

**Clinical Nurse Manager 1, Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital**

**Job Specification & Terms and Conditions**

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| **Job Title and Grade** | **Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (Supplementary Campaign), Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital (KROH)**  (Grade Code: 2127) |
| **Campaign Reference** | **25KROH1607** |
| **Closing Date** | **08.08.2025 at 2pm**  *Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted* |
| **Proposed Interview Date (s)** | **Week Commencing 26th August 2025 (To be confirmed)** |
| **Taking up Appointment** | A start date will be indicated at job offer stage. |
| **Location of Post** | **Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital, Kilkenny (KROH) incorporating University Hospital Waterford, Ireland East Hospital Group**  A panel may be formed as a result of this campaign for CNM1 for Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital from which current and future, permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part-time duration may be filled. |
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| **Details of Service** | Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital is an elective orthopaedic hospital serving the people of the south east.  It is part of the Ireland East Hospital Group.  It is a 41 bedded hospital and offers a suite of orthopaedic services including major joint replacements. We also provide a rehabilitation service to orthopaedic trauma patients.  In partnership with South East Technological University (SETU) pre-registration education and training for nurses is provided. |
| **Reporting Relationship** | The post holder will report to the Assistant Director of Nursing and be accountable to the Director of Nursing. |
| **Purpose of the Post** | To be responsible for the management, care, and treatment of service users, to ensure that the optimum standard of care is provided within the designated area(s) of responsibility.  The primary role of the Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (CNM1) will be one of clinical and professional leadership and development in the nursing team, including the development of nursing staff by means of in-service training, orientation of new staff and arranging for clinical experience and supervision of student nurses where this is appropriate. The role will also include the development and roll out of Quality Improvement Initiatives as per the Health, Information & Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards for Safer Better Healthcare. |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | The Clinical Nurse Manager 1 will:  **Professional / Clinical**   * Be responsible for the co-ordination, assessment, planning, implementation, and review of care for service users according to service standards. * Provide safe, comprehensive nursing care to service users according to the Code of Professional Conduct as laid down by the Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing Midwifery Board Ireland) and Professional Clinical Guidelines. * Practice nursing according to: * Professional Clinical Guidelines * National and Area Health Service Executive (HSE) guidelines * Local policies, protocols and guidelines * Current legislation * Manage own caseload in accordance with the needs of the post. * Encourage evidence-based practice, using a care planning approach to nursing care. * Participate in teams as appropriate, communicating and working in co-operation with other team members. * Collaborate with service users, family, carers and other staff in treatment / care planning and in the provision of support and advice. * Communicate verbally and / or in writing results of assessments, treatment / care programmes and recommendations to the team and relevant others in accordance with service policy. * Plan discharge or transition of the service user between services as appropriate. * Assist in providing staff leadership and motivation, which is conducive to good staff relations and work performance. * Ensure that service users and others are treated with dignity and respect. * Maintain nursing records in accordance with local service and professional standards. * Contribute to the development and maintenance of nursing standards, protocols and guidelines consistent with the highest standards of patient care. * Maintain professional standards in relation to confidentiality, ethics and legislation. * In consultation with CNM2/ADON and other disciplines, implement and assess quality management programmes. * Participate in clinical audit as required. * Devise and implement Health Promotion Programmes for service users as relevant to the post. * Lead and implement change, with particular reference to recommendations of the Commission on Nursing and the Health Service reform programme. * Operate within the Scope of Practice - seek advice and assistance from his / her manager with any cases or issues that prove to be beyond the scope of his / her professional competence in line with principles of best practice and clinical governance.   **Health and Safety**   * Play a central role in maintaining a safe environment for service users, staff and visitors e.g. by contributing to risk assessment. * Assist in observing and ensuring implementation and adherence to established policies and procedures e.g. health and safety, infection control, storage and use of controlled drugs etc. * Observe, report and take appropriate action on any matter which may be detrimental to service user care or wellbeing / may be inhibiting the efficient provision of care. * Adequately identifies, assesses, manages and monitors risk within their area of responsibility. * Ensure completion of incident / near miss forms. * Adhere to department policies in relation to the care and safety of any equipment supplied for the fulfilment of duty. * Have a working knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc. and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. * Support, promote and actively participate in sustainable energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service.   **Education and Training**   * Engage in continuing professional development by keeping up to date with nursing literature, recent nursing research and new developments in nursing management, education and practice and to attend staff study days as considered appropriate. * Provide a high level of professional and clinical leadership. * Provide supervision and assist in the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes of staff and assigned students. * Be familiar with the curriculum training programme for student nurses and be aware of the clinical experience required to meet the needs of the programme. * Participate in the assessment of student nurse proficiency in clinical nursing skills as part of his/her role as preceptor. * Engage in the HSE performance achievement process in conjunction with your Line Manager and staff as appropriate.   **Personnel / Administrative**   * Exercise authority in the running of the assigned area(s) as deputised by the CNM. * Provide the necessary co-ordination and deployment of nursing and support staff in designated area(s) of responsibility, ensuring that skill mix takes account of fluctuating workloads and ensuring maximisation of available resources. * Assess and monitor trends through collection and analysis of activity and data and keeping CNM2 and Senior Nursing Management informed of changing work patterns, which may require increased resource allocation. * Collaborate with the CNM2 in preparing, implementing and evaluating budget and service plans for the clinical area. * Co-operate in managing all resources - including nursing and non-nursing staff within an agreed budget. * Promote a culture that values diversity and respect in the workplace. * Assist in maintaining the necessary clinical and administrative records and reporting arrangements / contribute to quality assurance by assisting in data collection. * Ensure that patient care equipment is maintained to an appropriate standard. * Ensure compliance with legal requirements, policies and procedures affecting service users, staff and other hospital matters. * Participate actively in the Nursing Management structure by ‘acting up’ when required. * Engage in IT developments as they apply to service user and service administration.   **The above Job Specification is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to them from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.** |
| **Eligibility Criteria**  **Qualifications and/ or experience** | **Each candidate must, at the latest date for receipt of completed applications for the post possess:**  **1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications & Experience**   * Candidates must be registered in the General Division of the Register of Nurses maintained by the Nursing and Midiwfery Board of Ireland [NMBI] (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann) or be entitled to be so registered.   **And**   * Have at least 3 years post registration fulltime experience (or an aggregate of 3 years post registration full time experience) of which 1 year post registration full time experience (or an aggregate of 1 years post registration full time experience)must be in the speciality or related area of nursing care in an orthopaedic environment as relevant to the role.   **And**   * Have the clinical, managerial and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role   **And**   |  | | --- | | * Candidates must demonstrate evidence of Continuing Professional Development. |   **Annual Registration**   * On appointment, Practitioners must maintain live annual registration on the relevant division of the Register of Nurses and Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann).   **And**     * Confirm annual registration with NMBI to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).   **3. Health**   * A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.   **4. Character**   * Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character.   *Please note that appointment to and continuation in posts that require statutory registration is dependent upon the post holder maintaining annual registration in the relevant division of the register maintained by Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland)* |
| **Post Specific Requirements** | Demonstrate depth and breadth of experience in the area of nursing care in an orthopaedic environment as relevant to the role. |
| **Other requirements specific to the post** | Have access to appropriate transport to fulfil the requirements of the role |
