



Job Description **Community Asthma Advisor**

Overview

The role of Community Asthma Advisor sits within the Health Improvement function. The postholder will work to support the NENC ICS to achieve the NHSE/I ambition to:

- Reduce avoidable harm from asthma (control and reduce the risk of asthma attacks)
- Improve quality of life
- Develop and embed a whole system approach to improve environment, education, personalised care, preventative medicine and accuracy/ timeliness of diagnosis.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Acting as a resource of specialised paediatric expertise providing advice for other professionals. This includes the education about the management of chronic Asthma and associated pathways and signposting as appropriate
- Liaising and working with other professionals, statutory and voluntary agencies to enable children to reach their full health potential.
- Supporting settings to ensure smoking cessation programmes are actively promoted/available to families of children with asthma. Liaise with health promotion and other relevant teams to assist with smoking cessation, health prevention activities within the schools and wider settings and to support them to be proactive in referring children/family/carers who smoke to smoking cessation services.
- Leading on the development and roll out of general and more specialised training programme across the system into education and social care settings and into primary care and other healthcare settings.
- Providing educational input across the system to ensure that CYP family and others are supported to ensure optimum self-care/management
- Supporting the development of seamless services between hospital, home and school, working with other professionals from multiple organisations to maintain quality of care for children, young people and their families.
- Acting as an advisor to ensure safe and effective management of Asthma in the community.
- Supporting caseload holders and other professionals to supply training for families/carers/education and other professional staff to enable them to feel confident and competent in caring for their child at home or in the wider community.
- Assisting in the development of working partnerships with local paediatric and adult asthma care providers to facilitate smooth transition and transference to primary care



and/or adult respiratory specialist services. Working with the professionals to promote safe and effective transition for children, young people and their families.

- Working collaboratively and in partnership with the primary health care teams to provide continuity of care and avoid duplication of roles and enhance communication.
- Undertaking the role in a child and family centred manner and take into consideration the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of children and encourage others in the system to adopt this approach

Communication

- Communicating complex information in an accessible way with the wider-disciplinary teams and other professionals across the education, health, social care and universal services and community sector to ensure their active involvement in the management of care to CYP with a diagnosis of asthma or a suspected diagnosis of asthma
- Assisting key partners to enable patients, families and other professional colleagues with understanding of health condition and promote self and community supported management.
- Acknowledging and accommodate barriers to communication across the complicated multi agency system.
- Working towards the provision of specialist advice to a range of health care professionals and other clinical, professional and non-professional partners within the scope of specialist practice.
- Compiling comprehensive records in accordance with existing employing Trust guidelines and in line with the reasonable expectations of the NENC CHWN Asthma Leadership Group.

This job description is designed to identify key responsibilities of the post. It is not an exhaustive list of duties and will be subject to amendment as necessary in consultation with the post holder.



Person Specification

Qualifications & Knowledge

Essential

- Either have completed, be in the process of completing or be willing to complete (if required following discussion with the Asthma Leadership Group), training that meets the learning outcomes of the Rotherham Respiratory Training courses (Asthma Foundation course and Advancing Asthma care)
- Maintain your professional registration to practice and must continue to be a member of the relevant professional body throughout the lifespan of the work under the SLA.

Skills and Experience

Essential

- Experience of working with children with asthma and their families
- Experience of planning/delivering and evaluating training or teaching of any kind

Personal Characteristics

- An approachable, positive, and supportive attitude, as well as the ability to work cooperatively and flexibly with others.
- A high level of self-motivation, with the ability to influence and inspire others.
- Ability to work towards and meet deadlines.
- Ability to balance, prioritise and progress multiple tasks.
- Key focus on customer service and user requirements.
- An awareness of confidentiality and data protection.



Values and Behaviours

HI NENC has developed a clear vision for the direction of the company. A set of values and behaviours have also been developed and agreed to underpin this vision and these are listed below. Applicants and employees will be expected to demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to these values and behaviours, which will be assessed through the recruitment, selection and appraisal processes.

Support - We are respectful of others, value their opinions, are approachable and inclusive in all that we do.

Collaborate - We promote connections, and open and honest professional working environments where knowledge and experience is shared.

Achieve - We are committed to delivering high quality work, pushing the boundaries, setting high ambitions, sharing our successes and celebrating our achievements with pride.

Adapt - We work with positivity, agility and flexibility, adapting our approach and solutions in response to the challenges at hand.

Innovate - We encourage creative thinking by adopting an open-minded approach, providing a safe space to fail and learn without judgement.

