**Clinical Nurse Manager II, Endoscopy Clinical Validation**

**Job Specification & Terms and Conditions**

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| **Job Title, Grade Code** | **Clinical Nurse Manager II, Endoscopy Clinical Validation***(Grade Code: 2119)* |
| **Remuneration** | The Salary Scale (as at 01/03/2025) for the post is: €60,854 - €61,862 - €62,715 - €64,106 - €65,644 - €67,154 - €68,664 - €70,364 - €71,943 - €74,658 - €**76,897 LSI**New appointees to any grade start at the minimum point of the scale. Incremental credit will be applied for recognised relevant service in Ireland and abroad (Department of Health Circular 2/2011). Incremental credit is normally granted on appointment, in respect of previous experience in the Civil Service, Local Authorities, Health Service and other Public Service Bodies and Statutory Agencies. |
| **Campaign Reference** | SLIGO 0574 |
| **Closing Date** | 12 noon on Monday 7th July 2025 via Rezoomo at <https://www.rezoomo.com/job/81612/> |
| **Proposed Interview Date (s)** | Candidates will normally be given at least two weeks' notice of interview. The timescale may be reduced in exceptional circumstances. |
| **Taking up Appointment** | A start date will be indicated at job offer stage. |
| **Location of Post** | **Endoscopy Department - Sligo University Hospital** There is currently one whole-time Specified Purpose vacancy available in the Endoscopy Department, Sligo University Hospital. The successful candidate may be required to work in any service area within the vicinity as the need arises. A panel may be formed as a result of this campaign for **Sligo University Hospital** from which current and future, permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part-time duration may be filled. |
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| **Details of Service** | The West and North West Health Care Group provides acute and specialist hospital services to the West and North West of Ireland – counties Galway, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal and adjoining counties.The Group comprises of 7 hospitals across 8 sites:* [Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH)](https://saolta.ie/hospital/letterkenny-university-hospital)
* [Mayo University Hospital (MUH)](https://saolta.ie/hospital/mayo-university-hospital)
* [Merlin Park University Hospital (MPUH)](https://saolta.ie/hospital/merlin-park-university-hospital)
* [Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH)](https://saolta.ie/hospital/portiuncula-university-hospital)
* [Roscommon University Hospital (RUH)](https://saolta.ie/hospital/Roscommon%20University%20Hospital)
* [Sligo University Hospital (SUH)](https://saolta.ie/hospital/sligo-university-hospital) incorporating Our Lady’s Hospital Manorhamilton (OLHM)
* [University Hospital Galway (UHG)](https://saolta.ie/hospital/university-hospital-galway)

The Group's Academic Partner is NUI Galway.The Group’s region covers one third of the land mass of Ireland, it provides health care to a population of 830,000, employs 10,653 staff (October 2019), and has a budget of €868 million. The Group provides a range of high quality services for the catchment areas it serves and GUH is a designated supra-regional cancer service provider meeting the needs of all the counties along Western seaboard and towards the midlands from Donegal to North Tipperary. West and North West Health Care Group aims to meet its service plan targets. Its priority is to implement the national Clinical Care programmes across the Group and establish a performance management culture with the development of Key Performance Indicators.**Vision**Our vision is to be a leading academic Hospital Group providing excellent integrated patient-centred care delivered by skilled caring staff.**Guiding Principles**Care - Compassion - Trust - LearningOur guiding principles are to work in partnership with patients and other healthcare providers across the continuum of care to:* Deliver high quality, safe, timely and equitable patient care by developing and ensuring sustainable clinical services to meet the needs of our population.
* Deliver integrated services across the Group Hospitals, with clear lines of responsibility, accountability and authority, whilst maintaining individual hospital site integrity.
* Continue to develop and improve our clinical services supported by education, research and innovation, in partnership with NUI Galway and other academic partners.
* Recruit, retain and develop highly-skilled multidisciplinary teams through support, engagement and empowerment.
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| **Reporting Relationship** | The post holder:* Will report to the Assistant Director of Nursing.
* Is accountable to the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) and Director of Nursing (DON)
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| **Purpose of the Post**  | The post of CNM2 clinical validation is an initiative supported by the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF). The purpose of this post is to review the Endoscopy waiting list and provide clinical validation of patients from the routine and planned procedure waiting lists. This includes review of the clinical pathway the patient is on remains appropriate for the patient as per national clinical guidelines and that the treating hospital is appropriate for the patient. The purpose of the post is to also ensure that the patient is prepared for their routine/planned procedure through telephone pre-assessment in advance of the procedure.The CNM 2 Clinical Validation Endoscopy will work as a key member of the Inter-disciplinary team providing support to the Endoscopy unit and quality assurance, resource management, staff development, facilitating communication and professional / clinical leadership.**Case load:** The case load for the CNM2 clinical validation will be determined in consultation with the relevant Assistant Director of Nursing, relevant consultants, scheduled care team and the Clinical Lead in Endoscopy. It will comprise of patient’s from the Endoscopy routine and planned procedure waiting list.  |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | * The post holder will support the principle that care of the patient comes first at all times and will approach their work with the flexibility and enthusiasm necessary to make this principle a reality for every patient to the greatest possible degree
* Maintain throughout the Group’s awareness of the primacy of the patient in relation to all hospital activities.
* Performance management systems are part of the role and you will be required to participate in the Group’s performance management programme

