



## Llanfyllin Group Practice

### Advanced Nurse Practitioner job description & person specification

<b>Job Title</b>	Advanced Nurse Practitioner
<b>Line Manager</b>	Nurse Team Leader
<b>Accountable to</b>	The Partners - Clinically Practice General Manager - Administratively
<b>Hours per week</b>	Up to 37.5 hours (Negotiable)

#### Job Summary

To act as an autonomous practitioner within your professional scope of practice providing care for patients via face to face consultations, telephone consultations, triage and home visits. To act within your own sphere of competence and agreed acceptable limits of practice to provide expert professional clinical advice to patients, carers and colleagues ensuring clinical safety and excellence. The post holder will need to prioritise and triage the needs of patients accordingly, making any necessary referrals for investigations in the appropriate manner.

#### Mission Statement

Llanfyllin Group Practice aims to be a leading local provider of clinical care and a wide range of health care services to the community and practice area; meeting national standards on best clinical practice

#### Generic Responsibilities

All staff at Llanfyllin Group Practice have a duty to conform to the following:

##### Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

A good attitude and positive action towards ED&I creates an environment where all individuals are able to achieve their full potential. Creating such an environment is important for three reasons: it improves operational effectiveness, it is morally the right thing to do, and it is required by law.

Patients and their families have the right to be treated fairly and be routinely involved in decisions about their treatment and care. They can expect to be treated with dignity and respect and will not be discriminated against on any grounds including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. Patients have a responsibility to treat other patients and our staff with dignity and respect.



Staff have the right to be treated fairly in recruitment and career progression. Staff can expect to work in an environment where diversity is valued and equality of opportunity is promoted. Staff will not be discriminated against on any grounds including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. Staff have a responsibility to ensure that they treat our patients and their colleagues with dignity and respect.

### **Safety, Health, Environment and Fire (SHEF)**

This practice is committed to supporting and promoting opportunities for staff to maintain their health, well-being and safety. You have a duty to take reasonable care of health and safety at work for you, your team and others, and to cooperate with employers to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements. All personnel are to comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Environmental Protection Act 1990, Environment Act 1995, Fire Precautions (workplace) Regulations 1999 and other statutory legislation.

### **Confidentiality**

This practice is committed to maintaining an outstanding confidential service. Patients entrust and permit us to collect and retain sensitive information relating to their health and other matters, pertaining to their care. They do so in confidence and have a right to expect all staff will respect their privacy and maintain confidentiality at all times. It is essential that if the legal requirements are to be met and the trust of our patients is to be retained that all staff protect patient information and provide a confidential service.

### **Quality & Continuous Improvement (CI)**

To preserve and improve the quality of our output, all personnel are required to think not only of what they do, but how they achieve it. By continually re-examining our processes, we will be able to develop and improve the overall effectiveness of the way we work. The responsibility for this rests with everyone working within the practice to look for opportunities to improve quality and share good practice.

This practice continually strives to improve work processes which deliver health care with improved results across all areas of our service provision. We promote a culture of continuous improvement, where everyone counts and staff are encouraged to make suggestions and contributions to improve our service delivery and enhance patient care outcomes.

### **Induction Training**

On arrival at the practice all personnel are to complete a practice induction programme; this is managed by the Practice General Manager.

### **Learning and Development**

The effective use of training and development is fundamental in ensuring that all staff are equipped with the appropriate skills, knowledge, attitude and competences to perform their role. All staff will be required to complete mandatory training as directed by the training coordinator, as well as participating in the practice training programme. Staff will also be permitted (subject to approval) to undertake external training courses which will enhance their knowledge and skills, progress their career and ultimately, enable them to improve processes and service delivery.



### **Collaborative Working**

All staff are to recognise the significance of collaborative working. Teamwork is essential in multidisciplinary environments. Effective communication is essential and all staff must ensure they communicate in a manner which enables the sharing of information in an appropriate manner.

### **Service Delivery**

Staff at Llanfyllin Group Practice must adhere to the information contained with practice policies and regional directives, ensuring protocols are adhered to at all times. Staff will be given detailed information during the induction process regarding policy and procedure.

### **Security**

The security of the practice is the responsibility of all personnel. Staff must ensure they remain vigilant at all times and report any suspicious activity immediately to their line manager. Under no circumstances are staff to share the codes for the door locks with anyone and are to ensure that restricted areas remain effectively secured.

### **Professional Conduct**

At Llanfyllin Group Practice, staff are required to dress appropriately for their role. Administrative staff will be provided with a uniform whilst clinical staff must dress in accordance with their role.



