

Practice Nurse

Mendip Country Practice

The closing date 5th October 2021



Would you like a consulting room with a view, rolling hills and beautiful sunsets, then look no further. Mendip Country Practice is looking to recruit an experienced and motivated Chronic Disease Nurse to join our small friendly nursing team.

The post holder will provide and maintain a high standard of chronic disease management for patients with chronic diseases, which includes the diagnosis, monitoring and development of patient's individual management plans and agreeing these as appropriate with the patient and other health professionals.

The post is for a minimum of 24 hours per week, but we are willing to negotiate.

Salary – dependant on experience

Main duties of the job

The Successful candidate will work as part of the primary healthcare team providing General Medical Services to the patients of the Practice. Their main responsibility will be to provide for chronic disease management of our patients.

The successful applicant must have excellent communication skills and flexibility is imperative due to the nature of the role

About us

The practice is a long established busy rural dispensing practice with 5,600 patients. We have 4 partners, 1 advanced nurse practitioner, 1 practice nurse, 2 HCA, ably assisted by friendly supportive team of admin and receptionists. We are forward thinking, achieving high QOF achievements. We are a training practice for ST Doctors, Medical Students and nurses. We are affiliated to Bristol University and for several years running have won the 'best medical school teaching practice in Bath' award. You would have the opportunity to develop your mentoring skills of nursing team members who are undertaking further qualifications. The successful candidate would be actively encouraged to increase their skill set if they so desired, for example training in sexual health, coils and implants, or non-clinical prescribing qualification.

Mendip Country Practice is the host practice for Mendip Primary Care Network, which consists of 5 practices within the Mendip area, with a registered population of 37,179. We are an active PCN, at present employing 12 staff, and actively looking to increase this over the coming months, including a PCN nurse to help establish a critical care hub.

- CQC rating = good
- Good holiday package = pro rata of 5 weeks, plus bank holidays, additional leave is accrued with length of service.
- Access to NHS pension scheme.

Job responsibilities

Main duties

- Management of long term conditions Involvement implementing and using protocols and clinical guidelines
- Work with patients in order to support compliance with, and adherence to, prescribed treatments
- Willingness to engage in audit and research, with training
- Initiate, perform and interpret diagnostic procedures as appropriate for chronic disease management
- Support recall procedures, appropriate literature and health promotion, and audit
- Maximise Quality Outcomes Framework income

Other duties as required to support your colleagues:

- Offer advice about childhood and adult vaccinations and ensure vaccines are administered under patient group directions.
- Running well person clinics and health promotion programmes by providing a holistic assessment and lifestyle advice on diet, smoking, alcohol intake and exercise. Facilitates change.
- Assessing problems presented opportunistically by patients, willingness to learn about minor illness.
- Perform a holistic assessment of patients attending for ear irrigation.
- Perform a holistic assessment of patients attending for cervical cytology smear tests.
- Provide a holistic approach to wound management and implement wound care in line with current evidence based guidelines.
- Suture removal.
- Wound care / ulcer care / Doppler
- Take ECGs
- Carry out new patient health checks
- Perform venepuncture according to local guidelines
- Requesting pathology tests for example urine culture, swabs
- Offer a holistic approach to travel health by providing comprehensive advice to patients prior to travel including; vaccinations and medicines, safe sex, food hygiene, sun protection.
- Able to document Consultations according to NMC guidelines, at all times there will be a need to maintain accurate records.
- Ability to obtain and document informed consent (either verbal or written).

- Ensures awareness of statutory and local clinical protection procedures, including systems of referral. Ability to recognise signs and symptoms of child abuse.

Person Specification

Essential

- At least 2 years' experience of working in General Practice.
- Able to demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to professional development
- An understanding, acceptance and initiative and common sense.
- Ability to work without direct supervision and determine own workload priorities.
- Ability to work as part of an integrated multi-skilled team.
- Adherence to the need for strict confidentiality.
- Flexibility of working hours/able to cover for nursing colleagues when required.

Qualifications

Essential

- Registered RGN
- Recognised qualification/training in chronic disease management e.g. Asthma/COPD/Diabetes.
- Keyboard and computer skills

Desirable

- Cervical Cytology trained
- Coil and implant trained
- Vaccination and Immunisation trained
- Wound Management including Doppler's
- Experience with the following software - Emis, Ardens and AccuRx.

To apply please send your CV to: - Mrs Ruth Woodland, Practice Manager ruth.woodland@nhs.net

We are also happy to organise an informal visit - ruth.woodland@nhs.net or phone 01373 814880.