| **Skills, competencies and/or knowledge** | **Professional Knowledge & Experience**   * Demonstrate practitioner competence and professionalism. * Demonstrate knowledge of Quality & Patient Safety within Hospital. * Demonstrate an awareness of current and emerging nursing strategies and policy in relation to the clinical / designated area. * Demonstrate the ability to relate nursing research to nursing practice. * Demonstrate an awareness of HR policies and procedures including disciplinary procedures. * Demonstrate an awareness of relevant legislation and policy e.g., health and safety, infection control etc. * Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development. * Demonstrate a willingness to develop IT skills relevant to the role.   **Organisation and Management Skills**   * Demonstrate the ability to plan and organise effectively. * Demonstrate the ability to manage deadlines and effectively handle multiple tasks. * Demonstrate an awareness of resource management and the importance of value for money. * Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability in their approach to work   **Building and Maintaining Relationships *(including Team Skills and Leadership Potential)***   * Demonstrate the ability to work on own initiative as well as part of a team * Adopts a collaborative approach to patient care by co-ordination of care / interventions and interdisciplinary team working. * Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills including the ability to build and maintain relationships. Fosters good professional work relationships between colleagues * Demonstrates the ability to lead on clinical practice   **Commitment to providing a Quality Service**   * Demonstrates a strong commitment to the delivery of quality service. * Display awareness and appreciation of the service user and the ability to empathise with and treat others with dignity and respect. * Demonstrates integrity and ethical stance. * Demonstrate motivation, initiative and an innovative approach to job and service developments, is flexible and open to change.   **Analysis, Problem Solving and Decision-Making Skills**   * Demonstrates evidence-based decision-making, using sound analytical and problem-solving ability. * Shows sound professional judgement in decision-making. * Takes an overview of complex problems before generating solutions; anticipates implications / consequences of different solutions. * Uses a range of information sources and knows how to access relevant information to address issues. * Demonstrate resilience and composure in dealing with situations.   **Communication Skills**   * Demonstrate strong communication skills - presents written information in a concise, accurate and structured manner. * Demonstrates the ability to influence others effectively. * Anticipates and recognises the emotional reactions of others when delivering sensitive messages. |
| **Campaign Specific Selection Process**  **Ranking/Shortlisting / Interview** | A ranking and or shortlisting exercise may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for ranking and or shortlisting are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of this job specification. Therefore, it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements.  Failure to include information regarding these requirements may result in you not being called forward to the next stage of the selection process.  Those successful at the ranking stage of this process (where applied) will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation. |
| **Diversity, Equality and Inclusion** | The HSE is an equal opportunities employer.  Employees of the HSE bring a range of skills, talents, diverse thinking and experience to the organisation. The HSE believes passionately that employing a diverse workforce is central to its success – we aim to develop the workforce of the HSE so that it reflects the diversity of HSE service users and to strengthen it through accommodating and valuing different perspectives. Ultimately this will result in improved service user and employee experience.  The HSE is committed to creating a positive working environment whereby all employees inclusive of age, civil status, disability, ethnicity and race, family status, gender, membership of the Traveller community, religion and sexual orientation are respected, valued and can reach their full potential. The HSE aims to achieve this through development of an organisational culture where injustice, bias and discrimination are not tolerated.  The HSE welcomes people with diverse backgrounds and offers a range of supports and resources to staff, such as those who require a reasonable accommodation at work because of a disability or long term health condition.  For further information on the HSE commitment to Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, please visit the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion web page at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/diversity/> |
| **Code of Practice** | The Health Service Executive will run this campaign in compliance with the Code of Practice prepared by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA).  The CPSA is responsible for establishing the principles that should be followed when making an appointment. These are set out in the CPSA Code of Practice. The Code outlines the standards that should be adhered to at each stage of the selection process and sets out the review and appeal mechanisms open to candidates should they be unhappy with a selection process.  The CPSA Code of Practice can be accessed via <https://www.cpsa.ie/>. |
| The reform programme outlined for the Health Services may impact on this role and as structures change the job specification may be reviewed.  This job specification is a guide to the general range of duties assigned to the post holder. It is intended to be neither definitive nor restrictive and is subject to periodic review with the employee concerned. | |



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**Terms and Conditions of Employment**

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| **Tenure** | The post is pensionable. A panel may be created for Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital from which future permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part time duration may be filled. The tenure of these posts will be indicated at “expression of interest” stage.  Appointment as an employee of the Health Service Executive is governed by the Health Act 2004 and the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004 and Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Amendment Act 2013. |
