

**Grade VI, Section Officer,**

**HR - Leadership and Capability**

**Job Specification & Terms and Conditions**

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| **Job Title, Grade Code** | Grade VI, Section Officer  (Grade Code: 0574) |
| **Campaign Reference** | NRS14898 |
| **Closing Date** | **Monday 8th September 2025** |
| **Proposed Interview Date (s)** | Proposed interview dates will be indicated at a later stage. Please note you may be called forward for interview at short notice. |
| **Taking up Appointment** | A start date will be indicated at job offer stage. |
| **Location of Post** | There is currently one specified purpose (12 months) whole-time vacancy available in HR- Leadership and Capability Offices, 4th Floor, 20-23 Merchants Quay, Dublin 8  A panel may be formed as a result of this campaign for **Grade VI, Section Officer in National HR – Leadership and Capability, National Human Resources, Dublin** 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** | National Human Resources (HR) provides strategic support, direction, advice and interventions to all areas of the health service, recognising that all staff throughout the system are key to the delivery of excellent people capability.  Implementing the Health Services People Strategy 2019 - 2024 is an organisational priority and supports the development of current and future health and social care leaders. Our shared purpose is to deliver safer better healthcare and staff and public value, and collectively support the significant reform and change agenda in Ireland.  HR is committed to build capacity for change and address the people and culture priorities that impact on the organisation.  Being competent and maximising the organisational capacity to work in a complex environment is a key requirement over the next ten years as the health system will continue to navigate and address key drivers for change including the following:  Policy and reform agenda – the recommendations of the Committee on the Future of Healthcare in the Sláintecare Report (May 2017), the Public Service 2030 Transformation Strategy, Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing and the Health Services Capacity Review (2018) all set out a challenging agenda for reform, public accountability and greater productivity. Sláintecare in particular will continue to challenge how health services deliver care and the fundamental assumptions informing current ways of working and organisational modes.  **Standards and regulation** – driving quality, service improvements and accountability.  **Applying evidence and knowledge** – demonstrating better ways of delivering outcomes.  **Levering e-health and technology** – using technology enabled solutions.  **Increased demands** – including demographic and epidemiological changes.  **Resource pressures** – finite capacity to meet demands and service developments.  **Multi-generational workforce** – meeting the needs of our diverse workforce, competition for talent, attracting, recruiting and retaining high calibre people.  **Increase in social movement** – citizens mobilised, digitally connected to global influences, investing in and becoming co-producers of health and social gain.  The function of Leadership and Capability is to help enhance the performance of integrated services at organisational, team and individual levels.  Leadership and Capability works closely with Service colleagues to develop and prioritise learning and development to ensure we have the capability and capacity to confidently deliver person-centred care, problem solve and innovate. This approach is reflected in Sláintecare which requires increasing organisational capacity, enhancing leadership accountability and building a sustainable, resilient workforce that is supported and enabled to deliver the Sláintecare vision. |
| **Reporting Relationship** | The post holder will report to the General Manager, for Leadership and Capability or other designated officer and be ultimately responsible to the Assistant National Director, HR – Leadership and Capability. |
| **Key Working Relationships** | The post holder will work closely with the General Manager, the Assistant National Director, HR – Leadership and Capability, along with other members of the wider Leadership and Capability team. They will have on-going engagements with service leads and staff across the HSE. |
| **Purpose of the Post** | The post holder will be responsible for managing and supporting agreed programmes, projects and initiatives in line with the People Strategy across Leadership and Capability. |
| **Principal Duties and Responsibilities** | * Manage and support projects, initiatives and programmes across the Leadership and Capability services as required, including HSeLanD and the Health Service Leadership Academy. * Manage and support the administration of Leadership and Capability Scholarship Schemes. * Support the Assistant National Director on all recruitment activities across Leadership and Capability, liaising with Leadership and Capability managers and the National Recruitment Services. * Lead and support procurement processes for Leadership and Capability as required. * Manage Administrators and staff as assigned within the Leadership and Capability function. * Manage and coordinate Leadership and Capability events. * Manage and support the administration of the Leadership and Capability Classroom Management System (CMS) on HSeLanD. * Design, facilitate and deliver a range of Leadership and Capability programmes and bespoke interventions to support managers, teams and leaders. * Support the development, recording and editing of Leadership and Capability training scenario videos and promotional videos using editing software. * Manage the development and quality assurance of training