

# Transferable Role Template

Career Framework Level 4

Community Mental Health Services Advisor

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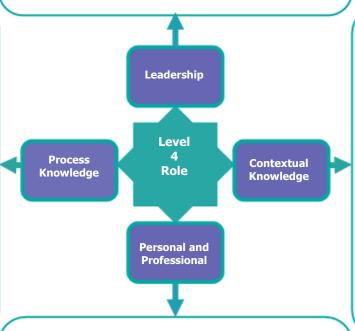
### **Level Descriptors**

## Key characteristics of a Level 4 Role

Delegates to others
May supervise others
Evaluates practice and suggests changes to improve service
delivery
Undertakes the ongoing supervision of the routine work of others
Takes some responsibility for the training of others and may deliver

training

May have specialist skills in their area of work High degrees of technical proficiency Makes judgements requiring a comparison of options



In depth knowledge of role
May include cross professional
knowledge
Legal and ethical
Aware of wider healthcare
issues

Plans straightforward tasks and works guided by standard operating procedures and protocols

Works to agreed protocols

Exercises a degree of autonomy depending upon the complexity and risk of procedures being undertaken Prioritises own workload

May be responsible for planned, delegated activities including care Undertakes well defined tasks requiring limited judgement



#### **Definition of the Level 4 Role**

People at level 4 require factual and theoretical knowledge in broad contexts within a field of work. Work is guided by standard operating procedures, protocols or systems of work, but the worker makes judgments, plans activities, contributes to service development and demonstrates self- development. They may have responsibility for supervision of some staff.

## Example of Role at Level 4

Assistant Practitioner:

Assistant practitioners have a required level of knowledge and skill enabling them to undertake tasks that may otherwise have been undertaken by a practitioner. They will have developed specific technical skills and have a high degree of technical proficiency. They will exercise a degree of autonomy and undertake well defined tasks requiring limited judgement. They may have line management responsibility for others.

An assistant practitioner is a worker who competently delivers health and/or social care to and for people. They have a required level of knowledge and skill beyond that of the traditional healthcare assistant or support worker. The assistant practitioner would be able to deliver elements of health and social care and undertake clinical work in domains that have previously only been within the remit of registered professionals. The assistant practitioner may transcend professional boundaries. They are accountable to themselves, their employer, and more importantly, the people they serve.

The characteristics of an assistant practitioner have been developed by Skills for Health working with focus groups of employers and other stakeholders.

#### **Basic Information:**

Named Role	Community Mental Health Services Advisor
Area of work	Community NHS Or Local Authority Or Independent, Mental Health
Role Family	Integrated Role , Navigation And Signposting
Experience required	Experience of mental health condition
Career Framework Level	4



#### **Summary of Role**

Based in a primary care or community setting, the role will assist and advise people (working one to one) to navigate local services to assist them to deal with mental health issues.

#### Scope of the Role

Based in a primary care or community setting, the role will assist and advise people (working one to one) to navigate local services to assist them to deal with mental health issues, and to improve their social inclusion and sense of well-being using a range of approaches and resources.

Acting as an identified worker, the role will provide planned and personalised support options focusing on the persons direct needs (maximising choice and self-determination) using self directed support and personal health budgets.

All level 4 transferable roles have the following common/core competences.

All competences are national occupational standards (NOS)

Specific competences have been identified for each role. Any additional competences specific to the locality should then be identified locally using the Skills for Health competence tools and the health functional map and added to the template using the same format.



# **Level 4 Core Competences / National Occupational Standards:**

Underpinning Principle	Refer	ence 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	SCDHSC0023 Develop your own knowledge and practice http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3517
	2.1.2	Reflect on your own practice	GEN23 Monitor your own work practices http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2051
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
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
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
	H2.6	Receive and pass	ESKITU020
		on messages and	Use digital communications
		information	http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/4150

## **Role Specific Competences / National Occupational Standards:**

Underpinning Principle	Refer	ence 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
2. PERSONAL & PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT	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
			CFAM&LDC2 Support individuals' learning and development http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3793
A. ASSESSMENT	A2.8	Prioritise treatment and care for individuals according to their health status and needs	TEL1 Prioritise individuals for treatment and care http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/203
B. HEALTH INTERVENTION	B3.4.2	Refer individuals to services for treatment and care	GEN123 Work with others to facilitate the transfer of individuals between agencies and services http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3889
	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
	B4.3	Evaluate treatment plans with individuals and those involved in their care	CHS233 Contribute to the assessment of needs and the planning, evaluation and review of individualised programmes of care for individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3860
C. HEALTH PROMOTION & PROTECTION	C2.4	Enable people to address issues relating to their health and wellbeing	SCDHSC0330 Support individuals to use services and facilities http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3441
	C2.6	Act on behalf of an individual, family or community (advocacy)	SCDHSC0410 Advocate with and on behalf of individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3484



H. MANAGEMENT &	H1.3.1	Contribute to the	CFAM&LDB2
ADMINISTRATION		effectiveness of	Allocate work to team members
		teams	http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3791



# 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	Community Mental Health Services Advisor
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:	



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