Job Description

**Post:** National Wound Care Strategy Programme Lower Limb Clinical Workstream Lead  
**Department:** Health Innovation Manchester  
**Grade:** 8b  
**Hours:** 22.5 hours per week  
**Responsible to:** Director – National Wound Care Strategy Programme

**Work base:** Work remotely but based at Health Innovation Manchester, Citylabs 1.0, Nelson Street, Manchester, M13 9NQ

---

**Job Purpose:**

The NWCSNP Lower Limb Clinical Workstream Lead, reporting to the NWCSNP Director, will ensure comprehensive project management of activities in support of the NWCSNP Lower Limb initiatives.

You will work closely with the NWCSNP Director, other members of the NWCSNP and NWCSNP stakeholders to design innovative, effective and lasting solutions in relation to lower limb wound care. Improving patient safety, quality and patient experience is an explicit priority rather than an assumption and needs to underpin all elements of initiatives undertaken.

You will be responsible for planning, operationalising and monitoring projects related to improving lower limb wound care involving clinical, patient and public and supplier stakeholders. To achieve this, you will be able to analyse data and information using a high degree of judgement and awareness of operational and strategic issues and make full use of this knowledge to deliver outputs that support improvements to patient services. You will be able to communicate complex information and gain support for collaborative working and delivery of outputs without having direct line management responsibility for those involved in such work.

You will be able to work well with other team members and internal and external stakeholders and have excellent written and verbal communication skills.

---

**Background**

**Background - National Wound Care Strategy Programme**

There are many people in the UK who live with chronic wounds such as leg ulcers and pressure ulcers and numbers are increasing rapidly. We know that too many people with chronic wounds do not receive the care that is likely to be most effective. With the right care, many of these wounds could heal more quickly or be prevented.
NHS England is funding the National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP) to scope and develop a national wound care strategy for England with a focus on:
1. Pressure ulcers,
2. Ulcers on the lower leg and foot, and
3. Surgical wounds that fail to heal.

The key missions for the NWCSP are to develop:
• Recommendations about how to improve patient care.
• Better ways to obtain wound care dressings and other treatments for wounds.
• Better education and information for people who deliver wound care and for patients and carers.
• Better ways of measuring what is happening to help improve care.

The strategy is being designed by working with key partners to establish the underlying clinical and economic case for change, identify the desirable improvements in patient care and describe the necessary changes and interventions required to deliver these improvements.

The vision is to develop recommendations which support excellence in the standards of care that relate to preventing, assessing and treating people with chronic wounds to optimise healing and minimise the burden of wounds for patients, carers and health and care providers.

More information about the NWCSP can be found at: www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net

Background – the role

The NWCSP Lower Limb Clinical Workstream has successfully developed several outputs to improve lower limb wound care. This new post recognises the need for dedicated leadership to complete this work and support the implementation of the NWCSP recommendations into clinical practice.

The postholder, who will be seconded or affiliated to join us in this programme of work will be based in Manchester but work remotely and be expected to regularly travel within England (depending on COVID-19 restrictions).

Main duties & responsibilities:

2. Main Duties

To be responsible for ensuring the delivery of the resources required to support the implementation of the NWCSP Lower limb recommendations into clinical practice, relating to:

• Data and information
• Education of health and care professionals
• Workforce issues
• Personalised care for patients and carers
• Supply and distribution of wound care products
• Research recommendations and priority setting

Key Relationships
The post holder will be required to:

• Proactively engage with companies, clinical innovators, NHS managers and clinicians, Local Authority and other staff, on a variety of topics and programmes relating to wound care.
• Maintain constructive relationships with a broad range of internal and external stakeholders.
• Develop and maintain networks internally and externally.
• Participate constructively in relevant internal and external working groups/projects, services and initiatives to provide information, advice and support.
• Liaise with other staff to share best practice.

Education and Professional development
• You will be expected to take every reasonable opportunity to maintain and improve professional knowledge.
• Develop own skills and knowledge and provide information to others to help individual and team development.
• Participate in personal objective settings and review, including a personal development plan.

Special Requirements:
• You may on occasion be required to work flexibly in accordance with the needs of the role.
• This a national role so there will be travel within England (depending on COVID-19 restrictions).

Health and Safety
• Ensure that you remain compliant with health and safety regulations and accepted safe practice at all times. Report any health and safety issues or contraventions witnessed anywhere within the business to your Manager or in their absence a Director.
• Work efficiently and responsibly within all areas of the Company in a safe manner sharing good practice with colleagues.

General
• You will contribute to continuous improvement of working practices.
• You will comply with all policies and procedures within the Company.
• Carry out all duties with regards to and ensuring equal opportunities and work with all employees within the Company in the fulfilment of our aims and objectives.

The job description and person specification are an outline of the tasks, responsibilities and outcomes required of the role. The job holder will carry out any other duties as may reasonably be required by their line manager.

The job description and person specification may be reviewed on an on-going basis in accordance with the changing needs of the Directorate and or the organisation.

Infection Control
It is a requirement for all staff to comply with all infection control policies and procedures as set out in the Trust’s Infection Control manual. The post holder is also responsible for ensuring all their staff attends mandatory training, including infection control and to provide support to the Director of Infection Control.
Health and Safety
The Trust has a statutory responsibility to provide and maintain a healthy and safe environment for its staff to work in. You equally have a responsibility to ensure that you do nothing to jeopardise the health and safety to either yourself or of anybody else. The Trust’s Health and Safety Policies outline your responsibilities regarding Health & Safety at Work.

The post holder must not willingly endanger him/herself or others whilst at work. Safe working practices and safety precautions must be adhered to. Protective clothing and equipment must be used where appropriate.

All accidents/incidents must be reported to your Senior Manager and documented as per Trust Policy, including the reporting of potential hazards.

Safeguarding
Ensure that the policy and legislation relating to child protection and safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults are adhered to. It is the responsibility of all staff to report any concerns to the identified person within your department/division or area of responsibility.

Security
The post holder has a responsibility to ensure the preservation of NHS property and resources.

Confidentiality
The post holder is required to maintain confidentiality at all times in all aspects of their work.

Team Briefing
The Trust operates a system of team briefing, which is based on the principles that people will be more committed to their work if they fully understand the reason behind what is happening in their organisation and how it is performing.

No Smoking Policy
The Trust operates a no smoking control policy, which applies to all staff, patients and visitors and extends to the hospital grounds as well as internal areas.