# **Specialist Substance Use Nurse (Inpatient Admissions)**













## WHAT I AM ACCOUNTABLE FOR:

- Delivery of high quality, safe and effective clinical substance
- misuse interventions and procedures within my level of training and competency;
- Supporting/managing a caseload of complex service users;
- Undertaking comprehensive assessments of substance misuse needs (including assessing dependency and withdrawal) and development of clinical care plans;
- Administrating medication safely in line with PGD;
- Ensuring the safe management of medically assisted detoxes in line with policy;
- Ensuring service users receive high quality harm reduction
- interventions (e.g. naloxone, BBV testing);
- Targeting clinical and harm reduction interventions to support in the achievement of clinical key performance indicators;
- Ensuring clinical checks (including housekeeping
- checks) are completed in line with policy;
- · Supporting with clinical audit activities within my service;
- · Supporting the development and effective use of physical and
- mental health pathways;
- Retaining all required competencies and revalidation;
- Supporting the training and continuous professional
- development of colleagues within my service;
- Effective and timely communication with colleagues within
- · my service and with partner agencies;
- Ensuring a high standard of case notes and that all paperwork
- · and recording is undertaken in accordance with
- Turning Point policy and procedure;
- Effectively safeguarding service users, staff and others

# **HOW I OPERATE:**

# Values Led Leadership

- I am empathetic, genuine and human in all my interactions with people;
- I work together with others to get the best possible outcomes;
- I put the people we support at the heart of everything I do;
- I treat others with respect, actively listen and embrace others' points of view;
- I seek and give constructive feedback
- I maintain professional boundaries and present a professional image at all times;
- I actively seek opportunities to develop myself;
- I take ownership and accountability for my actions and decisions.

### WHAT I NEED:

#### Essential:

- RMN or RGN at degree level (or equiv.) with current NMC Registration and evidence of CPD;
- Demonstrable understanding of the substance use sector and health issues relating to substance use (including mental health);
- Experience of contribution to effective and safe care plans and discharge plans;
- Experience in reporting, reflecting and learning from incidents.

#### Desirable:

• Experience of clinical leadership and clinical supervision;

Experience working in the substance use sector/inpatient detox service.

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Skills\Knowledge

# Specialist Substance Use Nurse Job expectations (Inpatient Admissions)



#### **PEOPLE**

Delivering person centred clinical interventions with compassion and care for the people we support;

- Delivering high quality, safe and effective clinical interventions within my competency and training which deliver excellent/high standards of care;
- Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team with colleagues including providing cover for planned and unplanned absences;
- Actively participate in multi-disciplinary team meetings and other service meetings;
- Effective and collaborative communication with colleagues;
- Thorough and timely communication with partner agencies e.g. GPs, safeguarding and referrers.
- Actively participate in preceptorship if newly qualified into nursing or haven't completed a preceptorship elsewhere;
- Actively engaging in your own supervision, Ongoing Personal Review, Personal Development Planning and Continuous Professional Development;
- Support Senior Nurses, Clinical Services Manager, Clinical Lead and Senior Clinical Team in service and policy developments;
- Representing Turning Point and Turning Point's organisational values at meetings and events;
- Ensuring an environment free from discrimination;
- Prioritising safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and escalating any concerns

#### **PROCESS**

Deliver substance use interventions and clinical procedures in line with level of training and competence (e.g. ECGs, phlebotomy, fibro scans, BBV testing and vaccinations, Pabrinex injections);

- Support in the delivery of pharmacological and psychosocial interventions including assessments, care planning and review of service user's treatment plan.
- Conduct assessments of physical dependency using a symptomatic withdrawal scale, using results to determine safe admission to detox.
- Complete clinical risks and needs assessments and support the implementation of detox admission and management plans and support others in doing so;
- Report all incidents using datix to support learning;
- Support in analysis of incident trends and in service user mortality review processes;
- Completion of clinical audits including supporting with medicine optimisation and cost effectiveness;
- Use of data and reports to target clinical and harm reduction interventions to ensure achievement of clinical key performance indicators;
- High quality record keeping for service users in treatment;
- Follow all information governance guidance and policies;
- Maintain confidentiality as outlined within data protection policies;
- Ensure Health and safety standards are maintained;
- Maintain NMC nursing standards