

Hollybank Trust Job Description

Job Title	Support Worker (Bank)
Reporting To	Senior Support Worker Registered Manager
Overall Aim:	To provide day to day holistic support to our adults following the Trust's intrinsic principles and behaviours. To ensure the highest quality of care, support, and community experience to assist our adults who have a range of complex disabilities to maintain a degree of independence and improved quality of life.

Key Role Responsibilities:

Development of autonomy

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

Ensuring effective communication with all parts of the multi-disciplinary team to ensure continuity and quality of care.

Communication

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

Nutritional Needs

To support adults / children 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 prepare food for the adults / children following basic hygiene guidelines, ensuring adults are involved and given as much independence and choice as possible.

Personal Care

To assist adults / children with all areas of personal hygiene, including continence management, bathing and dressing whilst following the Care Plan at all times. Ensuring 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 legislation.

Medication

To 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 adults, 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 adults 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.

Social, Leisure and Community experience

To accompany and support adults to access social activities and leisure activities in order to improve social interaction skills and develop links with the community and to ensure individuals get the utmost enjoyment and development from the experience.

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 monitor changes within the Care Plans to ensure consistent and high quality of care.

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

To carry out such other duties as may reasonably be required from time to time to meet the evolving needs of the organisation.

Personal Development

To fully participate in team meetings, personal supervisions and reviews.

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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Regulated Activity	Yes No
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Person Specification

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

Ability to understand and follow instructions, procedures & policies	Essential	
Personal Attributes:		
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	

The Trustees reserve the right to amend this document as necessary, after consultation with the individual concerned, in order to reflect changes in organisational requirements and ensure that the future goals of Hollybank Trust are successfully achieved.