

Transferable Role Template

Career Framework Level 4

Assistant Practitioner Theatres

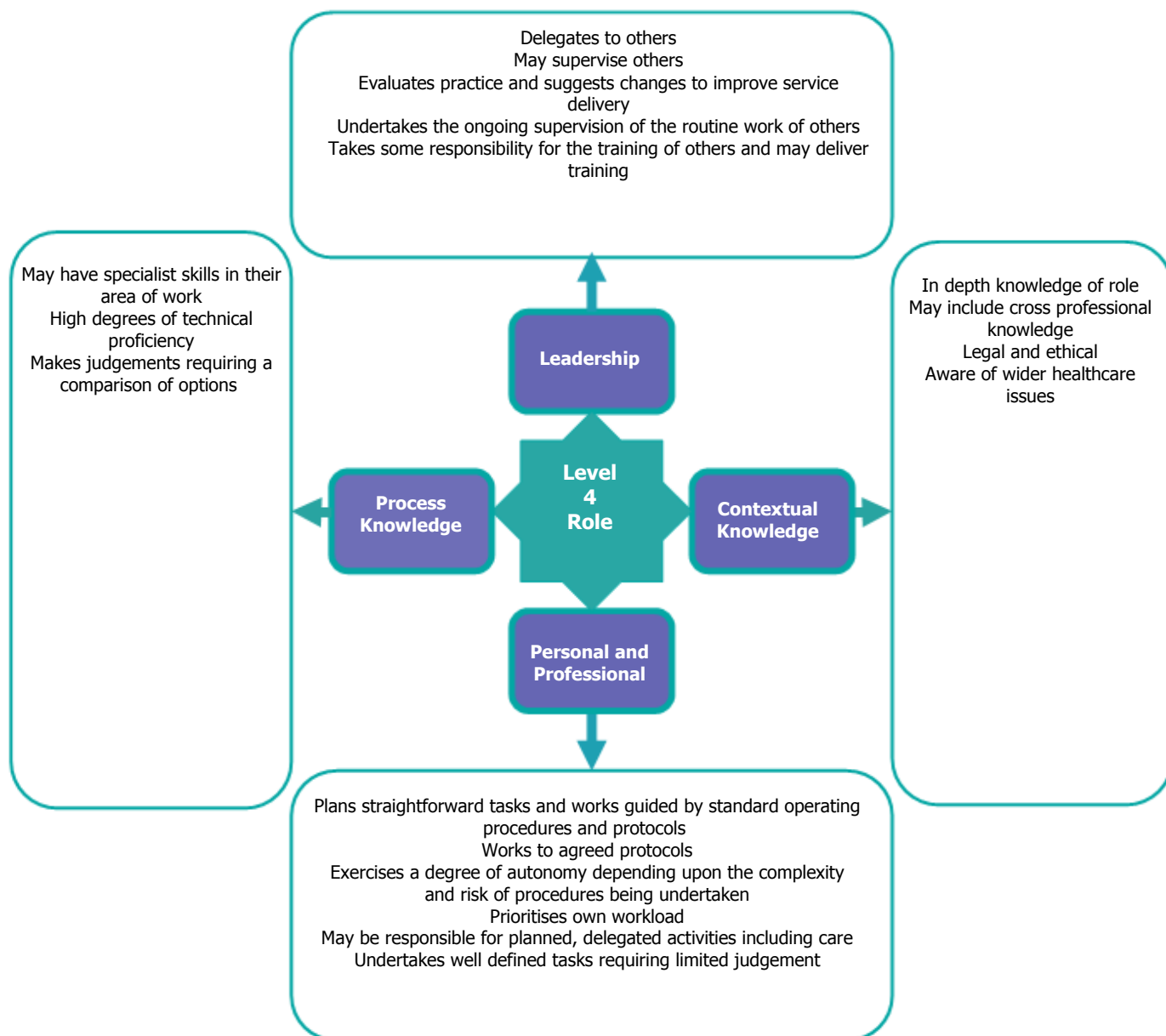
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Level Descriptors

Key characteristics of a Level 4 Role



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	Assistant Practitioner Theatres
Area of work	Hospital NHS Or Independent
Role Family	Operating Department Practice
Experience required	Experience of working in a peri-operative setting
Career Framework Level	4

Summary of Role

This role was developed with Yorkshire & The Humber SHA in 2009.

Scope of the Role

Working as part of a multidisciplinary team this role supports the deliver of high quality theatre services in acute care. Evidence of impact was identified by Yorkshire & The Humber SHA in collaboration with services in the region.

The role supports direct patient care in the theatre environment and supports staff in the handling of equipment and clinical waste.

The role also monitors supplies of equipment and ensures adequate supplies are available as required.

All level 4 nationally 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	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	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 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
2. PERSONAL & PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT	2.2.1	Support the development of the knowledge and practice of individuals	CFAM&LDC2 Support individuals' learning and development http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3793
B. HEALTH INTERVENTION	B3.3.1	Prepare and dress for specified health care roles	PCS13 Prepare and dress for scrubbed clinical roles http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/394
H. MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	H1.3.1	Contribute to the effectiveness of teams	CFAM&LDB2 Allocate work to team members 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	Assistant Practitioner Theatres
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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