**Professional /Clinical***The Clinical Nurse Manager 2 will:** Manage patient care in Endoscopy to ensure the highest professional standards using evidence based, care planning approach.
* Manage Endoscopy caseload in accordance with needs of the service.
* Provide a high level of professional and clinical leadership.
* Be responsible for the co-ordination, assessment, planning, delivery and review of service user care
* Provide safe, comprehensive nursing care to service users according to the Code of Professional Conduct as laid down by the Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing Midwifery Board Ireland) and Professional Clinical Guidelines.
* Practice nursing according to:
	+ Professional Clinical Guidelines
	+ National and Area Health Service Executive (HSE) guidelines.
	+ Local policies, protocols and guidelines
	+ HSE code of Practice for Decontamination of reusable invasive Medical Devices.
	+ Current legislation
* Manage own caseload in accordance with the needs of the post.
* Participate in teams / meetings / committees as appropriate, communicating and working in co-operation with other team members.
* Facilitate co-ordination, co-operation and liaison across healthcare teams and programmes.
* Collaborate with service users, family, carers and other staff in treatment / care planning and in the provision of support and advice.
* Communicate verbally and / or in writing results of assessments, treatment / care programmes and recommendations to the team and relevant others in accordance with service policy.
* Plan discharge or transition of the service user between services as appropriate.
* Ensure that service users and others are treated with dignity and respect.
* Maintain nursing records in accordance with local service and professional standards.
* Adhere to and contribute to the development and maintenance of nursing standards, protocols and guidelines consistent with the highest standards of patient care.
* Evaluate and manage the implementation of best practice policy and procedures e.g. admission and discharge procedures, control and usage of stocks and equipment, grievance and disciplinary procedures.
* Maintain professional standards in relation to confidentiality, ethics and legislation.
* In consultation with ADON and other disciplines, implement and assess quality management programmes.
* Participate in clinical audit
* Initiate and participate in research studies as appropriate.
* Devise and implement Health Promotion Programmes for service users as relevant to the post.
* Operate within the scope of practice - seek advice and assistance from his / her manager with any cases or issues that prove to be beyond the scope of his / her professional competence in line with principles of best practice and clinical governance.
* Develop and implement a CNM2 clinical validation service in liaison with nursing management, scheduled care team and relevant medical and surgical consultants.
* Clinical validation of an agreed caseload of patients from the routine and planned procedure waiting lists while adhering to the relevant national clinical guidelines.
* Telephone pre – assessment of an agreed caseload of patients to ensure patients are adequately prepared for their procedure.
* Work in close liaison with the CNM2’s Endoscopy and nursing staff
* Evaluate clinical problems in conjunction with the multi-disciplinary team. Liaise with the principal attending team members thereby planning and implementing appropriate evidence based nursing interventions.
* Ensure a co-ordinated and seamless service through close liaison with other nursing and medical teams as relevant to the care of the patient.
* Provide empathetic approach to patients. Anticipate and identify the many and varied needs of patients.
* Monitor and evaluate the service and impact on the needs of patient’s and external agencies.
* Provide comprehensive education around endoscopic procedures to patients and external agencies that are referring patients for treatment.
* Provide an efficient, effective and high quality service, respecting the needs of each patient.
* Keep accurate records of service, adhering to relevant legislation and professional guidance on management of records and patient confidentiality

