

JOB DESCRIPTION

Housekeeper

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HAVENS HOSPICES

CONTROLS ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The purpose of this job description is to outline the level of responsibility and accountability of this post. This will ensure that all work undertaken by our staff is identified and lines of accountability made clear.

POST TITLE: Housekeeper

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Head of Facilities

RESPONSIBLE TO: Housekeeping Team Leader

LOCATION: Multi-Site

Our Vision

‘Making every day count’

Our Mission

“To offer the best possible palliative and supportive care, free from fear and barriers, where the patient and those important to them are always put first”.

Our Values

Care and Compassion, Commitment, Community, Courage, Integrity

MAIN PURPOSE OF JOB - SUMMARY

To carry out cleaning and housekeeping duties to a high standard as to minimise the risk of infection and ensure the Hospices are a clean, homely environment for all users.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MAIN DUTIES

1. Cleaning to include toilets, bathrooms, administration areas, care areas, accommodation areas and reception areas.
2. Dusting, cleaning, washing/ironing, cleaning at higher levels/ vacuuming. Some lifting and moving of furniture and equipment will be required.
3. Maintain cleaning standards following the cleaning schedule applicable to the area of work.
4. Use the correct cleaning products and equipment for the job and report any deterioration in standards and health hazards.
5. Ensure that all floor surfaces, furniture, fixtures, fittings, and equipment are cleaned in the relevant manner.
6. Carry out spot cleaning to ensure spillages are dealt with swiftly and efficiently.
7. Check daily and replenish disposables as and when required.
8. Ensure that the Hospices are always safe and tidy (e.g., move clutter, tidy areas etc).
9. To support the cleaning at other sites as required.
10. To take part in any deep cleaning required throughout the organisation.
11. Report any maintenance requirements or any equipment that is defective.
12. Dispose of waste in accordance with the Hospice Waste Management Policy.
13. Communicate with patients and families in a polite and courteous manner.
14. Be aware of boundaries.

GENERAL

1. The post holder must acquire and maintain an up to date working knowledge of all Charity Strategies, Policies & Procedures.
2. The post holder will ensure Health & Safety regulations are adhered to.
3. The post holder will assist in ensuring the economical use and ordering of materials and equipment, maintaining an awareness of the need for good housekeeping, and helping to ensure expenditure is within budgetary limits.
4. The post holder will maintain strict confidentiality within the Hospice and ensure that all staff and volunteers under their management adhere to the Charity's confidentiality guidelines.
5. The post holder will undertake any other duties which are consistent and relevant to the post.
6. The post holder will liaise with other services to ensure continuity of care, and to improve palliative care for patients in the community.
7. This job description is not an exhaustive list of duties and responsibilities. The post holder will be expected to undertake other duties temporarily or on a continued basis, as may be reasonably required, commensurate with the grade associated with this post.
8. You must be sympathetic to and able to project the philosophy and concept of the Charity.
9. You will potentially have access to confidential data on staff and/or patients and/or services within the Hospice. Failure to maintain confidentiality and comply with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR principles may lead to disciplinary action which could ultimately lead to dismissal.
10. You will be expected to produce work to a high standard and to always promote quality in all areas.

11. The managerial and clinical philosophy of the Charity is based on a multidisciplinary approach. Staff regardless of grade or discipline are required to participate in this concept.
12. You will be expected to keep yourself updated on all matters relating to Charity policies. You are responsible for familiarising yourself with matters relating to Health & Safety management as they affect you personally, your department and/or the Charity.
13. You will be expected to participate in regular 121/supervision meetings, and annual appraisals, for yourself and/or the staff you manage.
14. The post holder will be expected to abide by all legal requirements required for this post, including adhering to any relevant Codes of Conduct and principals, and being registered with any governing body required to legally practice.

SMOKING POLICY

Havens Hospices is committed to a policy which actively discourages smoking and adheres to current legislation while allowing for patient choice. Please refer to the Charity's Smoking Policy.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Havens Hospices operates an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and expects staff to have a commitment to these in relation to employment and service delivery. Staff are expected to take personal responsibility for these principals and requirements.

Havens Hospices promotes diversity through achieving genuine equality of opportunity. The organisation aims to recognise and value differences between individuals, such as age, disability, sex/ gender, race, religion or belief, marital status or civil partnership, gender reassignment, pregnancy / maternity and sexual orientation. Only by embracing people with different backgrounds can we fulfil our Vision and Mission.

Havens Hospices is committed to defining each person's responsibilities in support of this policy, ensuring that our policies and procedures are fair and equitable; raising awareness of the needs of traditionally disadvantaged groups; and eliminating discrimination, bullying and harassment within the Charity by making unlawful discrimination a disciplinary offence. This policy applies to recruitment, selection, and vacancy advertising.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Havens Hospices is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults and to protecting them from the risks of harm. The Charity recognises its responsibility to ensure that safe working conditions and systems are in place for staff working with children, adults, and families in their care. Staff are required to comply with all Charity policies and guidelines relating to Safeguarding.

CHANGES TO THIS JOB DESCRIPTION

You have the responsibility to discuss any job changes with your Line Manager at the time the change occurs and agree any permanent substantial change.

SIGNATURE: (Employee)

DATE:

SIGNATURE: (Line Manager)

DATE:

**HAVENS HOSPICES
PERSON SPECIFICATION
Housekeeper**

REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	GCSE level or equivalent as applicable for English and Numeracy	
General Experience	- Demonstrable experience in working within a housekeeping team. - Experience of COSHH regulations and working with chemicals.	
Job Related Skills	- Excellent written and verbal communication skills - Ability to use Microsoft Office (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams), databases, other relevant software and systems, and the internet to an intermediate level - Ability to update and maintain records, databases, and other systems accurately and efficiently. - Ability to climb ladders and work from a moderate height. - Ability to communicate sensitively with a wide range of people.	
Personal Skills	- Ability to prioritise and plan own workload to meet deadlines. - Ability to be proactive, use initiative, and resolve problems to ensure service delivery. - Ability to build and maintain good working relationships with stakeholders and manage expectations around what can be delivered within clear professional boundaries. - Meticulous in terms of attention to detail, able to deliver with speed whilst working within tight timescales and under pressure. - Ability to manage competing demands whilst maintaining resilience and a positive outlook in challenging circumstances to deliver calm, measured, and professional service.	Driven by charitable mission

Other Requirements	• Willing to undertake courses appropriate to personal development within role. • Willing to commit to industry professional standards, codes of practice and legislation. • Empathy with the Charity's mission, vision, and values. • Committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and adults at risk. • Committed to equal opportunities and inclusion. • Understanding and commitment to safeguarding principals & requirements. • Full UK driving licence and access to own transport.	
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