materials and documentation. * Support the administration of the Health Service Leadership Academy, the SKILL Programme and other programmes as required. * Develop and draft reports, presentations and documentation for the Assistant National Director, HR-Leadership and Capability, General Managers and other Leadership, Learning and Talent Management (LLTM) staff as required. * Assist in the induction and training of new staff members as required. * Ensure a whole systems approach avoiding duplication to maximise efficiency and effectiveness. * Manage departmental records and archives, ensuring that records are accurate, maintained confidentially and readily available as required. * Support with the financial activity of Leadership and Capability, including responsibility for creation of purchase requisitions, processing purchase orders and invoice payments through the SAP IFMS system and budgets. * Lead on or contribute to monthly/annual and other ad-hoc reports and department documentation as required across Capability and Culture e.g. budgets, finance, accruals, and activity reports. * Enable learning and development initiatives which include design, development, facilitation, and evaluation processes. * Provide administrative support for departmental meetings, by attending and minute taking as required and actively participate in meetings where appropriate. * Establish and maintain relationships with key internal and external stakeholders. * Promote cooperation and team-working internally within Leadership and Capability. * Ensure deadlines are met and that service levels are maintained at all times. * Proactively support change management and continuous improvement within Leadership and Capability. * Provide support and/or cover as required for team members within Leadership and Capability. * Manage and maintain Leadership and Capability asset and risk registers. * Ensure line management is kept informed of progress and any risks identified for Leadership and Capability. * Actively engage in and identify personal development/training needs as relevant to the role and bring to Line Manager for review. * Keep the General Manager and Assistant National Director appraised of emerging issues. * Keep up to date on emerging trends and best practice in learning and development.   **Customer Service**   * Promote and maintain a customer focused environment by ensuring service users / customers are treated with dignity and respect. * Seek feedback from service users / customers and implement change to incorporate same, in agreement with Line Manager.   **Human Resources / Supervision of Staff**   * Manage the performance of staff, dealing with underperformance in a timely and constructive manner. * Ensure an even distribution of workload amongst the team, taking into account absence due to annual leave etc. * Supervise and ensure the wellbeing of staff within own remit. * Create and promote a positive working environment among staff members, which contributes to maintaining and enhancing effective working relationships. * Promote cooperation and working in harmony with other teams and disciplines. * Conduct regular staff meetings to keep staff informed and to hear views. * Solve problems and ensure decisions are in line with local and national agreements. * Identify and agree training and development needs of team and design plan to meet needs. * Pursue and promote continuous professional development in order to develop management expertise and professional knowledge. * Engage in the HSE performance achievement process in conjunction with your Line Manager and staff as appropriate.   **Service Delivery and Service Improvement**   * Ensure accurate attention to detail in own work and work of team. * Maintain a good understanding of internal and external factors that can affect service delivery including awareness of local and national issues that impact on own area. * Embrace change and adapt local work practices accordingly by finding practical ways to make policies work, ensuring team knows how to action changes. * Encourage and support staff through change processes. * Monitor efficiency of service provided by team, identify and implement changes to the administration of the service where inefficiencies arise.   **Standards, policies, procedures and legislation**   * Contribute to the development of policies and procedures for own area and for wider Leadership and Capability. * Maintain own knowledge of relevant policies, procedures, guidelines and practices to perform the role effectively and to ensure standards are met. * Maintain own knowledge of relevant regulations and legislation e.g. Employment, Health and Safety Legislation, Financial Regulations, Freedom of Information Acts etc. * Adequately identifies, assesses, manages and monitors risk within their area of responsibility. * Have a working knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards and other 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. * To support, promote and actively participate in sustainable energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service.   **The above Job Description 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 him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.** |