**Clinical Focus:*** Respect and maintain the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of the patient.
* Ensure sufficient information is obtained to facilitate a decision in consultation with the relevant medical/surgical team with regard to the outcomes of clinical validation.
* Provide specialist knowledge and expertise relating to endoscopy clinical validation
* Provide specialist knowledge, expertise and care to patients scheduled for Endoscopic procedures.
* Manage an agreed caseload of patients who require particular preparation due to ongoing medical co morbidities.
* Anticipate and identify the many and varied needs of patients.
* Monitor and evaluate the service and impact on the needs of patient’s.
* Continuously review how productively resources are being used to meet service demands.
* Regularly monitor the service to ensure it reflects current needs and implement and manage identified changes in conjunction the CNM2 in Endoscopy and the wider MDT.
* Produce regular reports on progress in service development.
* Have an understanding of the principles of clinical governance and risk management.
* Submit data to the NTPF as required.

**Health & Safety***The Clinical Nurse Manager 2 will:** Ensure that effective safety procedures are developed and managed to comply with statutory obligations, in conjunction with relevant staff e.g. health and safety procedures, emergency procedures.
* Observe, report and take appropriate action on any matter which may be detrimental to staff and/or service user care or well-being / may be inhibiting the efficient provision of care.
* Assist in observing and ensuring implementation and adherence to established policies and procedures e.g. health and safety, infection control, storage and use of controlled drugs etc.
* Ensure completion of incident / near miss forms / clinical risk reporting.
* Adhere to department policies in relation to the care and safety of any equipment supplied for the fulfilment of duty.
* Liaise with other relevant staff, e.g. CNS infection control Occupational Therapist re appropriateness for procurement.
* Have a working knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards, etc., and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role.
* To support, promote and actively participate in sustainable energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service.

**Education and Training***The Clinical Nurse Manager 2 will:** Engage in continuing professional development by keeping up to date with nursing literature, recent nursing research and new developments in nursing management, education and practice and to attend staff study days as considered appropriate.
* Be familiar with the curriculum training programme for student nurses and be aware of the clinical experience required to meet the needs of the programme.
* Participate in the identification, development and delivery of induction, education, training and development programmes for nursing and non-nursing staff.
* Provide support and supportive supervision to front-line staff where appropriate.
* Supervise and assess student nurses and foster a clinical learning environment.
* Engage in performance review processes including personal development planning as appropriate.

**Management***The Clinical Nurse Manager 2 will:** Exercise authority in the running of the assigned area(s) as deputised by the ADON.
* Manage communication at ward and departmental level and facilitate team building.
* Provide staff leadership and motivation which is conducive to good working relations and work performance.
* Promote a culture that values diversity and respect in the workplace.
* Formulate, implement and evaluate service plans and budgets in co-operation with the wider healthcare team.
* Manage all resources efficiently and effectively within agreed budget.
* Lead on practice development within the clinical area.
* Lead and implement change.
* Promote, facilitate and participate in the development of nursing policies and procedures. Monitor as appropriate and lead on proactive improvement.
* Contribute to the formulation, development and implementation of policies and procedures at area and hospital level.
* Ensure compliance with legal requirements, policies and procedures affecting service users, staff and other hospital matters.
* Manage and promote liaisons with internal / external bodies as appropriate, e.g. intra-hospital service and the community.
* Maintain all necessary clinical and administrative records and reporting arrangements.
* Engage in IT developments as they apply to service user and service administration.

