

Job Description

Title:	Radiographer
Band:	5
Staff Group:	Allied Health Professional
Reports to:	Imaging Modality Superintendent

Job Purpose:

- To conduct diagnostic radiography examinations across a range of general radiography, upon a range of patient types both as an autonomous practitioner and as part of a multi professional team, in a manner that meets professional, departmental, Trust and legal standards and requirements.
 - To independently assess each patient and adapt radiographic techniques according to the needs of the patient.
 - To use professional discretion and experience to ensure that clinical practice is carried out correctly, professionally and within the legal framework.
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Key Responsibilities

Clinical

- Able to conduct and complete examinations across a range of general radiography, upon a range of patient types both as an autonomous practitioner and as part of a multi professional team, in a manner that meets professional, departmental, Trust and legal standards and requirements.
- Able to interpret Clinician's requirements, to determine the appropriate radiographic technique and ensure that it is performed in accordance with best practice and that the resultant images are diagnostic.
- When no Band 6 radiographer available during out of hours working, use discretion to work outside of departmental standards when clinical circumstances necessitate i.e. undertaking additional or specialist techniques.
- To independently assess each patient and adapt radiographic technique according to the needs of the patient.
- To check finished radiographs against accepted diagnostic standards, including patient details and to act appropriately according to findings.
- May offer a verbal opinion of the images taken by themselves or their colleagues and provide advice to other practitioners and clinicians if requested.
- To be able to use the departmental radiology information computer system to register patients, to check results and appointments.
- To be able to accurately use CR, DR and PACS to a standard that allows advanced use and basic troubleshooting.
- To relate to all manner of patients with understanding and care, respecting their privacy and dignity to provide a caring and confidential service.
- To manage their own workload and to help other radiographers when possible.
- To work as part of the departmental health care team.
- Participation in one of the out of hours rotas.
- To be competent in the use of all the X-ray equipment and to report all equipment faults to the superintendent radiographer / Band 6/7 radiographer.
- To undertake the departmental and Trust induction programme.

- To adhere to all national and Trust policies including the Health and Safety Regulations, COSHH Regulations, the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR.
- To comply with all radiation protection policies such as IR(ME)R 2017.
- To observe all manual handling criteria when: -
 - moving patients from waiting areas into the x-ray rooms
 - transferring patients on and off the X-ray table
 - positioning patients into the correct radiographic position
 - moving mobile X-ray equipment
- To be aware of and participate in all Quality Control procedures within the Department, including Quality Assurance testing for image quality and equipment safety, and to help with clinical audits within the Department.
- To undertake radiography at other hospitals within the trust if required.
- To undertake any further relevant duties as required when requested by the Band6/7 Radiographer, Superintendent Radiographer or Radiology Manager.
- To attend when required, a Major Incident procedure whether real or simulated.

Professional

- To act as an independent radiographic practitioner, meeting the HCPC standards of conduct, performance, ethics, proficiency and CPD.
- To use professional discretion and experience to ensure that clinical practice is carried out correctly, professionally and within the legal framework.
- To maintain own level of competence through continuing professional development through participation in internal and external development opportunities and to maintain a portfolio of evidence in support of CPD undertaken.
- To undertake and participate in clinical audit and research and to act on the findings where possible.
- To assist with the practical training of students and learners in the department.
- To treat as confidential all patient information obtained in the course of this post.

Communication

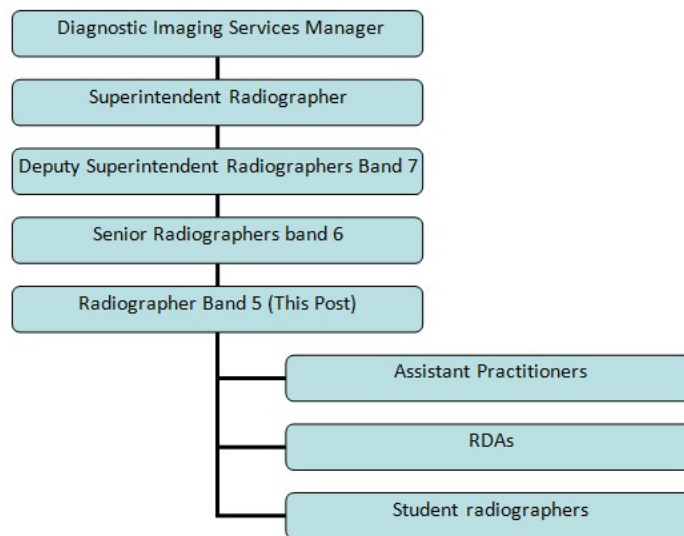
- To communicate effectively and appropriately, with all users of the service, across all age groups and abilities, observing confidentiality and information governance. This will include: -
 - Patients, Carers & Relatives: to explain procedures, pre and post care, to check allergies and other contra indications, follow up procedures, radiation issues; appointments
 - Radiologists: to discuss examination techniques, results and outcomes, appointments
 - Other Health Care Professionals: to discuss patient examinations, preparation and post procedure care, diagnostic results; radiation issues, appointments; service issues and problems
 - Wards/Departments: on any issues involving patients; on any issue affecting the provision of the X-ray service

