

Hollybank Trust Job Description

<i>Job Title</i>	Support Worker (Nights)
<i>Reporting To</i>	Senior Support Worker (Nights)
<i>Overall Aim:</i>	To provide night-time holistic support to our residents following the Trust's intrinsic principles and behaviours. To ensure the highest quality of care, support, and community experience to assist our residents who have a range of complex disabilities to maintain a degree of independence and improved quality of life.

Key Role Responsibilities:

Resource Management

To identify, assess and report resource requirements to Senior Night Team to ensure that adequate levels of stock and equipment are available as required. To report any concerns at handover.

Personal Development

To continually seek development opportunities in order to improve personal performance.

To fully participate in regular team meetings, personal supervisions and reviews with supervisor in line with Trust and industry regulations.

Development of autonomy

To establish and maintain relationships with residents which will complement and contribute to their care programmes and create a safe living environment.

Communication

To effectively communicate across different mediums: verbal, written and electronic.

To ensure handover is completed with the next shift to ensure effective communication channels and working practices are maintained.

To communicate and offer choice and independence to the resident throughout all aspects of care whilst fully adhering to the Mental Capacity Act. Use appropriate interactions for both verbal and non-verbal communicating residents, enabling residents to utilise their maximum abilities to make personal choices.

Ensure effective communication with all relevant personnel

Nutritional Needs

To support residents to meet dietary requirements by utilising the appropriate feeding method, monitoring and encouraging food and fluid intake, giving the individual choice, independence and monitoring and communicating any concerns.

To oversee preparation of food for the residents where required, following basic hygiene guidelines, ensuring residents are involved and given as much independence and choice as possible.

Personal Care

To assist residents where required with all areas of personal hygiene, including continence management, bathing and dressing whilst following the Care Plan at all times. Ensure that the highest levels of comfort, privacy and dignity are maintained for the individual.

To maintain a code of cleanliness and sanitation as outlined by the Trust infection control procedures

Behaviour Management

To manage behaviour whilst adhering to the care plans set out for individuals in line with current behaviour plans.

To ensure behaviour management plans meet requirements and feedback as appropriate..

Medication

To coordinate and administer medication and gastro feeds in line with Trust Policies and Procedures.

Moving and Handling

To implement correct lifting and handling techniques in order to ensure the safety and comfort of residents, whilst ensuring that Trust guidelines are adhered to and correct equipment is used where appropriate.

Postural Management

To follow physiotherapy postural guidelines in order to prevent deterioration and to maintain each individual's physical condition.

Environment and Property

To ensure that the physical environment is safe and tidy, so that residents are comfortable and their property is secure in their own homes. Includes ensuring that all bedrooms and communal areas are clean and tidy and any maintenance issues are reported accordingly.

Documentation

To accurately document all necessary tasks on the required documentation (Kardex, Care Plans, MAR Sheets) in a timely manner, including further communications with other members of the team where necessary on essential aspects.

To record all incidents electronically in an accurate and timely manner.

Safeguarding

To adhere to and follow the Trust's Safeguarding procedures in order to protect the safety and privacy of all service users.

Confidentiality

In line with the Data Protection Act you will see the use and safe sharing of information as part of their responsibility. You will ensure you work in line with our data protection and information governance policies and procedures protecting and respecting the privacy of our children, young people and adults.

Flexibility & Timekeeping

To carry out such other duties as may reasonably be required from time to time to meet the evolving needs of the service and to be flexible at the start and end of shifts to alleviate any pressure situations.

*Competency Behaviours & Attitude***Personal Effectiveness**

To deliver high-quality services that make a real difference to the service users you work with, and take personal responsibility for the health, safety and wellbeing of others.

Working Together

To work in a collaborative way, developing and maintaining positive relationships and treating people with empathy and respect.

Positive Attitude

To support and encourage positive changes and new ideas by working with our service users to meet their needs and by embracing new ways of working to enhance what we do.

Developing Self and Others

To be effective at developing yourself and others and communicate well.

General Attitude

To act as a professional and positive ambassador for Hollybank Trust in order to support the Trust's mission and profile.

Hollybank Trust is committed to developing the skills of its people, in line with its Investor in People status. If you have any query about your own personal development, please speak to your line manager.

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Person Specification

<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Essential or Desirable</i>	<i>How Assessed</i>
<p><i>Qualifications/Education/Training:</i> Care Certificate or equivalent</p> <p>A willingness to undertake NVQ Level 2 or equivalent qualification</p> <p>A willingness to undertake training which is relevant to the role</p> <p>Good level of literacy & numeracy</p>	<p>Desirable</p> <p>Essential</p> <p>Essential</p> <p>Essential</p>	<p>Application Form/Interviews/References</p>
<p><i>Experience:</i> Previous experience working in a care environment</p> <p>Caring for service users with a range of disabilities and complex needs</p> <p>Previous experience working with non-verbal communicators</p> <p>An understanding of the importance of recording and documenting information</p> <p><i>Other:</i> An ability to work shifts on a rota basis including weekends</p> <p>A full clean driving licence and willingness to drive Trust vehicles</p> <p>A recognised First Aid Certificate</p> <p>A recognised Basic Food Hygiene Certificate</p> <p>A high level of practical acumen and common sense</p>	<p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Essential</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Essential</p>	<p>Application Form/Interviews/References</p>
<p><i>Work Attributes</i> An interest in working with adults with disabilities</p> <p>A positive attitude towards adults with disabilities</p> <p>Excellent verbal and written communication skills including a fluent grasp of the English language</p> <p>An understanding of moving and handling procedures</p> <p>An understanding of personal care procedures</p> <p>An understanding of how to assist carefully at meal times</p> <p>Ability to understand and follow instructions, procedures & policies</p>	<p>Essential</p> <p>Essential</p> <p>Essential</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Essential</p>	<p>Interview / Reference</p>

<i>Personal Attributes:</i>		
Strong work ethic	Essential	
Reliable and committed at all times	Essential	
Fully committed to the work of Hollybank Trust	Essential	Interview/References
Able to work under pressure	Essential	
Ability to handle loss and bereavement	Essential	

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