

POSITION DESCRIPTION

ISLHD – Deputy Director of Nursing and Midwifery & Operations Manager – Aged Care & Rehabilitation, Wollongong Hospital



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

Our CORE Values

Collaboration
Openness
Respect
Empowerment



Organisation	NSW Health
Local Health District /Agency	Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
Position Number	
Cost Centre	175153
Position Classification	Nurse Manager Grade 6
State Award	Public Health System Nurses & Midwives (State) Award
Reporting to	Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Wollongong Hospital
Does this role manage or supervise others?	Yes
Vaccination Category	A
Website	http://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/

PRIMARY PURPOSE

The vision for Illawarra Shoalhaven Local health District (ISLHD) is 'Excellent services, quality partnerships, healthy communities; ISLHD is committed to provide best practice health care and programs that promote the health and wellbeing of people in the Illawarra Shoalhaven.'

The Deputy Director of Nursing & Midwifery (DDONM) will provide the clinical, operational and professional Nursing leadership to the Aged Care & Rehabilitation Services at Wollongong Hospital to facilitate effective, efficient and safe operational management of the services. This will be achieved by working in partnership with the Medical & Nursing Co-Director Aged Care & Rehabilitation, to lead the delivery of clinical services for Illawarra Hospital Group (IHG) Aged Care & Rehabilitation.

The position will provide leadership and service development in areas relating to professional support and risk management. The DDONM is responsible for working with the Nurse Managers/ Nursing/Midwifery Unit Managers and senior nursing leads to ensure high quality safe nursing care services are delivered effectively and efficiently and that the divisional strategic plans and goals are implemented throughout the hospital. The DDONM is responsible for the on-site leadership in collaboration with the Nursing and Midwifery Executive team, to ensure the provision of safe, compassionate and high-quality person centred nursing and midwifery care and service delivery. The position models and promotes the CORE Values of ISLHD to ensure the hospital delivers patient/client focused services in an adaptive, responsive manner.

The position will:

- Provide clinical leadership and support implementation of clinical policies and guidelines within Aged Care & Rehabilitation Services.
- Support and implement evidence-based clinical policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Implement and monitor strategies to minimise clinical risk and ensure quality and safety protocols are maintained across the services.
- Provide leadership and accountability for clinical governance within their portfolio.
- Provide professional leadership of nurses and midwives and fostering an environment that promotes personal and professional growth and the achievement of ISLHD organisational objectives.
- Manage Nursing Hours Per Patient Day (NHPPD) and workload Award compliance.
- Enhance organisational performance through collaboration with other health facilities
- Recognise and respond rapidly and appropriately to potential or actual adverse or other unexpected events that impact at site level on patient safety
- Support the implementation and delivery of clinical services plans, models of care and workforce plans for Aged Care & Rehabilitation Services in collaboration with Nursing Co-director Aged care and Rehabilitation.
- Engage in and support workforce planning to embed responsive and effective workforce management that enhances recruitment and retention, professional development, and succession planning.
- Model the CORE values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect and Empowerment, demonstrating behaviour consistent with the Code of Conduct and working within prescribed boundaries, including policies, standards, procedures & legislative requirements.
- Manage the day-to-day operations of the portfolio, including but not limited to, staffing, incidents
- Participate in the IHG Executive On – Call Roster

COVID-19 VACCINATION COMPLIANCY

All NSW Health workers are required to have completed a primary course of a COVID-19 vaccine which has been approved or recognised by the Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA). Additionally, Category A workers are required to receive a booster dose three months after completing the primary course of COVID-19 vaccinations. New applicants must have completed the vaccination course prior to commencement with NSW Health or provide an approved medical contraindication certificate (IM011 immunisation medical exemption form) certifying the worker cannot have any approved COVID-19 vaccines available in NSW.

Acceptable proof of vaccination is the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement or AIR COVID-19 Digital Certificate. Booster doses are highly recommended for all health care workers who have completed the primary course of COVID-19 vaccinations.

For Category A applicants, if dose 3 is not yet due they can sign the undertaking form to confirm they will receive the vaccine within 6 weeks of the dose due date.

RESPIRATOR USE

NSW Health workers may be required to use a respirator, as part of their appointment with NSW Health. Where a respirator is required for use, workers will be instructed in their safe use; including donning, doffing and fit checking. Staff may be required to complete fit testing to selected respirator/s to assess their facial fit/seal.

At all times when a health worker is required to use a respirator, the health worker must not have any facial hair that impedes on the mask seal and may be required to be clean shaven. Processes are in place to support workers that need to keep facial hair due to religious observance requirements and/ or health conditions

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

Clinical & Strategic leadership

Monitor and implement processes to ensure care delivery is safe, timely, appropriate, effective and efficient and is undertaken in accordance with professional standards and supported by best available evidence.

Engage and collaborate with stakeholders to develop joint solutions, fostering a culture of achievement, accountability, and quality outcomes.

Participate in and contribute to decisions regarding matters relating to the management of the Nursing and Midwifery Service.

Assist the Director of Nursing and Midwifery (DONM) with the planning and implementation of nursing and midwifery strategies to support the delivery of a high standard of care for patients and consumers.

Lead key projects identified with the strategic priorities of the organisation, including the oversight and management of key patient safety initiatives.

Provides visible nursing leadership and accountability for effective clinical and corporate governance, organisational management, medico-legal risk and broad quality service delivery, in collaboration with multidisciplinary team.

Collaborates with DONM, to provide professional leadership in development, implementation and evaluation of strategic planning processes.

Promotes and coordinates service participation in clinical practice, professional and service initiatives at District, State and National levels.

Foster an environment that enhances professional development, mentorship and innovation for nursing and midwifery to support staff development and succession planning.

Facilitate communications that involve understanding and responding to multiple and divergent views.

Ensure policy implementation and compliance across Aged Care and Rehabilitation Services.

Provide clinical mentorship and professional advice to Aged Care and Rehabilitation teams.

Maintain a physical presence in clinical areas to raise the profile of the leadership team; provide the opportunity to meet with patients and families, staff, carers, students and volunteers to gauge and support activity, morale and the standard of care and service.

Create a culture of safety, kindness, and continuous improvement by setting the standard for team behaviours and modelling the CORE values.

Clinical risk, quality and safety

Ensure processes are followed to identify, respond and mitigate potential/actual clinical risks ensuring accountability for professional practice and patient safety escalation where required.

Develop clinical risk management approaches to ensure accountability for professional practice and promoting a culture of safety and continuous quality improvement.

Lead as required, quality standards in terms of national accreditation standards, ensuring clinical review activities are undertaken as part of the Quality Improvement Programme.

Provide leadership and participate in quality improvement activities, ensuring the principle of quality improvement are incorporated into nursing service delivery and maintain consistency with the National Standards.

Implement strategies to meet agreed performance targets

Provide reporting on strategies when required.

Ensure compliance with IMS+ and appropriate management of incidents, in accordance with NSW MoH, District & site policies including the follow-up of actions & outcomes.

Promote and support quality and safety within Aged Care & Rehabilitation Services.

Clinical service planning

Contribute to and implement Clinical Service Plans (CSP) in consultation with Nursing/Midwifery & Medical Co-Directors, Professional Leads & consumer partners.

Contribute to planning for new or enhanced services and business continuity alongside Divisions/Services, Illawarra Hospital Group executive

Implement Clinical Service Plans (CSP) as defined by the Nursing & Medical Co-Directors, Professional Leads & consumer partners.

Contribute to the development of plans that improve the health outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders and ensure timely and sustainable implementation.

Workforce planning and development

Work collaboratively with the DONM to support recruitment strategies and improve staff retention.

Work collaboratively with the District Nursing and Midwifery Directorate, WH DONM, and WH Senior Nurse Educator (NE) to develop robust education and training programs for the Nursing and Midwifery.

Work in partnership with the District Nursing and Midwifery Directorate, the Medical and Midwifery/Nursing Co-Directors to develop healthful cultures across Wollongong Hospital.

Develop and maintain collaborative relationships with Executive and clinical teams across IHG to support a cohesive and valued workforce.

Financial Management

Seek opportunities to enhance financial efficiencies

Work with direct reports to manage FTE establishment and budget.

Monitor compliance with approved budget and initiate timely and appropriate corrective measures in liaison with direct reports and executive.

Ensure effective and efficient practices to maintain staffing levels within budgeted resource allocation including deployment and casual staff utilisation.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Current registration with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation (APHRA) as a Registered Nurse and a minimum of 5 years post registration experience
2. Relevant tertiary qualification or working towards same and/or substantial recent experience at a senior management level.
3. Evidence of extensive operational management experience in an acute care facility encompassing administration, human resource management, financial management and health service delivery.
4. Demonstrated leadership and management skills with the ability to motivate, inspire and enable staff to achieve positive clinical and professional outcomes in the current contemporary healthcare setting.
5. Demonstrated understanding of contemporary issues in health service delivery and experience in effectively leading and managing change. This includes the implementation of innovative and effective models of clinical practice and initiatives to improve staff experience.
6. Demonstrated capacity to utilise high level problem solving, communication, financial management and analytical skills in the evaluation of clinical service delivery.
7. Demonstrated capacity to integrate the principles of clinical governance, quality improvement, evidence-based practice, person-centred care and practice development into the delivery of contemporary nursing and midwifery services.
8. An extensive knowledge of and commitment to health system safety, quality, risk management, improvement systems and professional development.

