**Job Description**

**Job Title: Enhanced Support Service; Senior Nurse - Mental Health**

**Accountable to: Mental Health Service Manager  
Location: HMP Foston Hall**

Practice Plus Group’s mission is **Access to Excellence**. Our core values are;

* we treat patients and each other as we would like to be treated,
* we act with integrity
* we embrace diversity
* and we strive to do things better together

Patients can only access excellence if we commit to living our values in everything we do when we’re at work.



We believe in putting the patient first, regardless of the environment or their history. The prison population is one of the most vulnerable and challenged patient groups in society and the delivery of their health care is conducted within often difficult and demanding environments.

**The role**

**Access to a Compassionate and Collaborative Enhanced Support Service (ACCESS).**

The ACCESS service is designed to support residents who have complex needs, underpinned by pervasive psychological difficulties, who are not responding to existing strategies and interventions to manage their behaviour, indicating the need for a higher level of support. The ACCESS service aims to work intensively with this subgroup of residents and/or the professionals involved in their care, in order to promote stability, psychological wellbeing and positive coping through the provision of intervention and support. As a result, the ACCESS aims to support residents to engage meaningfully with the regime as well as mainstream services, activities and support as required.

The ACCESS team is made up of a psychologist lead, Registered Senior MH nurse and a Prison Officer who hold a small case load and deliver high intensity interventions; You will work collaboratively with the multi-disciplinary team as an autonomous practitioner managing a caseload of patients, assessing their physical, social and psychological needs to develop a holistic health care plan.

You will contribute to our nursing strategy and vision to;

**Provide** outstanding evidence based care to our patients, seeking out, listening to and acting on their feedback, so that care is personalised and informed by what matters to them.

**Deliver** non-judgemental care, building therapeutic relationships and promoting professional boundaries. You will play an active part in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of the patient’s care following our policies and procedures and always considering safeguarding.

**Inspire** excellence in your colleagues by pro-actively leading and motivating the team, recognising that our workforce is our most valuable asset. You will forge strong links with our partners and stakeholders, providing a service that people can trust, feel safe within, and feel proud of.

**Promote** best practice, clinical supervision, evidence based care and continuous quality improvement, embedding a culture of shared learning.

**Share** knowledge, skills and expertise to ensure safe care, building strong multi-disciplinary teams and supporting each other to do a great job.

**About you**

* Registered nurse – *Mental Health*
* Current professional qualification (NMC)
* Leadership qualities/ experience
* Experienced clinical supervisor
* Experienced clinical educator
* Evidence of Continued Professional Development
* Experience of the complexities of multi-disciplinary and multi-agency working
* A non-judgmental and compassionate approach
* Excellent communication skills
* Understanding of mental health policy including clinical governance and the quality and outcomes framework, along with national standards such as NICE
* Good IT skills and IT literacy
* Ability to assess and manage patient risk effectively.
* Proactive problem solving skills
* Flexible attitude to working arrangements
* Motivated as an individual and when working in a team
* Able to work within a busy multi-agency environment
* Willing to learn and develop being committed to self-development
* Patient centred values



**Additional information**

**Disclosure and Barring Service-** a Disclosure and Barring Service disclosure at the enhanced level is required for this role. A risk assessment will be undertaken if necessary.

**Prison Vetting-** a HMPPS (Her Majesties Prison and Probation Service) clearance is required for this role in accordance with Ministry of Justice, plus local prison vetting.

**Education and Training-** continuing professional development is encouraged and an annual appraisal system is in place to discuss ongoing objectives and support revalidation.