

Allied Health, Scientific & Technical Position Description

Employment Agreement:	Allied, Public Health and Technical MECA
Position Title:	Clinical Psychologist
Service & Directorate:	Persistent Pain Service
Location:	Dunedin
Reports to:	Charge Nurse Manager – Anaesthesia & Pain Management Professional Leader, Clinical Psychology (professional)
DHB Delegation Level:	N/A
Number of direct reports:	Nil
Date:	

Our Vision

Better Health, Better Lives, Whānau Ora

We work in partnership with people and communities to achieve their optimum health and wellbeing
We seek excellence through a culture of learning, enquiry, service and caring

Our Shared Values and Behaviours

Kind <i>Manaakitanga</i>	Open <i>Pono</i>	Positive <i>Whaiwhakaaro</i>	Community <i>Whanaungatanga</i>
Looking after our people: We respect and support each other. Our hospitality and kindness foster better care.	Being sincere: We listen, hear and communicate openly and honestly. We treat people how they would like to be treated.	Best action: We are thoughtful, bring a positive attitude and are always looking to do things better.	As family: We are genuine, nurture and maintain relationships to promote and build on all the strengths in our community.

Our statutory purpose

To improve, promote and protect the health of our population

- Promote the integration of health services across primary and secondary care services
- Seek the optimum arrangement for the most effective and efficient delivery of health services
- Promote effective care or support for those in need of personal health or disability support services
- Promote the inclusion and participation in society and the independence of people with disabilities
- Reduce health disparities by improving health outcomes for Māori and other population groups
- Foster community participation in health improvement and in planning for the provision of and changes to the provision of services
- Uphold the ethical and quality standards expected of use and to exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility

PURPOSE OF ROLE

Allied Health, Public Health, Scientific and Technical professionals work in teams providing a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic, direct patient care and support services that are critical to the other health professionals they work with and the communities they serve. This includes health professionals working to improve, promote and protect the wellbeing of the population.

This role will work collaboratively with all health professionals as well as the wider multi-disciplinary team throughout the Southern DHB in a way that is consistent with the organisation’s vision and values. This includes inter-professional practice where multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds work together with patients, families, caregivers and communities to deliver the highest quality of care. This way of working will ultimately benefit all our patients and communities.

ROLE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Comprehensive individual and team assessment as required for patients
- Provision of evidenced based interventions.
- To provide education and support within the pain management workforce.
- To provide written documentation within service and professional guidelines
- Participate in professional development and peer review activities.
- The Clinical Psychologist is expected to perform effectively both as an autonomous health professional and as part of an interdisciplinary team providing clinical care and treatment for patients referred to the service.
- Team members are expected to work closely with consumers, family/Whanau and community groups in a supportive, educational and clinical role.
- The Clinical Psychologist will represent the service and / or individual patients at clinical meetings and case conferences to ensure the delivery of a coordinated multidisciplinary service and to ensure that psychology is integrated into the overall treatment programme (where appropriate) including discharge planning.
- The Clinical Psychologist will actively participate in quality activities, identifying gaps, opportunities and leading service development activities.

Competencies

The following competencies apply to this position. The employee will be assessed against these as part of their annual performance and development review.

Organisational Competencies	
Customer Focus	Is dedicated to meeting the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers; gets first hand customer information and uses it for improvements in products and services; acts with customers in mind; establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect
Integrity and Trust	Is widely trusted; is seen as a direct, truthful individual; can present the unvarnished truth in an appropriate and helpful manner; keeps confidences; admits mistakes; doesn’t misrepresent him/herself for personal gain.
Drive For Results	Can be counted on to exceed goals successfully; Is constantly and consistently one of the top performers; very bottom line oriented; steadfastly pushes self and others for results.
Role Specific Competencies	
Managing diversity	Manages all kinds and classes of people equitably; deals effectively with all races, nationalities, cultures, disabilities irrespective of age and gender; supports equal and fair treatment and opportunity for all
Priority Setting	Spends own time and the time of others on what is important; can quickly sense what will help or hinder when seeking to accomplish goals; eliminates roadblocks; creates focus

Problem Solving	Uses logic and established processes to solve difficult problems and achieve effective solutions; can see hidden problems; Is excellent at honest analysis; looks beyond the obvious ; doesn't stop at the first answers
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KEY RELATIONSHIPS	
Within Southern DHB	External to Southern DHB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHS&T Professional Leaders (PLs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clients, patients, families, whanau and caregivers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multidisciplinary colleagues working in inter-professional ways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services from the community, funding bodies, student or intern clinical liaison staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary care - GPs, other medical staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHST Professional Development Facilitator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant professional organisations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other service providers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant external services and stakeholders 	

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Education and Qualifications (or equivalent level of learning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The appointee will be a New Zealand Registered Psychologist and hold a current annual practising certificate The appointee will have a recognised qualification in Psychology (or overseas equivalent) and ideally will have a minimum of 3 years' experience as a Psychologist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The appointee will be a New Zealand Registered Psychologist, registered in the Vocational Scope Clinical Psychology and hold a current practising certificate The appointee will have a recognised qualification in Clinical Psychology (i.e. Diploma in Clinical Psychology or overseas equivalent) and ideally will have a minimum of 3 years' experience in clinical psychology
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a current driver's license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience working in a variety of health/hospital settings with patients with complex needs Demonstrated comprehensive knowledge of health services and community resources both locally and nationally, specifically focussed on people with persistent pain
Knowledge and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven competence, knowledge and skills in psychology A sound knowledge of relevant and appropriate psychological interventions and assessment techniques Demonstrated ability to use sound clinical judgements in a wide range of situations Demonstrated effective communication skills both written and oral Demonstrated ability to work as an autonomous practitioner and also as an effective member of a multidisciplinary team Demonstrated commitment to clinical and professional development showing a pattern of continuous learning and updating of skills and knowledge 	

Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abundance of good will • High degree of initiative and motivation • Ability to work closely and harmoniously with others to achieve professional and service goals • Ability to recognise and address cultural difference • Ability to educate others informally, eg. families, and formally, eg. students • Good organisational and interpersonal skills • Ability to make difficult decisions under pressure and to recognise own needs for self-care
Cultural Skills and Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A working knowledge of the Treaty of Waitangi and of Maori, Pacific Island and other ethnic cultural issues as they relate to mental health • Demonstrated awareness of broader issues of cultural diversity and ability to work with people from different cultural backgrounds, including different ethnic, socioeconomic, sexual, spiritual backgrounds

KEY RESULT AREAS:

Key Accountabilities:	Example of successful delivery of duties and responsibilities
Clinical Practice	
Legislative requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise in accordance with relevant legislation, codes, policies etc. and upholds consumer rights • Uphold professional code of ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You adhere to professional and legislative standards of practice • You work according to the scope of your Annual Practising Certificate
Assessments and interventions (if appropriate to profession) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake accurate and comprehensive assessments and evaluations • Plan and implement appropriate interventions • Provide relevant education - including any relevant alternative options - in a format that can be clearly understood • Collaborate with patients-populations to set realistic, person-centred outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your interventions are realistic and based on best practice • You use standard measurement tools and equipment as set down by departmental or professional protocols
Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain confidentiality of patient information and documentation • Adhere to Southern DHB's documentation standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your documentation is timely, clear, concise and accurate
Culturally Sensitive Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practices in a culturally safe manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You assist others to gain appropriate support and representation which reflects their cultural needs and preferences.
Professional Responsibilities	
Working in a collegial manner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the support and education of colleagues and students to enhance development of the profession • Participate in and contribute to the functioning of the interprofessional team • Establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have formal and informal systems in place for supporting colleagues • You maintain supervision records for students • You participate as a team member to ensure the best outcomes for patients/ people

<p>Skill Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share skills (as appropriate) with other health professionals and unregulated (assistant) workforces to enhance person centred outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You use recognised skill sharing processes such as Calderdale to delegate parts of your practice to other team members
<p>Evidence-based practice and research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistently refer to and relate practice to literature and research Critique, discuss and disseminate evidence based best practice Reflect on and evaluate the effectiveness of own practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You implement evidence-based best practice procedures and guidelines You updates your knowledge related to best practice guidelines and area of practice You maintain a professional portfolio or participate in an approved CPD programme (as per professional requirements)
<p>Time management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage own time adopting a disciplined approach to establishing and following identified role-related priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your tasks are scheduled and completed in a timely manner
<p>Professional development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and maintain professional competency Appraisal, peer review, observed practice or other professional audits as applicable Develop both personally and professionally to meet the changing needs of your career and profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You hold current registration where applicable or as required You maintain an up-to-date professional development plan
<p>Other Duties</p>	
<p>Undertaking duties from time to time that may be in addition to those outlined above but which fall within your capabilities and experience.</p> <p>Act as a role model for the Southern DHB Organisational Values.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You respond positively to requests for assistance in own and other areas, demonstrating adaptability and willingness. You produce work that complies with SDHB processes and reflects best practice. Research undertaken is robust and well considered. Live and support the DHB values in everything you do.
<p>Professional Development – self</p>	
<p>Identifying areas for personal and professional development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and development goals are identified/agreed with your manager. Performance objectives reviewed annually with your manager. You actively seek feedback and accept constructive criticism.
<p>Health, Safety and Wellbeing</p>	
<p>Taking all practicable steps to ensure personal safety and the safety of others while at work, in accordance with the Southern DHB's Health, Safety and Wellbeing policies, procedures and systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You understand and consistently meet your obligations under Southern DHB's Health and Safety policy/procedures. You actively encourage and challenge your peers to work in a safe manner. Effort is made to strive for best practice in Health and Safety at all times.
<p>Treaty of Waitangi</p>	
<p>Giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi – Partnership, Participation and Protection through your interaction with others on a day to day basis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Partnership</i> – You interact in good faith and in the nature of a partnership. There is a sense of shared

	<p>enterprise and mutual benefit where each partner takes account of the needs and interests of the other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Participation</i> – You work in partnership with our treaty partners to enable our organisation to prosper. You are mindful of the varying socio-economic conditions that face our people and work hard to remove barriers of access to health and education. • <i>Protection</i> – You work proactively to protect the rights and interests of Māori, including the need to proactively build the capacity and capability of Māori.
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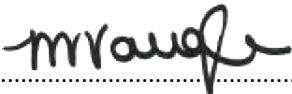
Note: the above example measures are provided as a guide only. The precise performance measures for this position will require further discussion between the job holder and manager.

CHANGES TO POSITION DESCRIPTION

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes to the position description in response to the changing nature of our work environment – including technological requirements or statutory changes. This Position Description may be reviewed as part of the preparation for your annual performance and development review.

Acknowledged / Accepted:

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Employee



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Manager

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Date

04/03/2019

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