, and has responsibilities across the organisation as well as the specific division.

They will work as part of a close team with the Divisional Managing Director and Divisional Director of Nursing and Quality. There is a recognition that clinical and strategic leadership needs to cross the Division directorate structures to ensure that there is pathway standardisation, consistency of clinical standards, practices and outcomes. The Clinical Director will work with other Divisions and corporate leadership to achieve this goal.

There is strong national and local commitment to developing place based 'systems of care' whereby providers work together to improve health and care for the populations they serve. Our Sussex ICS Strategy clearly lays out the ambition that '...health and care organisations will work in a more joined-up way and within communities to better understand and respond to their specific needs. Support and services will be shaped around local people, rather than expecting them to fit into the 'system'. When we say communities, we mean both the local area people live in and also the communities that we know people identify with, such as those with the same interests, beliefs or way of live'.

This role will be a full time Consultant level post with the post holder working up to a maximum of 8 and minimum of 5 Pas as Clinical Director and a negotiable number of PAs in a clinical Consultant Psychiatrist role (*external applicants must discuss the clinical post prior to interview based on one of the current vacancies within the division*). The role attracts a responsibility payment in accordance with current Trust guidelines; this, along with Additional Programmed Activities, will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

The clinical element of the role will be as a Consultant Psychiatrist in a clinical service within the division. This can be flexible depending on the qualifications, experience and personal preference of the successful candidate.

Once the successful candidate is in post, the agreed clinical role will be incorporated into the job description and submitted to the Royal College of Psychiatrists for approval. This will ensure there is an approved job description for the post-holder.

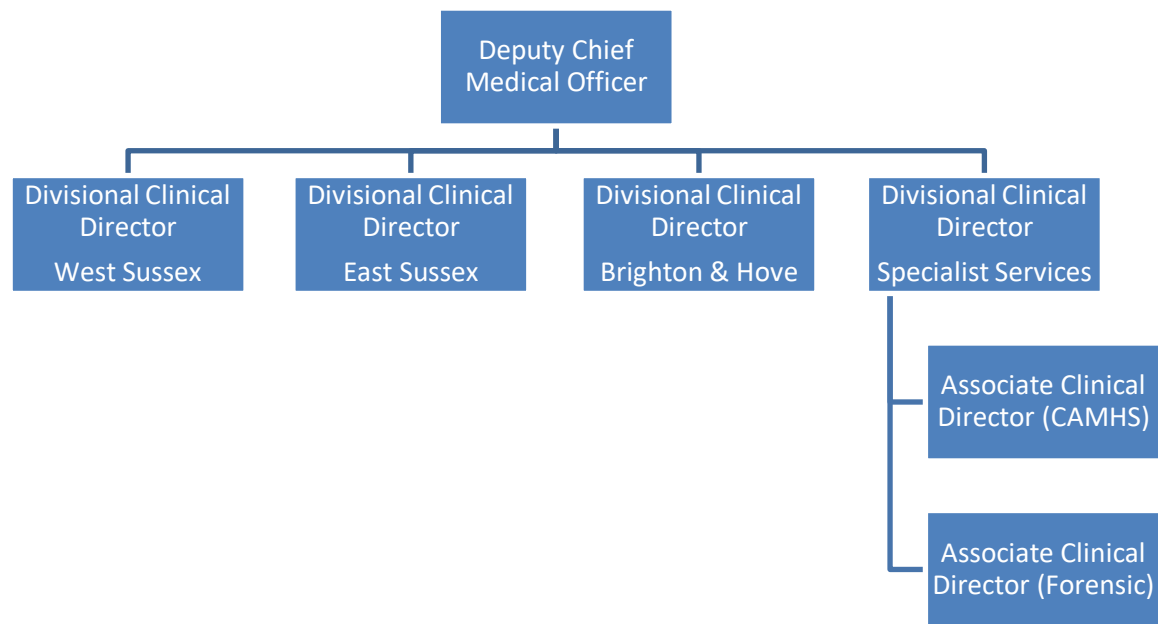
The post-holder would be expected to participate in the Trust's annual job planning process. This is supported by a clearly defined Trust policy and is in place not only to meet the contractual requirements of the role but also to provide opportunities for personal and professional development and to help drive quality improvement.

The Trust has a thriving research network and has been rated 'outstanding' in caring by the CQC and 'good' in all other domains. The Trust has strong links with Brighton and

Sussex Medical School and regularly hosts students of various disciplines.

Administrative support will be provided and access to private office space will be ensured.