KEY CHALLENGES

- Provision of high-quality services within allocated resources.
- Creating a positive environment for our clinical workforce from attracting and retaining nurses and midwives to supporting the development of junior staff; ensuring a culture of collaboration, continuous quality improvement, reflective practice and positivity.
- Ensuring consistency of practice across Aged Care & Rehabilitation services.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Who	Why
Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Operational and Professional lead. Direct Report. Maintain open and collaborative communication on matters pertaining to nursing and midwifery services within the facility and information related to performance against targets and Ministry of Health service level agreement measures.
The Illawarra Group General Manager & Executive Leadership Team	Professional relationship. Support a multidisciplinary delivery of patient care and the provision of clinical leadership and management for inpatient and specified services.
Co-Directors of Aged Care & Rehabilitation	Professional relationship. Support a multidisciplinary delivery of patient care and the provision of clinical leadership and management for inpatient and specified services.

Nurse Manager, Workforce	Professional relationship.
ISLHD Nursing and Midwifery Directorate	Professional relationship.

Job Demands for: Operations Manager, Maternity & Paediatrics – Wollongong Hospital

Physical Demands	
<p>Respirator use - Wearing of a respirator, to ensure protection against exposure to respiratory pathogens/ hazardous</p> <p>Frequent</p>	<p>Sitting - remaining in a seated position to perform tasks</p> <p>Frequent</p>
<p>Standing - remaining standing without moving about to perform tasks</p> <p>Frequent</p>	<p>Walking - floor type: even/uneven/slippy, indoors/outdoors, slopes</p> <p>Frequent</p>
<p>Running - floor type: even/uneven/slippy, indoors/outdoors, slopes</p> <p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>Bend/Lean Forward from Waist - forward bending from the waist to perform tasks</p> <p>Infrequent</p>
<p>Trunk Twisting - turning from the waist while sitting or standing to perform tasks</p> <p>Infrequent</p>	<p>Kneeling - remaining in a kneeling posture to perform tasks</p> <p>Infrequent</p>
<p>Squatting/Crouching - adopting a squatting or crouching posture to perform tasks</p> <p>Infrequent</p>	<p>Leg/Foot Movement - use of leg and/or foot to operate machinery</p> <p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Climbing (stairs/ladders) - ascend/descend stairs, ladders, steps</p>	<p>Lifting/Carrying - light lifting and carrying (0 to 9 kg)</p>

Infrequent	Frequent
Lifting/Carrying - moderate lifting and carrying (10 to 15 kg) Not Applicable	Lifting/Carrying - heavy lifting and carrying (16kg and above) Not Applicable
Reaching - arms fully extended forward or raised above shoulder Infrequent	Pushing/Pulling/Restraining - using force to hold/restrain or move objects toward or away from the body Infrequent
Head/Neck Postures - holding head in a position other than neutral (facing forward) Not Applicable	Hand and Arm Movements - repetitive movements of hands and arms Infrequent
Grasping/Fine Manipulation - gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands Occasional	Work at Heights - using ladders, footstools, scaffolding, or other objects to perform work Not Applicable
Driving - Operating any motor powered vehicle Frequent	

Sensory Demands

Sight - use of sight is an integral part of work performance (e.g. viewing of X-Rays, computer screens) Constant	Hearing - use of hearing is an integral part of work performance (e.g. Telephone enquiries) Constant
Smell - use of smell is an integral part of work performance (e.g. working with chemicals)	Taste - use of taste is an integral part of work performance (e.g. food preparation)

Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Touch - use of touch is an integral part of work performance Constant	
Psychosocial Demands	
Distressed People - e.g. emergency or grief situations Occasional	Aggressive and Uncooperative People - e.g. drug/alcohol, dementia, mental illness Not Applicable
Unpredictable People - e.g. dementia, mental illness, head injuries Not Applicable	Restraining - involvement in physical containment of patients/clients Not Applicable
Exposure to Distressing Situations - e.g. child abuse, viewing dead/mutilated bodies Not Applicable	
Environmental Demands	
Dust - exposure to atmospheric dust Infrequent	Gases - working with explosive or flammable gases requiring precautionary measures Infrequent
Fumes - exposure to noxious or toxic fumes Not Applicable	Liquids - working with corrosive, toxic or poisonous liquids or chemicals requiring PPE Not Applicable
Hazardous Substances - e.g. dry chemicals, glues	Noise - environmental/background noise necessitates people raise their voice to be heard

Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Inadequate Lighting - risk of trips, falls or eyestrain Not Applicable	Sunlight - risk of sunburn exists from spending more than 10 minutes per day in sunlight Not Applicable
Extreme Temperatures - environmental temperatures are less than 15°C or more than 35°C Not Applicable	Confined Spaces - areas where only one egress (escape route) exists Not Applicable
Slippery or Uneven Surfaces - greasy or wet floor surfaces, ramps, uneven ground Infrequent	Inadequate Housekeeping - obstructions to walkways and work areas cause trips and falls Infrequent
Working At Heights - ladders/stepladders/scaffolding are required to perform tasks Not Applicable	Biological Hazards - exposure to body fluids, bacteria, infectious diseases Infrequent