

Dietetic Assistant Practitioner

Department: Health & Social Care

Division: Therapies

Reports to: Specialist Dietitian

Accountable to: Head of Nutrition & Dietetics

JE Reference: HCS1300

Grade: CS7

JE Date: 11/04/2024

Job purpose

To work independently as a member of the Nutrition & Dietetic team. This includes anthropometric assessments (including weight, height, Body Mass Index, hand-grip strength and mid upper arm circumference), calculating nutritional requirements, collecting and interpreting medical, biochemical and pharmacological information and from this creating and reviewing dietetic nutritional treatment plans; under the guidance of registered dietitians (RDs). This post will involve seeing patients across a variety of clinical settings including the acute wards at JGH, outpatient clinics and nursing homes.

Job specific outcomes

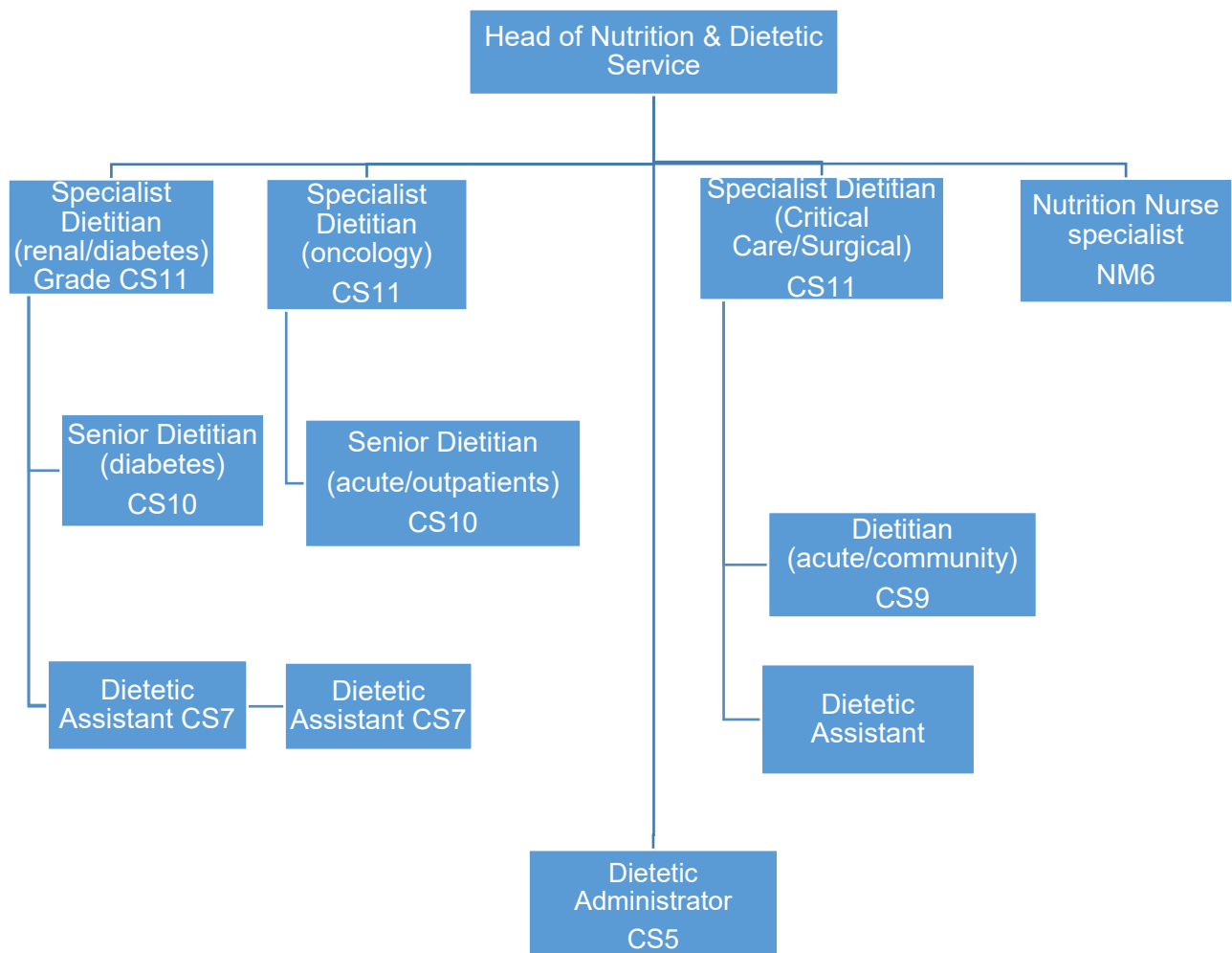
- To complete nutritional assessments, create treatments plan and review these as appropriate across both the inpatient and outpatient services.
- To organise the ordering and distribution of oral nutritional supplements and enteral feeds, including liaison with external companies.
- To provide patient-related administrative support for the Dietitians and participate in secretarial duties with the dietetic secretaries.
- To contribute to the development of the dietetic service.
- To work as part of the Nutrition & Dietetic team to improve nutritional care to patients, through timely assessments and review of nutritional care plans.
- Following training, to obtain accurate anthropometric measurements e.g. weight, height, body mass index and information from food/fluid charts and analyse/interpret results
- To act independently within set guidelines and be able to prioritise own workload. • To support the departmental audit and training programmes.
- Maintain appropriate records in line with GDPR and Jersey Data Protection Law
- Contributes to the nutrition & dietetic department governance and quality improvement agenda. Support changes and where appropriate supports implementation by the wider team, taking into consideration the impact on other professions and departments.
- To understand and report clinical risk, safeguarding and how to report incidents as appropriate

- Responsible for following HCS safeguarding policy to ensure that all vulnerable adults are protected.

Statutory responsibilities

Active engagement, participation and compliance with any other statutory responsibilities applicable to the role, as amended from time to time.

Organisation chart



Person Specification

Specific to the role

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	<p>5 GCSE A-C including Maths and Biology.</p> <p>BSc or MSc in Nutrition/ Sports Nutrition/ Biology.</p>	<p>Membership to British Dietetic Association as Dietetic Assistant.</p>
Knowledge	<p>Recognising the limits of scope and authority within role.</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of healthcare associated nutritional issues.</p> <p>Accepts responsibility and accountability for own work.</p> <p>Understanding of the importance of partnership working and building positive relationships across the government and wider community.</p> <p>Understands the principles of confidentiality.</p>	<p>Knowledge and experience of working in healthcare settings.</p>
General Skills/Attributes	<p>Highly organised at prioritising workload and taking a flexible approach when adapting to the needs of patients.</p> <p>Ability to work effectively and to task with limited supervision.</p> <p>Ability to prioritise workload.</p> <p>Self-motivated and able to demonstrate initiative.</p> <p>Effective communication skills, both written and verbal.</p>	
Technical / Work-based Skills	<p>Proficient use of Microsoft Office applications e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook.</p>	<p>A clean driving Licence and access to a vehicle.</p>

	<p>Ability to conduct structured research and analysis and to make recommendations based on a wide range of information.</p> <p>Ability to employ evidence-based monitoring and evaluation approaches and effectively communicate findings and recommendations to decision makers.</p>	
Experience	<p>Experience of secretarial/administrative duties.</p> <p>Experience of working as part of a team.</p>	Experience of working in a healthcare setting.
Criteria relating to Safeguarding	Current DBS check.	

Core Accountabilities, Attributes and Behaviour Indicators

Appointees to this role will be required to adhere to and perform their duties in line with the standards identified in the States of Jersey tier 5/6 core accountabilities attributes and behaviour indicators.

Organisational structure