| **Remuneration** | The Salary scale for the post is: **01.03.2025 (Pro Rata for Part-Time)**  €56,081 €57,098 €58,533 €59,992 €61,443 €62,903 €64,529 €66,045  Salary Scales are updated periodically and the most up to date versions can be found here: <https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/benefits-services/pay/pay-scales.html>  New appointees to any grade start at the minimum point of the scale. Incremental credit will be applied for recognised relevant service in Ireland and abroad (Department of Health Circular 2/2011). Incremental credit is normally granted on appointment, in respect of previous experience in the Civil Service, Local Authorities, Health Service and other Public Service Bodies and Statutory Agencies. |
| **Working Week** | The standard weekly working hours of attendance for your grade are 37.5 hours per week. Contracted hours that are less than the standard weekly working hours for your grade will be paid pro rata to the full time equivalent. Hours of work will be confirmed at contracting stage. |
| **Annual Leave** | The annual leave associated with the post will be confirmed at Contracting stage. |
| **Superannuation** | This is a pensionable position with the HSE. The successful candidate will upon appointment become a member of the appropriate pension scheme. Pension scheme membership will be notified within the contract of employment. Members of pre-existing pension schemes who transferred to the HSE on the 01st January 2005 pursuant to Section 60 of the Health Act 2004 are entitled to superannuation benefit terms under the HSE Scheme which are no less favourable to those which they were entitled to at 31st December 2004 |
| **Age** | The Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Act, 2018\* set 70 years as the compulsory retirement age for public servants.  ***\* Public Servants not affected by this legislation:***  Public servants joining the public service or re-joining the public service with a 26 week break in service, between 1 April 2004 and 31 December 2012 (new entrants) have no compulsory retirement age.  Public servants, joining the public service or re-joining the public service after a 26 week break, after 1 January 2013 are members of the Single Pension Scheme and have a compulsory retirement age of 70. |
| **Probation** | Every appointment of a person who is not already a permanent officer of the Health Service Executive or of a Local Authority shall be subject to a probationary period of 12 months as stipulated in the Department of Health Circular No.10/71. |
| **Protection of Children Guidance and Legislation** | The welfare and protection of children is the responsibility of all HSE staff. You must be aware of and understand your specific responsibilities under the Children First Act 2015, the Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 in accordance with Section 2, Children First National Guidance and other relevant child safeguarding legislation and policies.  Some staff have additional responsibilities such as Line Managers, Designated Officers and Mandated Persons. You should check if you are a Designated Officer and / or a Mandated Person and be familiar with the related roles and legal responsibilities.  Visit [HSE Children First](https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/primarycare/childrenfirst/resources/) for further information, guidance and resources. |
| **Infection Control** | Have a working knowledge of Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards etc. and comply with associated HSE protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. |
| **Health & Safety** | It is the responsibility of line managers to ensure that the management of safety, health and welfare is successfully integrated into all activities undertaken within their area of responsibility, so far as is reasonably practicable. Line managers are named and roles and responsibilities detailed in the relevant Site Specific Safety Statement (SSSS).  Key responsibilities include:   * Developing a SSSS for the department/service[[1]](#footnote-1), as applicable, based on the identification of hazards and the assessment of risks, and reviewing/updating same on a regular basis (at least annually) and in the event of any significant change in the work activity or place of work. * Ensuring that Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) is integrated into day-to-day business, providing Systems Of Work (SOW) that are planned, organised, performed, maintained, and revised as appropriate, and ensuring that all safety related records are maintained and available for inspection. * Consulting and communicating with staff and safety representatives on OSH matters. * Ensuring a training needs assessment (TNA) is undertaken for employees, facilitating their attendance at statutory OSH training, and ensuring records are maintained for each employee. * Ensuring that all incidents occurring within the relevant department/service are appropriately managed and investigated in accordance with HSE procedures[[2]](#footnote-2). * Seeking advice from health and safety professionals through the National Health and Safety Function Helpdesk as appropriate. * Reviewing the health and safety performance of the ward/department/service and staff through, respectively, local audit and performance achievement meetings for example.   **Note**: Detailed roles and responsibilities of Line Managers are outlined in local SSSS. |

1. A template SSSS and guidelines are available on the National Health and Safety Function, here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/safetywellbeing/about%20us/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See link on health and safety web-pages to latest Incident Management Policy [↑](#footnote-ref-2)