The Trust website can be found here: <https://www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk/>



### **Scope & Responsibilities: Clinical Director**

- To provide clinical leadership to all professionals and managers in the Division – including regular reviews and appraisals of their roles
- To appoint and manage the Clinical Leads and/or Lead Psychiatrists within the Division and to develop clinical leadership across all the services.
- To supervise the Clinical Leads and/or Lead psychiatrists in the delivery of line management of consultant psychiatrists, medical job planning and recruitment.
- To provide the clinical leadership and support the development of long-term strategic plans for the division based upon interpretation of national mental health policy and strategy and considering the Trust aims and objectives and projected needs of the client group.
- To provide clinical leadership and support to the Managing Director and Divisional director for Nursing and Quality for the Division in overseeing the financial position and ensuring that services are provided within the agreed financial envelope whilst maintaining appropriate clinical standards.
- To provide clinical leadership and perspectives on service change programmes that delivers CIP savings as well as improvements in quality and patient care.
- To provide clinical leadership in building a culture of continuous improvement of services as demonstrated by Quality Improvement, clinical audit and other forms of benchmarking. Proactively ensuring that the learning from serious incidents, near misses and complaints is acted upon and communicated effectively throughout the trust, this includes facilitating sessions to promote learning.
- To provide leadership in building and embedding a Just and Learning Culture within the Division, this includes openness and responsibilities under Duty of Candour.
- To provide clinical leadership in developing excellent relationships with GPs, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Acute Hospitals and the Sustainability & Transformation Partnerships
- To represent the Trust when appropriate in handling media, CCG or NCB enquiries, or in communicating complex or contentious information to staff around service developments, serious incidents or homicides.
- To act as an ambassador for the Trust in key clinical commissioning forums, including the Sussex Clinical Senate and the ICB
- To lead on the development of the research and audit strategies and implementation plans within services as agreed by the Service and Trust. This includes making the final decision on the appropriateness of any clinical research studies that are being proposed within the division.

### **Scope & Responsibilities: Clinical Role**

An example of the clinical duties the post holder will be required to undertake are detailed below. Confirmed duties will be detailed in the Royal College approved clinical job description of the

consultant post:

- To provide specialist medical and psychiatric assessment, treatment and aftercare services to people referred to the service.
- To provide specialist medical advice and consultation to a range of health and social care staff as appropriate to promote effective delivery of person-centred mental health care.
- To liaise closely with other medical, clinical and managerial staff in other Trust services to provide high quality care pathways for service users.
- To offer training as appropriate to improve the quality of local mental healthcare.
- To provide leadership and line management to other medical staff reporting directly to the Consultant.
- To work closely with the Service Manager and lead professionals to provide clinical leadership and ensure safe, supportive care within the project.
- To participate in planning and developing local mental health services and contributes constructively to improving the standards of mental health care offered by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.
- Management of complex cases.
- Clinical leadership of team.
- Role in assessment of referrals/admissions.
- Care plan and treatment formulation, guidance on evidence-based treatment and effectiveness.
- Liaison and collaborative working with other services/agencies.
- Mental Health Act implementation (including undertaking Responsible Clinician duties).
- Multi-disciplinary, multi-agency and partnership working.
- To be a member of the consultant on call rota for the relevant area/specialty

## Key Result Areas:

1. Corporate As a senior clinical leader contribute to the business of the Trust as a team member, lead on specific areas of work and act as an ambassador for the organisation in all interactions. Maintain a visible presence within the Division, with the immediate team, corporate business partners and with the wider Trust.
2. Culture Lead and role model a culture which inspires effort and supports others to be the best they can. Enable an environment in which staff are able to contribute and influence decision-making, exercise professional judgement and expect to be held to account for their practice. Demonstrate the value of strengths over deficits and promote learning. To value constructive challenge and be a role model for positive local dispute resolution.
3. Service Specific To ensure that the Division is fully aware of its external environment, aspiring to, examining and implementing best practice and contributing to the national evidence base. Have a clear understanding of how resources are employed and the expectations of commissioners and people using services, enabling staff and service users to play a role in service development. To influence the development of pathways of care across the wider trust that maximise flow and put patient experience first.
4. Strategic Cultivate and maintain an outward-facing role. Be future focused and confident about pushing boundaries to develop services that are sustainable. Work in partnership with corporate business partners to translate strategic aims into actions for services. Provide advice on relevant data and research supporting contract negotiation if required. Foster relationships with CCGs, partners and other key stakeholders.
5. Quality Assurance and Governance In partnership with the Division's Managing Director and Director of Nursing and Quality, develop, implement and manage systems and processes within the care group across all professional groups and disciplines including medical, nursing, psychological therapies, other therapies and social care.
6. Actively promote evidence-based practice and ensure that all treatments are delivered in accordance with NICE Guidelines or best practice guidance. Ensure that relevant clinical risk and outcome measures are developed / used and analysed for improving quality of direct care and for service planning. Ensure service audit and evaluation takes place across the care group and that clinical staff are routinely involved. Contribute to ensuring that staff maintain clinical records safely and to a high standard.
7. Education, Training and Supervision Work with the Managing Director and Director of Nursing and Quality to ensure learning and development leads lead programmes that meet workforce needs and that staff are appropriately supervised. Provide mentoring in some circumstances and ensure that clinical leaders are appropriately supervised and have access to mentoring/coaching resource and a PDP that is suitably challenging and consistent with their role.
8. Workforce Work with Managing Director and Director of Nursing and Quality to shape the design of the Division's workforce. Lead and provide training in clinical skills across all disciplines as required. Support the appraisal of all doctors and that appropriate systems are in place for job planning for all professional groups.
9. Performance Ensure services are organised and delivered in a way that maximises performance and are based on sound local data and national evidence and that:
  - All aspects of Safeguarding are adhered to and that policies and procedures are followed at all times.
  - Appropriate professional and clinical involvement into the investigation of

- complaints including advice on professional standards.
- Provisions for the effective management of risk of infection are fully complied with and communicated in the care group.  
At all times ensuring that resources are effectively deployed.