**KPI’s*** The identification and development of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which are congruent with the Hospital’s service plan targets.
* The development of Action Plans to address KPI targets.
* Driving and promoting a Performance Management culture.
* In conjunction with line manager assist in the development of a Performance Management system for your profession.
* The management and delivery of KPIs as a routine and core business objective.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONDITIONS:*** Employees must attend fire lectures periodically and must observe fire orders.
* All accidents within the Department must be reported immediately.
* Infection Control Policies must be adhered to.
* In line with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Acts 2005 and 2010 all staff must comply with all safety regulations and audits.
* In line with the Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Act 2004, smoking within the Hospital Buildings is not permitted.
* Hospital uniform code must be adhered to.
* Provide information that meets the need of Senior Management.
* To support, promote and actively participate in sustainable energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service.

**Risk Management, Infection Control, Hygiene Services and Health & Safety*** The management of Risk, Infection Control, Hygiene Services and Health & Safety is the responsibility of everyone and will be achieved within a progressive, honest and open environment.
* The post holder must be familiar with the necessary education, training and support to enable them to meet this responsibility.
* The post holder has a duty to familiarise themselves with the relevant Organisational Policies, Procedures & Standards and attend training as appropriate in the following areas:
	+ Continuous Quality Improvement Initiatives
	+ Document Control Information Management Systems
	+ Risk Management Strategy and Policies
	+ Hygiene Related Policies, Procedures and Standards
	+ Decontamination Code of Practice
	+ Infection Control Policies
	+ Safety Statement, Health & Safety Policies and Fire Procedure
	+ Data Protection and confidentiality Policies
* The post holder is responsible for ensuring that they become familiar with the requirements stated within the Risk Management Strategy and that they comply with the Group’s Risk Management Incident/Near miss reporting Policies and Procedures.
* The post holder is responsible for ensuring that they comply with hygiene services requirements in your area of responsibility. Hygiene Services incorporates environment and facilities, hand hygiene, catering, cleaning, the management of laundry, waste, sharps and equipment.
* The post holder must foster and support a quality improvement culture through-out your area of responsibility in relation to hygiene services.
* The post holders’ responsibility for Quality & Risk Management, Hygiene Services and Health & Safety will be clarified to you in the induction process and by your line manager.
* The post holder must take reasonable care for his or her own actions and the effect that these may have upon the safety of others.
* The post holder must cooperate with management, attend Health & Safety related training and not undertake any task for which they have not been authorised and adequately trained.
* The post holder is required to bring to the attention of a responsible person any perceived shortcoming in our safety arrangements or any defects in work equipment.
* It is the post holder’s responsibility to be aware of and comply with the HSE Health Care Records Management/Integrated Discharge Planning (HCRM / IDP) Code of Practice.

**The above Job Specification is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.**  |
| **Eligibility Criteria****Qualifications and/ or experience** | 1. **Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**

**(a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:**(i) Are registered in the General division of the Register of Nurses & Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann) or entitled to be so registered.**AND**(ii) Have at least 5 years post registration experience of which 2 must be in the speciality or related area **AND**(iii) Candidates must demonstrate evidence of continuous professional development.**AND****(b)** Candidates must possess the requisite knowledge and ability including a high standard of suitability and clinical, managerial and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role.**2. Annual registration**(i) Practitioners must maintain live annual registration on the relevant division of the Register of Nurses and Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann).**AND**(ii) Confirm annual registration with NMBI to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).**3. Health**Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.**4. Character**Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character. |
| **Post Specific Requirements** | Demonstrate depth and breadth of post registration experience in relation to nursing practice within Endoscopy setting as relevant to the role. |
| **Other requirements specific to the post** | * Flexibility with regard to working hours so demands of the post will be meet
* NTPF request caseload of minimum 25 patients per week for clinical validation
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| **Skills, competencies and/or knowledge** | ***Candidates must:*****Organising and Management Skills*** Demonstrate the ability to lead on clinical practice and service quality.
* Demonstrate the ability to plan and organise effectively.
* Demonstrates evidence of clinical knowledge and evidence based practice when organising and managing

**Building and Maintaining Relationships (including Team Skills & Leadership Skills)*** Demonstrate the ability to lead on clinical practice and service quality.
* Demonstrate the ability to build, lead and manage a team.
* Demonstrate strong communication and influencing skills.
* Demonstrates evidence of clinical knowledge and evidence based practice when building and maintaining relationships

**Commitment to Providing a Quality Service*** Demonstrate practitioner competence and professionalism.
* Demonstrate initiative and innovation in the delivery of service.
* Demonstrate resilience and composure.
* Demonstrate openness to change.
* Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development.
* Demonstrate a willingness to develop IT skills relevant to the role.

