Transferable Role Template

Career Framework Level 6

Occupational Therapist
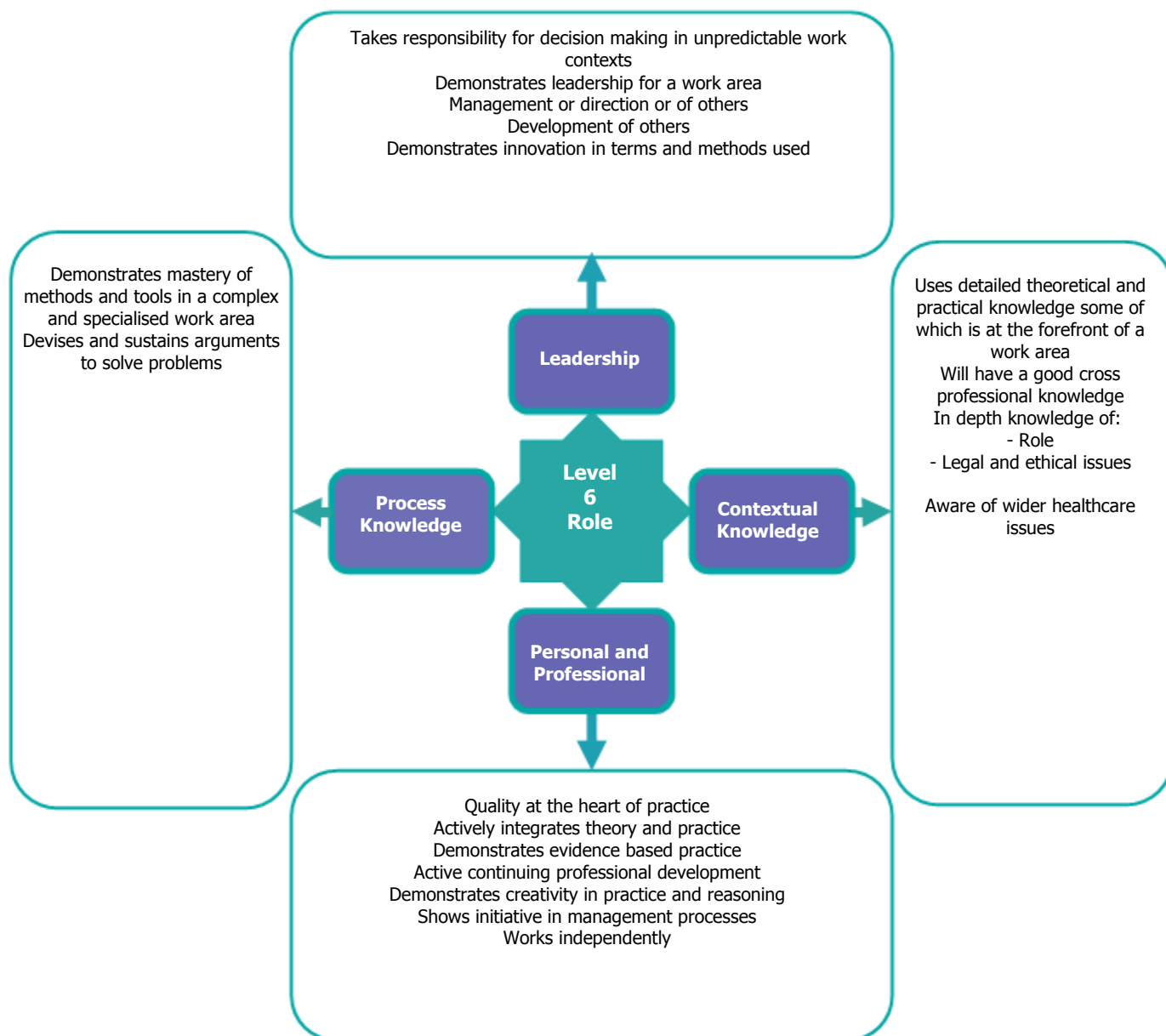
Skills for Health

Level Descriptors
Key characteristics of a Level 6 Role

Takes responsibility for decision making in unpredictable work contexts
Demonstrates leadership for a work area
Management or direction or of others
Development of others
Demonstrates innovation in terms and methods used

Demonstrates mastery of methods and tools in a complex and specialised work area
Devises and sustains arguments to solve problems

Leadership

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Process Knowledge

Contextual Knowledge

Uses detailed theoretical and practical knowledge some of which is at the forefront of a work area
Will have a good cross professional knowledge
In depth knowledge of:
- Role
- Legal and ethical issues

Aware of wider healthcare issues

Personal and Professional

Quality at the heart of practice
Actively integrates theory and practice
Demonstrates evidence based practice
Active continuing professional development
Demonstrates creativity in practice and reasoning
Shows initiative in management processes
Works independently

Definition of the Level 6 Role

People at level 6 require a critical understanding of detailed theoretical and practical knowledge, are specialist and/or have management and leadership responsibilities. They demonstrate initiative and are creative in finding solutions to problems. They have some responsibility for team performance and service development and they consistently undertake self-development.

Example of Role at Level 6

Specialist Practitioner:

Specialist practitioners have developed a high level of knowledge and skill in a specific area of practice. They have a depth of knowledge and understanding which enables them to perform at a high level of practice, take a leadership role, use and develop evidence to inform their practice, and deal with complex, unpredictable environments. They will have their own caseload or work area responsibilities.

The characteristics of a specialist practitioner have been developed by Skills for Health through working with employers and practitioners. They are intended to be broad descriptors which can be interpreted or contextualised at a local level.

Basic Information:

Named Role	**Occupational Therapist**
Area of work	Community NHS Or Local Authority Or Independent, Hospital NHS Or Independent
Role Family	AHPs
Experience required	N/A
Career Framework Level	6

Summary of Role

To manage a complex caseload of clients, using evidence based/client centred principles to assess, plan, implement and evaluate interventions.

Scope of the Role

To manage a complex caseload of clients, using evidence based/client centred principles to assess, plan, implement and evaluate interventions.

To provide leadership and day to day clinical supervision for junior staff, through supervision and appraisal.

To participate in the planning, development and evaluation of Occupational Therapy services within a designed area/team, holding responsibility for defined projects.

To contribute to the maintenance and development of the Trust Occupational Therapy Service

To supervise Occupational Therapy students on practice placement

To select and apply Occupational Therapy assessments for a designated caseload, addressing occupational performance and skill deficits.

To work with clients to identify Occupational Therapy goals as part of the overall MDT plan, using specialised mental health techniques and supporting other staff in this process

To plan and implement individual and/or group interventions, in collaboration with the client and MDT using graded activity to achieve therapeutic goals

To monitor, evaluate and modify treatment for clients with multiple needs in order to measure progress and ensure effectiveness of clinical interventions

To manage a complex caseload of clients with mental health needs

To assess the occupational needs of a defined client group and establish and evaluate appropriate treatment programmes

To initiate review and maintain robust communication networks with clients carers and other health workers and agencies, providing and receiving information which may be highly complex or where there is a barrier to understanding.

To participate and work as a member of the multidisciplinary team, contributing to decisions with regard to client care programmes using professional judgemental in situations which are complex and need skills to chose from a range of options.

To provide support and education to clients and carers regarding aspects of occupational therapy

To promote awareness of the role of OT within the team, negotiating priorities where appropriate

To review and reflect on own practice and performance through effective use of professional and operational supervision and appraisal

To provide effective guidance, supervision and appraisal for staff, planning and organising ongoing activities for self, junior and assistant staff

Demonstrate and review leadership skills

To demonstrate the ability to initiate, plan and implement the induction, training and education of students and other staff in the clinical setting

To participate in the senior development programme and competency framework

Level 6 Core Competences / National Occupational Standards:

