

Job Description - Generic for information

Post Title: Reception Clerk

Band: 2

Job Purpose:

The post holder is responsible for undertaking reception duties and support for patients self checking in for appointments across a number of receptions desks across all Trust sites. The post holder will also undertake the booking and scheduling of patient appointments and associated administrative duties. All activities within the Booking and Scheduling Service must ensure patients are offered an appropriate choice of appointments.

Service Purpose

The Booking and Scheduling Service operates a Trust-wide patient appointment centre that undertakes the booking and scheduling of patient appointments, a reception service and administrative support to the community midwifery team. The Administration and Reception team support patients on attendance at Trust services and undertake administrative duties including reception cover and appointment booking. The service will operate to meet the needs of the clinical services which may operate extended hours in the evenings and at the weekend to ensure wider patient access. The post holder will be required to work flexibly to cover these hours of operation and may be expected to work across all Trust sites.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Undertake booking & scheduling of appointments to a range of services including community, imaging and outpatients appointments.
- Check patients into and out of clinics ensuring accurate data capture and entry of patient personal information and clinical information in relation to clinic appointments.
- Promote the use of self-check in for outpatient clinics using Trust technology.
- Provide a friendly and approachable patient reception service across Trust reception desks across Trust sites and service areas.
- Handle enquiries from patients and staff in relation to appointment booking and scheduling within the reception areas.
- Maintain an up to date electronic and paper office filing system.



- Use Trust Booking & Scheduling systems to undertake bookings into community, outpatient and imaging including the entry, processing and transmitting of patient data.
- Ensures data entry onto Trust systems is consistent with workflows and follow standard operating procedures.
- Provide non-clinical advice in relation to administrative arrangements.
- Ensure that the appointment check-in process in undertaken in line with Trust procedures. This includes asking patients questions on overseas visitors status and escalating concerns to the Overseas Visitors Manager and team.
- Ensure all mechanisms are in place to facilitate the patient's attendance at the clinic including ordering patient ambulances and interpreters as required.
- Use Trust systems including waiting list and patient tracking list information to ensure patients are booked and scheduled in the correct order.
- Follow Trust policy in relation to processes for assessment and management of potential overseas visitors including the accurate recording of information and escalation of concerns to the line manager.
- Follow departmental policies and standard operating procedures for the undertaking of work tasks and duties.
- Deliver a high-level of customer service in all interactions with patients, their relatives, carers and staff to ensure the highest standards in respect of patient privacy and dignity.

Values Based Behaviours:

Care: we show we care about people		
	Shows empathy to others and a caring attitude to people (staff, patients and the public)	
Ambition: we want the best for people	Motivates and coaches others to support them to develop their own capabilities and skills.	
	Links individual development needs with service goals.	
	Has the resilience to keep going in adversity and shows a can do attitude to deliver improvements for others.	
	Strives to ensure the role or service they deliver is the best	
Respect: we value the	Notice the suggestions of others even if you may not agree.	



differences and talents of people	Provide constructive feedback. Show appropriate professional standards at all time. Concentrates on what is right rather than who is right.
Engage: we involve people in how we do things	Seeks feedback and input into decision making and service improvement for all people involved (patients, staff and the public). Actively takes others views into account. Shows a positive outlook to delivering the best service possible, and leads others by example.
Learn : we learn from people, past, present and future	Checks outcomes against plan. Uses evidence and experience of others to inform improvements to services for patients and staff Values, generates and uses evidence to lead future improvements

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Skills, Knowledge & Aptitudes	Good level of numeracy and literacy skills Able to communicate clearly both in verbal and written communications Basic keyboard & PC skills Working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages i.e. Outlook, Word, Excel Organised and methodical with an attention to detail Professional and friendly telephone manner. Able to maintain accuracy to high standards. Understanding of confidentiality, Data Protection and Caldicott principles. Able to recognise and resolve routine issues referring where appropriate	Knowledge of NHS waiting time requirements and procedures.



Qualifications & Learning	Educated to GCSE level or equivalent including English and Mathematics European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) Qualification or equivalent.	Additional Customer Service or Administration qualification such as an NVQ Qualification
Experience	Experience of working in an office or administrative environment preferably within a healthcare environment Previous experience of data entry/ input.	Knowledge of a hospital based Patient Administration System. Experience of working in a NHS reception or appointment booking environment.
Personal Qualities	Flexible and adaptable to change. Ability to work to a deadline and to priorities own work load. Ability to work on own unsupervised. Courteous and friendly. Be able to work under pressure in a busy environment. Ability to work independently or as part of a team. Able to multi task Capable of dealing with sensitive and confidential documents and situations	Able to implement new ideas to benefit patients, staff and working environment
Other	Keen to develop personal skills Good work attendance Flexibility & motivation Able to change duties at short notice Occupational Health cleared to perform the duties of the role.	