**Professional Knowledge*** Demonstrate an awareness of relevant legislation and policy e.g. legislation relevant to the service area, health and safety, infection control etc.
* Demonstrate an awareness of HR policies and procedures including disciplinary procedures, managing attendance etc.
* Demonstrate knowledge of quality assurance practices and their application to nursing procedures.
* Demonstrate the ability to relate nursing research to nursing practice.
* Demonstrate an awareness of current and emerging nursing strategies and policies in relation to the clinical / designated area.
* Demonstrate an awareness of the Health Service Transformation Programme.

**Analysis Problem Solving & Decision Making Skills*** Demonstrate promotion of evidence-based decision making.
* Demonstrate integrity and ethical stance.
* Recognise when it is appropriate to refer decisions/problems to the next level
* Relies on experience to anticipate, understand and evaluate problems/make decisions
* Demonstrates sound practical judgement and decisiveness
* Gathers information from arrange of sources to make well-founded decisions/solve problems and takes information on board quickly and accurately.
* Uses experience to generate a number of possible alternatives

**Communication & Interpersonal Skills*** Demonstrates strong communication and influencing skills
* Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills including the ability to build and maintain relationships.
* Demonstrates principles of confidentiality with all information
* Demonstrates evidence of clinical knowledge and evidence based practice in their communication skills
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| **Campaign Specific Selection Process****Ranking/Shortlisting / Interview** | A ranking and or shortlisting exercise may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for ranking and or shortlisting are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of this job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements. Failure to include information regarding these requirements may result in you not progressing to the next stage of the selection process. Those successful at the ranking stage of this process, where applied, will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation. |
| **Diversity, Equality and Inclusion**  | The HSE is an equal opportunities employer.Employees of the HSE bring a range of skills, talents, diverse thinking and experience to the organisation. The HSE believes passionately that employing a diverse workforce is central to its success – we aim to develop the workforce of the HSE so that it reflects the diversity of HSE service users and to strengthen it through accommodating and valuing different perspectives. Ultimately this will result in improved service user and employee experience. The HSE is committed to creating a positive working environment whereby all employees inclusive of age, civil status, disability, ethnicity and race, family status, gender, membership of the Traveller community, religion and sexual orientation are respected, valued and can reach their full potential. The HSE aims to achieve this through development of an organisational culture where injustice, bias and discrimination are not tolerated. The HSE welcomes people with diverse backgrounds and offers a range of supports and resources to staff, such as those who require a reasonable accommodation at work because of a disability or long-term health condition. Read more about the HSE’s commitment to [Diversity, Equality and Inclusion](https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/diversity/diversity.html)  |
| **Code of Practice** | The Health Service Executive will run this campaign in compliance with the Code of Practice prepared by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA).The CPSA is responsible for establishing the principles to be followed when making an appointment. These are set out in the CPSA Code of Practice. The Code outlines the standards to be adhered to at each stage of the selection process and sets out the review and appeal mechanisms open to candidates should they be unhappy with a selection process.Read the [CPSA Code of Practice](https://www.cpsa.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.cpsa.ie/media/275828/b88e3648-c663-4293-9471-d2d75bd1d685.pdf).  |
| The reform programme outlined for the health services may impact on this role, and as structures change the Job Specification may be reviewed.This Job Specification is a guide to the general range of duties assigned to the post holder. It is intended to be neither definitive nor restrictive and is subject to periodic review with the employee concerned. |

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**Terms and Conditions of Employment**