Physical Effort & Working Conditions

- The post holder will: -
 - Have frequent use of VDU equipment.
 - Have regular exposure to distressing or emotional situations on a daily basis e.g. caring for terminally ill or badly injured patients, giving constructive feedback to trainees.
 - Have occasional exposure (few times per month) to highly distressing situations e.g. severe trauma cases, cardiac arrest, discovering cancers.

- Have frequent exposure to body fluids e.g. blood, urine etc and infection risks and occasional exposure to fleas/lice.
- Have occasional exposure to intoxicated, aggressive or abusive patients and relatives.
- Have daily exposure to unpredictable workload.
- Be required to position and manoeuvre patients and equipment on a daily basis. In any clinical situation, patients may be ambulant, in a wheelchair, or on a bed or stretcher. Transfer to an X-ray couch is necessary. Movement of wheelchairs, stretchers/beds over short distances throughout the working period is required, as is the movement of heavy mobile equipment around the hospital wards and operating theatres. Movement of wheelchairs and beds around the hospital site as required.

Organisational Chart



Other

This job description does not purport to cover all aspects of the job holder's duties but is intended to be indicative of the main areas of responsibility.



Management Essentials

We are proud to offer a comprehensive development programme, Management Essentials, designed to equip staff with the skills and knowledge to become effective managers.

This post has been identified as a role that will benefit from this training, and you will be able to enrol in both mandatory and, relevant, optional modules upon commencement with the Trust.

Please click [here](#) for further information on the Management Essentials programme.



Leadership Insights

Additionally, our new leadership development programme, Leadership Insights, aims to help all newly promoted, existing and aspiring leaders, at every level at the Trust, to recognise, reflect and role model the core principles of people-centred leadership.

If, this is of interest to you, you will be able to enrol upon commencement with the Trust.

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Person Specification

Qualifications

Essential

- Degree or Diploma in Diagnostic Radiology
- Hold current HCPC registration

Experience

Essential

- Understanding of current Ionising Radiation Regulations
- Evidence of CPD

Desirable

- Previous NHS experience
- Previous trauma radiography experience

Skills & Knowledge

Essential

- High levels of concentration and attention to detail
- Co-ordination and sensory skills for precise positioning of patients with narrow margin for error
- Speed and accuracy
- Understanding of current Ionising Radiation Regulations (2017) and Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposures) Regulations (2017)
- Demonstrate specialized keyboard skills required for image manipulation
- Professional Appearance
- Enthusiastic, positive and caring attitude
- Self-motivated
- Able to use initiative
- Flexible, punctual and reliable
- Able to handle stressful situations
- Confident manner
- Cheerful and empathetic disposition
- Ability to stand for long periods of time and have the ability to bend

Working Together For Patients with Compassion as One Team Always Improving

Strategic approach (clarity on objectives, clear on expectations)

Relationship building (communicate effectively, be open and willing to help, courtesy, nurtures partnerships)

Personal credibility (visibility, approachable, back bone, courage, resilience, confidence, role model, challenge bad behaviour, manage poor performance, act with honesty and integrity)

Passion to succeed (patient centred, positive attitude, take action, take pride, take responsibility, aspire for excellence)

Harness performance through teams (champion positive change, develop staff, create a culture without fear of retribution, actively listen and value contribution, feedback and empower staff, respect diversity)

Job holders are required to act in such a way that at all times the health and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is safeguarded. Familiarisation with and adherence to the Safeguarding Policies of the Trust is an essential requirement for all employees. In addition, all staff are expected to complete essential/mandatory training in this area.

Print Name:

Date:

Signature: