

## Job Description

**Job Title:** Public Health Nurse  
**Accountable to:** Clinical Lead

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
- 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.



### Your role

As a Public Health Nurse, you will lead on prevention, promotion and protection of our prison communities. Leading on preventative health, your role will be key to ensuring effective and consistent delivery of national screening programmes, Health and Justice Indicators of Performance, health checks, blood borne virus screening, recording public health activity in the secure estate and leading our health promotion strategy. You will be our Infection Prevention and Control Lead, maintaining standards and leading the management of outbreaks.

Within this role, you'll lead health promotion activities to deliver proactive clinics and awareness campaigns, providing health promotion and disease prevention advice for patients. As well as co-ordinating all clinical activity in relation to screening and health prevention including section 7a and HJIP's; undertake screening of individuals and populations and respond appropriately to findings and work with others to protect the public's health and well-being from specific risks. You'll conduct IPC audits and training on site and be the outbreak control link – co-ordinate outbreaks and reporting communicable diseases to PHE.

**You will also;**

**Provide** non-judgemental care promoting population health, embedding our wellbeing approach and challenging health inequalities. Create a safe and effective public health service, implementing pathways for the management environmental, communicable hazards to reduce risk where possible within our prison community.

**Deliver** and co-ordinate screening programs for patients ensuring our patients can access community equivalence.

**Inspire** excellence by forging strong links within our teams, our partners and stakeholders and providing a service that people can trust, feel safe within and feel proud of. Motivate teams in all areas of infection prevention and control, leading by example.

**Promote** public health principles, infection prevention and control policies and best practice care embedding a culture of shared learning. You will promote patient wellbeing through our overarching Wellbeing Approach, demonstrating empathy and understanding to our patients.

**Share** knowledge and skills in public health and infection prevention and control principles to ensure safe care and support each other to do a great job engaging with the process of reflection and supervision.



**About you**

- First level Registered Nurse with current registration with NMC
- Demonstrate a passion for working in public health and infection prevention and control
- Evidence of post registration CPD
- UKPHR registration is highly advantageous, as is a public health qualification and Infection prevention and control qualification
- A non-judgmental and compassionate approach
- Excellent communication skills
- Good IT skills and IT literacy
- Able to work autonomously as a registered professional by on-going assessment, planning, management and evaluation of care following best practice guidance
- Have experience of worked as part of a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) to deliver care focussed on the direct needs of the individual

- Knowledge of current public health issues
- Knowledge of infection prevention and control issues within health services
- Knowledge of clinical audit and its relationship to research
- Knowledge of the statutory requirements for the safeguarding of adults and children
- Undertaking infection prevention and control audits
- Promotes a patient centred approach to patient care and service improvement
- Ability to identify risks to patients
- Able to disseminate information in both written format and in MDT environment
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills demonstrating the use of a variety of media/IT skills
- Act as a role model ensuring professional appearance and maintaining professional standards.
- Be innovative and embrace learning
- Shows creativity
- Communicates openly, consistently and clearly



### 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.