Underpinning Principle	Reference Function		Competence
1. COMMUNICATION	1.2	Communicate effectively	GEN97 Communicate effectively in a healthcare environment http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3001
2. PERSONAL & PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT	2.1.1	Develop your own practice	GEN13 Synthesise new knowledge into the development of your own practice http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/376
			CFAM&LAA3 Develop and maintain your professional networks http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3770
	2.1.2	Reflect on your own practice	GEN23 Monitor your own work practices http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2051
			SCDHSC0033 Develop your practice through reflection and learning http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3415
	2.2.1	Support the development of the knowledge and practice of individuals	SCDHSC0043 Take responsibility for the continuing professional development of yourself and others http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3481
3. HEALTH SAFETY & SECURITY	3.5.1	Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety	IPC2.2012 Perform hand hygiene to prevent the spread of infection http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3309
			PROHSS1 Make sure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3327
			PMWRV1 Make sure your actions contribute to a positive and safe working culture http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/4027
	3.5.2	Protect individuals from abuse	SCDHSC0024 Support the safeguarding of individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3518
4. SERVICE IMPROVEMENT	4.6	Promote service improvement	CFAM&LCA1 Identify and evaluate opportunities for innovation and improvement http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3783
5. QUALITY	5.1.1	Act within the limits of your competence and authority	GEN63 Act within the limits of your competence and authority http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/85
	5.1.2	Manage and organise your own time and activities	HT4 Manage and organise your own time and activities http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2501

6. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY	6.1	Ensure your own actions support equality of opportunity and diversity	SCDHSC0234 Uphold the rights of individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3506
	6.2	Promote equality of opportunity and diversity	SCDHSC3111 Promote the rights and diversity of individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3540
B. HEALTH INTERVENTION	B2.1	Obtain information from individuals about their health status and needs	CHS169 Comply with legal requirements for maintaining confidentiality in healthcare http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2820
D. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	D2.4	Maintain information / record systems	CFA_BAD332 Store and retrieve information using a filing system http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/4104
H. MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	H1.3.1	Contribute to the effectiveness of teams	SCDHSC0241 Contribute to the effectiveness of teams http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3509
	H1.3.2	Develop relationships with individuals	CFAM&LDD1 Develop and sustain productive working relationships with colleagues http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3787
	H2.6	Receive and pass on messages and information	ESKITU020 Use digital communications http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/4150

Role Specific Competences / National Occupational Standards:

Underpinning Principle	Reference Function		Competence
1. COMMUNICATION	1.4	Develop relationships with individuals	SCDHSC0233 Develop effective relationships with individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3505
	1.5	Provide information, advice and guidance	GEN14 Provide advice and information to individuals on how to manage their own condition http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/377
2. PERSONAL & PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT	2.1.1	Develop your own practice	CFAM&LAA2 Develop your knowledge, skills and competence http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3769
	2.1.3	Make use of supervision	GEN36 Make use of supervision http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2296
	2.2.1	Support the development of the knowledge and practice of individuals	GEN35 Provide supervision to other individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2295

3. HEALTH SAFETY & SECURITY	3.5.1	Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety	GEN1 Ensure personal fitness for work http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/372
			GEN96 Maintain health, safety and security practices within a health setting http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2859
			IPC3.2012 Clean, disinfect and remove spillages of blood and other body fluids to minimise the risk of infection http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3362
			IPC4.2012 Minimise the risk of spreading infection by cleaning, disinfection and storing care equipment http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3363
			IPC5.2012 Minimise the risk of exposure to blood and body fluids while providing care http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3364
			IPC6.2012 Use personal protective equipment to prevent the spread of infection http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3365
	3.5.1	(Contd..) Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety	IPC7.2012 Safely dispose of healthcare waste, including sharps, to prevent the spread of infection http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3366
			IPC12.2012 Minimise the risk of spreading infection when storing and using clean linen http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3368
			IPC9.2012 Minimise the risk of spreading infection when removing used linen http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3371
5. QUALITY	5.2.2	Monitor the progress and quality of work within your area of responsibility	GEN68 Monitor compliance with quality systems http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2313
			CFAM&LDB3 Quality assure work in your team http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3792
A. ASSESSMENT	A2.3	Assess an individual with a suspected health condition	CHS39 Assess an individual's health status http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/221
			CHS168 Obtain a patient/client history http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2819