## Primary Responsibilities

The following are the core responsibilities of the advanced nurse practitioner. There may be on occasion, a requirement to carry out other tasks; this will be dependent upon factors such as workload and staffing levels:

- a. Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to deliver safe and high quality patient care.
- b. Manage patients presenting with a range of acute and chronic medical conditions.
- c. Implement and evaluate individual specialised treatment plans for patients with chronic diseases
- d. Identify, manage and support patients at risk of developing long-term conditions, preventing adverse effects on the patient's health
- e. Provide advanced, specialist nursing care to patients as required in accordance with clinical based evidence, NICE and the NSF
- f. Prescribing and reviewing medication that is appropriate to patient needs and in accordance with latest evidence based practice, national and practice protocols and within the scope of qualified practice.
- g. Request diagnostic investigations and interpret within agreed protocols.
- h. Undertake the collection of pathological specimens
- i. Assess, diagnose and treat patients in the practice premises or their own home who require medical attention and/or refer to appropriate agency.
- j. Process and interpret pathology and other test results as required
- k. Maintain accurate clinical records in conjunction with extant legislation
- l. Ensure read codes are used effectively
- m. Maintain chronic disease registers
- n. Chaperone patients where necessary
- o. Prioritise health issues and intervene appropriately
- p. Support the team in dealing with clinical emergencies
- q. Recognise, assess and refer patients presenting with mental health needs
- r. Implement vaccination programmes for adults and children
- s. Extended and supplementary prescriber, adhering to extant guidance
- t. Support patients in the use of their prescribed medicines or over the counter medicines (within own scope of practice), reviewing annually as required
- u. Contribute to practice targets (QOF etc.), complying with local and regional guidance
- v. Liaise with external services / agencies to ensure the patient is supported appropriately (vulnerable patients etc.)
- w. Delegate clinical responsibilities appropriately (ensuring safe practice and the task is within the scope of practice of the individual)
- x. Support the clinical team with all safeguarding matters, in accordance with local and national policies
- y. Understand practice and local policies for substance abuse and addictive behaviour, referring patients appropriately
- z. Deliver opportunistic health promotion where appropriate



<b>Person Specification – Advanced Nurse Practitioner</b>		
<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Registered Nurse	✓	
Post graduate diploma or degree (Advanced Practice Qualification)	✓	
Qualified Nurse Prescriber	✓	
Qualified Triage Nurse	✓	
Minor Illness Qualification		✓
Teaching Qualification		✓
ALS, PALS		✓
<b>Experience</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Experience of working in a primary care environment	✓	
Experience of working as a practice nurse or community nurse		✓
Experience of chronic disease management	✓	
Experience of prescribing and undertaking medication reviews	✓	
<b>Clinical Knowledge &amp; Skills</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Wound Care / Removal of sutures & staples	✓	
ECG's	✓	
Venepuncture	✓	
New patient medicals	✓	
Chaperone procedure	✓	
Requesting pathology tests and processing the results, advising patients accordingly	✓	
Travel medicine		✓
Diabetes	✓	
Hypertension	✓	
Asthma		✓
Spirometry		✓
CHD	✓	
Immunisations (routine, childhood and travel)		✓
Women's health (Cervical cytology, contraception, etc.)		✓
Understands the importance of evidence based practice	✓	
Broad knowledge of clinical governance	✓	
Ability to record accurate clinical notes	✓	
Ability to work within own scope of practice and understanding when to refer to GPs	✓	
Knowledge of public health issues in the local area		✓
Awareness of issues within the wider health arena		✓
Knowledge of health promotion strategies	✓	
Understands the requirement for PGDs and associated policy	✓	
<b>Skills</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Excellent communication skills (written and oral)	✓	
Strong IT skills	✓	
Clear, polite telephone manner	✓	
Competent in the use of Office and Outlook	✓	
Vision user skills		✓
Effective time management (Planning & Organising)	✓	
Ability to work as a team member and autonomously	✓	
Good interpersonal skills	✓	
Problem solving & analytical skills	✓	



Ability to follow clinical policy and procedure	✓	
Experience with audit and able to lead audit programmes		✓
Experience with clinical risk management		✓
<b>Personal Qualities</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Polite and confident	✓	
Flexible and cooperative	✓	
Motivated, forward thinker	✓	
Problem solver with the ability to process information accurately and effectively, interpreting data as required	✓	
High levels of integrity and loyalty	✓	
Sensitive and empathetic in distressing situations	✓	
Ability to work under pressure / in stressful situations	✓	
Effectively able to communicate and understand the needs of the patient	✓	
Commitment to ongoing professional development	✓	
Effectively utilises resources	✓	
Punctual and committed to supporting the team effort	✓	
<b>Other requirements</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
Flexibility to work outside of core office hours	✓	
Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check	✓	
Occupational Health Clearance	✓	

This document may be amended following consultation with the post holder, to facilitate the development of the role, the practice and the individual. All personnel should be prepared to accept additional, or surrender existing duties, to enable the efficient running of the practice.