**Policy:**

- To lead the development of long term strategic plans for West Sussex services based upon interpretation of national mental health policy and strategy and taking into account the Trust aims and objectives and projected needs of the client group.
- To ensure that relevant clinical risk and outcome measures are developed, used and analysed for improving quality of direct care and for service planning. To be responsible for agreeing all research activity that takes place within the care group for all disciplines and ensuring that patient care is not compromised.

**Policy and Service Development**

- To propose and implement policy and service development changes in relation to the division
- Leading on the development of long-term strategic plans for the division based upon interpretation of national mental health policy and strategy and considering the Trust aims and objectives and projected needs of the client group.
- A major requirement of the job is to initiate, lead and carry out, audit, research and training programmes and to propose and implement policy and service development changes within the care group.
- To ensure that services are consistent with major developments in national policy.

## Appendix 2

### Person Specification Template

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	Essential	Desirable	Evidenced by
<b>A – Qualifications</b>			
MBBS or equivalent medical qualification	✓		A, C
MRCPsych or equivalent professional qualification at Consultant level	✓		A, C
Management qualification or equivalent level of experience and proven ability to perform at this level e.g. NHS Leadership Academy, King's Fund		✓	A, C
<b>B – Eligibility</b>			
Fully registered with the GMC with a licence to practise at the time of appointment	✓		A, C
Included on the GMC Specialist Register OR within six months	✓		A, C
Approved clinician status OR able to achieve within 3 months of appointment	✓		A, C
In good standing with GMC with respect to warning and conditions on practice	✓		A, C
<b>C – Knowledge/Experience</b>			
Experience of clinical or professional leadership role within services	✓		A
Good understanding of change management	✓		A, I
Experience of developing and maintaining effective partnerships with stakeholders in the redesign of services	✓		A, I, T
Ability to engage with staff and motivate to improve performance.	✓		A, I
<b>D – Skills</b>			



Understanding of national policy and understanding of regulatory framework for Foundation Trusts		✓	A, I, T
Ability to communicate clearly and openly with staff at all levels, from the Executive Team to frontline staff.	✓		A, I, T
Ability to communicate complex information clearly	✓		A, I, T
An open and facilitative style of leadership	✓		A, I
Ability to hold others to account		✓	A, I
Positive use of self-reflection and commitment to team working and continuous learning	✓		
An excellent understanding of effective systems for integrated governance and the management of clinical and non-clinical risks.	✓		A, I
Strong performance management skills combining clarity around expectations, direction and holding others to account	✓		A, I
Experience of handling highly complex, highly sensitive and highly contentious information on Trust related issues, including via media briefings or interviews,	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A high level ability to communicate effectively at both a written and spoken level, complex, highly technical and clinically sensitive and contentious information to service users their families and carers and a wide range of lay and professional individuals from Chief Executive to front line staff within and outside the NHS.</li> </ul>	✓		
Ability to analyse and interpret performance and financial information, excellent numerical and presentational skills	✓		I, T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Experience of managing conflicting demands and deadlines</li> <li>▪ Ability to manage complex and demanding situations for example, system escalations, responding to service emergencies, managing conflict within service and with system partners.</li> </ul>	✓		C
<b>E – Approach/Values/Personal attributes – examples</b>			
Can use constructive criticism and openly seeks to review and reflect on own style and presentation	✓		I
Resilient and self-motivated with drive and vision that is able to work on own initiative and manage a range of priorities across competing agendas	✓		A, I
Commitment to the aims and values of the NHS combined with high personal integrity	✓		
Empathy towards the needs of people using mental health and related services, and a vision of how services can make step changes for improvement	✓		I

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Emotional Effort:</b> Ability to identify, provide and promote appropriate means of support to carers and staff exposed to highly distressing situations and severely challenging behaviours.</li> <li>▪ Ability to identify, and employ, as appropriate, clinical governance mechanisms for the support and maintenance of clinical practice in the face of regular exposure to highly emotive material and challenging behaviour.</li> </ul>	✓		
	✓		
Punctual and flexible across hours of work when required	✓		
Ability to travel across a number of sites in a timely manner	✓		

*A – Application*

*C - Certificate*

*I – Interview*

*T – Test*

**Approved by:**

**Name**

Oliver Dale

**Position**

Deputy Chief Medical Officer  
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