

## Responsibilities of the PTC Lead Nurse

The role for the PTC lead Nurse is at the head of the care of the patient with cancer, works full time in paediatric oncology and a minimum of 50% of the post holder's time is to be spent on the role and responsibilities as described below.

The overriding purpose of the lead nurse role is to provide professional and clinical leadership and support to nursing staff within the PTC. Post holders will be responsible for all elements of the nursing services and will also be expected to contribute to the strategic development of the whole service in line with the individual hospital trust and relevant national targets.

The PTC Lead Nurse is expected to fulfil the following key responsibilities:

- To be an expert in the care of children and young people with cancer
- Has been trained at least according to the external training criteria specified in the introduction to the children's cancer measures;
- Advances the development and practice of evidence-based paediatric cancer nursing in the trust, in line with national recommendations and measures where available;
- Collaborates with all members of the multi-disciplinary team in ensuring the advancement of child and family focussed cancer care and support;
- Develops and implements communication arrangement with nursing and members of the MDT across the network
- Works clinically on a regular basis, this should be at least 20%, thus demonstrating expert clinical practice, professional competence, authority and credibility
- Work with the trust/network to coordinate the nursing elements of preparation for peer review visits or self assessments
- Provides professional advice, leadership and support on Haematology/Oncology issues to the District General Hospital (Shared Care Units) within the region;
- Is responsible for continuing management and strategic planning of the regional Children and Young People's Haematology/Oncology Service.

Agreed by:



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