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| **Tenure**  | The current vacancy available is specified purpose and whole time The post is pensionable. A panel may be created from which permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part time duration may be filled. The tenure of these posts will be indicated at “expression of interest” stage. Appointment as an employee of the Health Service Executive is governed by the Health Act 2004 and the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004 and Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Amendment Act 2013. |
| **Working Week** | The standard working week applying to the post is to be confirmed at Job Offer stage. ***\*\*Please note the hours of work include working: days, nights, week-ends, unsocial hours as required to meet service needs****.*HSE Circular 003-2009 “Matching Working Patterns to Service Needs (Extended Working Day / Week Arrangements); Framework for Implementation of Clause 30.4 of Towards 2016” applies. Under the terms of this circular, all new entrants and staff appointed to promotional posts from Dec 16th, 2008 will be required to work agreed roster / on call arrangements as advised by their line manager. Contracted hours of work are liable to change between the hours of 8am-8pm over seven days to meet the requirements for extended day services in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement (Implementation of Clause 30.4 of Towards 2016). |
| **Annual Leave** | The annual leave associated with the post will be confirmed at Contracting stage. |
| **Superannuation** | This is a pensionable position with the HSE. The successful candidate will upon appointment become a member of the appropriate pension scheme. Pension scheme membership will be notified within the contract of employment. Members of pre-existing pension schemes who transferred to the HSE on the 01st January 2005 pursuant to Section 60 of the Health Act 2004 are entitled to superannuation benefit terms under the HSE Scheme which are no less favourable to those which they were entitled to at 31st December 2004 |
| **Age** | The Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act, 2018\* set 70 years as the compulsory retirement age for public servants.***\* Public Servants not affected by this legislation:***Public servants joining the public service or re-joining the public service with a 26 week break in service, between 1 April 2004 and 31 December 2012 (new entrants) have no compulsory retirement age.Public servants, joining the public service or re-joining the public service after a 26 week break, after 1 January 2013 are members of the Single Pension Scheme and have a compulsory retirement age of 70. |
| **Probation** | Every appointment of a person who is not already a permanent officer of the Health Service Executive or of a Local Authority shall be subject to a probationary period of 12 months as stipulated in the Department of Health Circular No.10/71. |
| **Protection of Children Guidance and Legislation** | The welfare and protection of children is the responsibility of all HSE staff. You must be aware of and understand your specific responsibilities under the Children First Act 2015, the Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 in accordance with Section 2, Children First National Guidance and other relevant child safeguarding legislation and policies. Some staff have additional responsibilities such as Line Managers, Designated Officers and Mandated Persons. You should check if you are a Designated Officer and / or a Mandated Person and be familiar with the related roles and legal responsibilities.Visit [HSE Children First](https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/primarycare/childrenfirst/resources/) for further information, guidance and resources. |
| **Infection Control** | Have a working knowledge of Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc. and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. |
| **Health & Safety** | It is the responsibility of line managers to ensure that the management of safety, health and welfare is successfully integrated into all activities undertaken within their area of responsibility, so far as is reasonably practicable. Line managers are named and roles and responsibilities detailed in the relevant Site Specific Safety Statement (SSSS). Key responsibilities include:* Developing a SSSS for the department/service[[1]](#footnote-2), as applicable, based on the identification of hazards and the assessment of risks, and reviewing/updating same on a regular basis (at least annually) and in the event of any significant change in the work activity or place of work.
* Ensuring that Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) is integrated into day-to-day business, providing Systems Of Work (SOW) that are planned, organised, performed, maintained, and revised as appropriate, and ensuring that all safety related records are maintained and available for inspection.
* Consulting and communicating with staff and safety representatives on OSH matters.
* Ensuring a training needs assessment (TNA) is undertaken for employees, facilitating their attendance at statutory OSH training, and ensuring records are maintained for each employee.
* Ensuring that all incidents occurring within the relevant department/service are appropriately managed and investigated in accordance with HSE procedures[[2]](#footnote-3).
* Seeking advice from health and safety professionals through the National Health and Safety Function Helpdesk as appropriate.
* Reviewing the health and safety performance of the ward/department/service and staff through, respectively, local audit and performance achievement meetings for example.

**Note**: Detailed roles and responsibilities of Line Managers are outlined in local SSSS.  |

1. A template SSSS and guidelines are available on [writing your site or service safety statement](https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/health-and-safety/safety-statement/).

2 Structures and processes for effective [incident management](https://www2.healthservice.hse.ie/organisation/qps-incident-management/incident-management/) and review of incidents. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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