	A2.5	Agree courses of action following assessment	CHS45 Agree courses of action following assessment to address health and wellbeing needs of individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2219
	A2.7	Undertake a risk assessment in relation to a defined health need	CHS46 Assess risks associated with health conditions http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2214
B. HEALTH INTERVENTION	B1.1	Obtain valid consent for interventions or investigations	CHS167 Obtain valid consent or authorisation http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2818
	B3.1.1	Plan activities, interventions or treatments to achieve specified health goals	CHS41 Determine a treatment plan for an individual http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/219
			CHS119 Select assessment and investigative techniques/procedures to meet individuals' needs http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/433
	B3.1.1	(Contd..) Plan activities, interventions or treatments to achieve specified health goals	CHS44 Plan activities, interventions and treatments to achieve specified health goals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2221
	B3.1.2	Enable individuals to make health choices and decisions	PE1 Enable individuals to make informed health choices and decisions http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2101
	B3.2.1	Develop clinical protocols for the delivery of healthcare services	CHS170 Develop clinical protocols for delivery of services http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/140
	B3.2.2	Develop procedures for delivery of healthcare services	CHS171 Develop procedures for delivery of services http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/230
	B3.3.1	Prepare and dress for specified health care roles	GEN2 Prepare and dress for work in healthcare settings http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/383
	B3.3.5	Monitor and manage the environment and resources during and after health care actions	GEN7 Monitor and manage the environment and resources during and after clinical/therapeutic activities http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/388

	B3.4.1	Receive and direct requests for health care assistance using protocols and guidelines	CHS59 Respond to referrals of individuals with health conditions http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2235
	B3.5.2	Carry out actions from a discharge plan	GEN28 Discharge and transfer individuals from a service or your care http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2207
	B3.6.1	Monitor individuals following treatments	CHS47 Monitor and assess patients following treatments http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2215
	B4.2	Evaluate the delivery of care plans to meet the needs of individuals	CHS53 Evaluate the delivery of care plans to meet the needs of individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2230
	B14.2	Implement care plans/programmes	CM I1 Manage a patient caseload which achieves the best possible outcomes for the individual http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/1866
			CHS225 Implement a treatment plan http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2850
	B14.3	Deliver therapeutic activities	SCDHSC0393 Promote participation in agreed therapeutic group activities http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3475
D. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT / INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	D2.4	Maintain information / record systems	SCDHSC0434 Lead practice for managing and disseminating records and reports http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3500
F. EDUCATION LEARNING & RESEARCH	F4.1	Determine the learning needs of individuals to enable management of their health & well being	PE6 Identify the learning needs of patients and carers to enable management of a defined condition http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2106
	F6.1	Conduct investigations in a research and development topic	R&D8 Conduct investigations in selected research and development topics http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2448
	F6.3	Act on research and development findings	R&D14 Translate research and development findings into practice http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2459

H. MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	H1.1.1	Manage operational plans for an area of responsibility	CFAM&LBA9 Develop operational plans http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3771
			CFAM&LFA2 Implement operational plans http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3772
	H1.3.1	Contribute to the effectiveness of teams	GEN39 Contribute to effective multidisciplinary team working http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2212
	H3.5	Administer financial management systems	CFAM&LEA3 Manage the use of financial resources http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3795

Facets of Role (National Occupational Standards):

Underpinning Principle	Reference Function	Competence
	None Assigned	

Locality Specific Competences / National Occupational Standards:

Underpinning Principle	Reference Function	Competence
	None Assigned	

Indicative Learning and Development

Transferable role	Occupational Therapist
Formal endorsed learning	
Informal learning	
Summary of learning and development including aims and objectives	
Duration	
National Occupational Standards used	
Credits (including framework used)	
Accreditation	
APEL and progression	
Programme structure	
Continuous Professional Development	NOT SPECIFIED
Resources required, e.g. placement learning, preceptors, accredited assessors etc	
Quality Assurance	
Policies included in learning programme documentation	
Funding	
Leading to registration or membership with:	

References & Further Information:

N/A