

Transferable Role Template

Career Framework Level 4

Assistant Practitioner Falls Prevention

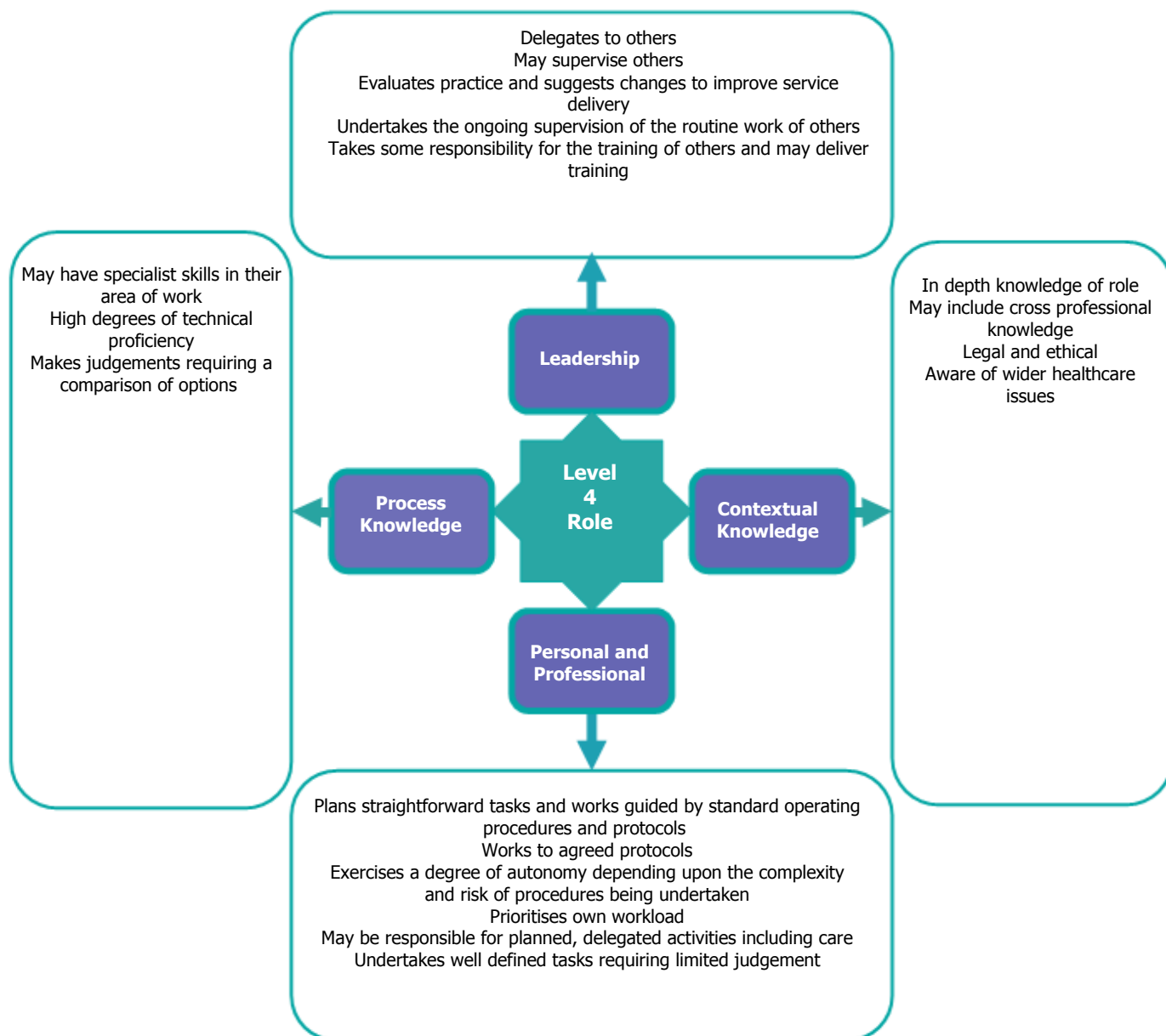
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Level Descriptors

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 Falls Prevention
Area of work	Primary Care
Role Family	AHPs
Experience required	N/A
Career Framework Level	4

Summary of Role

This person supports the falls prevention co-ordinator across the PCT.

Scope of the Role

The assistant practitioner supports the falls prevention co-ordinator in the development of a falls prevention service across the organisation.

They will:

Predominately work alone in a community setting, to make decisions regarding the management of patients who have fallen; either on an individual basis or in a group setting without immediate supervision or support.

Assist the coordinator by undertaking falls risk assessments of patients who have experienced a fall in their home environment including residential and nursing homes, using knowledge and skills acquired through practical experience and specific training. Patients seen will have been identified as being at risk of falling and have conditions relating specifically to the frail and older person

Discuss with the patient/individual functional goals and outcome measures; then formulate an agreed action plan with only limited support from the coordinator and other relevant professionals i.e. RAIT, occupational therapists and community nurses.

Take responsibility for developing individual programmes for these patients with only limited support from the falls coordinator and/or other professionals

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
1. COMMUNICATION	1.2	Communicate effectively	GEN21.2012 Interact with individuals using telecommunications http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3380
	1.3	Support individuals to communicate	SCDHSC0021 Support effective communication http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3515
	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
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
3. HEALTH SAFETY & SECURITY		3.5.1	Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety
			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
	A. ASSESSMENT	A2.1	Plan assessment of an individual's health status
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

	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
B. HEALTH INTERVENTION	B3.1.1	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
	B3.2.5	Arrange services and support with other healthcare and service providers	CHS98 Arrange services and support with other health care providers http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2261
	B3.3.2	Prepare individuals for health care actions	GEN4 Prepare individuals for healthcare activities http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/386
	B3.3.4	Prepare environments and resources for use in health care activities	GEN6.2012 Manage environments and resources for use during healthcare activities http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3381
	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
	B3.4.2	Refer individuals to services for treatment and care	CHS99 Refer individuals to specialist sources of assistance in meeting their health care needs http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/2262
	B14.3	Deliver therapeutic activities	OP F5 Implement interventions with older people at risk of falls http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/1690
	B16.1	Support individuals during and after clinical/therapeutic activities	GEN5 Support individuals undergoing healthcare activities http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/312
	B16.3	Assist individuals in undertaking activities	SCDHSC0215 Help individuals to maintain mobility http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3524
H. MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	H1.3.1	Contribute to the effectiveness of teams	SCDHSC3100 Participate in inter-disciplinary team working to support individuals http://tools.skillsforhealth.org.uk/competence/show/html/id/3420
			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

THIS JOB WAS IMPORTED FROM THE CAREER FRAMEWORK TOOL AND AS SUCH DOES NOT HAVE SPECIFIC LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Transferable role	Assistant Practitioner Falls Prevention
Formal endorsed learning	Not specified
Informal learning	Not specified
Summary of learning and development including aims and objectives	N/A
Duration	N/A
National Occupational Standards used	N/A
Credits (including framework used)	N/A
Accreditation	N/A
APEL and progression	N/A
Programme structure	N/A
Continuous Professional Development	Not specified
Resources required, e.g. placement learning, preceptors, accredited assessors etc	N/A
Quality Assurance	N/A
Policies included in learning programme documentation	N/A
Funding	N/A

Leading to registration or membership with:	N/A
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References & Further Information:

N/A