| **Eligibility Criteria**  **Qualifications and/ or experience** | **This campaign is confined to staff who are currently employed by the HSE, TUSLA, other statutory health agencies\*, or a body which provides services on behalf of the HSE under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004 as per Workplace Relations Commission agreement -161867**  **Candidates must have at the latest date of application: -**  **Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**  (a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:   1. Have satisfactory experience as a Clerical Officer in the HSE, TUSLA, other   statutory health agencies, or a body which provides services on behalf of the  HSE under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004  Or   1. Have obtained a pass (Grade D) in at least five subjects from the approved list   of subjects in the Department of Education Leaving Certificate Examination,  including Mathematics and English or Irish\*. Candidates should have obtained  at least Grade C on higher level papers in three subjects in that examination.  Or   1. Have completed a relevant examination at a comparable standard in any equivalent   examination in another jurisdiction.  Or   1. Hold a comparable and relevant third level qualification of at least level 6 on the   National Qualifications Framework maintained by Qualifications and  Quality Ireland, (QQI).  Note:  Candidates must achieve a pass in Ordinary or Higher-level papers. A pass in a foundation  level paper is not acceptable.  Candidates must have achieved these grades on the Leaving Certificate Established  programme or the Leaving Certificate Vocational programme.  The Leaving Certification Applied Programme does not fulfil the eligibility criteria.  **and**  (b) Candidates must possess the requisite knowledge and ability, including a high standard  of suitability, for the proper discharge of the office.  **Health**  Candidates 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.  **Character**  Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character. |
| **Post Specific Requirements** | * Significant experience relevant to the role of working in the area of HR or Learning and Development. * Experience working in a role which has involved leading out on projects, ensuring the achievement of project deliverables through collaborative working as relevant to the role. * Experience in professional writing, to include the development of reports,   presentations and documentation for senior management.   * Experience in staff management. |
| **Other requirements specific to the post** | Access to appropriate transport is necessary to fulfil the requirements of the role. |
| **Additional eligibility requirements** | **Citizenship Requirements**  Eligible candidates must be:   1. EEA, Swiss, or British citizens   **OR**   1. Non-European Economic Area citizens with permission to reside and work in the State   Read Appendix 2 of the Additional Campaign Information for further information on accepted Stamps for Non-EEA citizens resident in the State, including those with refugee status.  To qualify candidates must be eligible by the closing date of the campaign. |
| **Skills, competencies and/or knowledge** | **Professional Knowledge and Experience**  **Demonstrates:**   * Knowledge of the Health Services People Strategy. * Knowledge of HSE HR Policies and Procedures. * An understanding of the work of HR Leadership and Capability. * An understanding of SAP financials and the National Financial Regulations as they apply to this role. * Knowledge of the Health Service, wider health service structure and HSE reform. * An understanding of learning styles and other relevant models as they apply to this role. * Maximise the use of ICT, demonstrating excellent computer skills particularly Microsoft Office, Outlook etc. * Demonstrate the ability to work in line with relevant policies and procedures. * Demonstrate commitment to developing own professional knowledge and expertise. * A good understanding of relevant regulations and legislation e.g., Employment, Health and Safety, Freedom of Information Acts etc. * An understanding of the relevant strategies, reports, programmes and projects applicable to the role.   **Planning and Managing Resources**   * Demonstrate the ability to effectively plan and manage own workload and that of others in an effective and methodical manner within strict deadlines, ensuring deadlines are met. * Prioritises effectively to manage multiple projects concurrently, structuring and re-organising own workload and that of others as needed. * Demonstrates responsibility and accountability for the timely delivery of agreed objectives.   **Commitment to a Quality Service**   * Practices and promotes a strong focus on delivering high quality customer service for internal and external customers and an awareness and appreciation of the service user. * Proactively identifies areas for improvement and develops practical solutions for their implementation. * Embraces and promotes the change agenda, supporting others through change and effectively seeing it through. * Demonstrate flexibility and initiative during challenging times and an ability to persevere despite setbacks.   **Evaluating Information, Problem Solving & Decision Making**   * Demonstrate numeracy skills, an ability to analyse and evaluate information, considering a range of critical factors in making effective decisions. Recognises when it is appropriate to refer decisions to a higher level of management. * Demonstrate initiative in the resolution of complex issues / problem solving and proactively develop new proposals and recommend solutions. * Ability to make sound decisions with a well-reasoned rationale and to stand by these as appropriate.   **Team working**   * Demonstrate an ability to work as part of the team in establishing a shared sense of purpose and unity. * The ability to work with the team to facilitate high performance, developing clear and realistic objectives. * Demonstrates leadership; creating a team spirit, leading by example, coaching and supporting individuals to facilitate high performance and staff development. * Demonstrate a commitment to promoting a culture of involvement and consultation within the team, welcoming contributions from others.   **Communications & Interpersonal Skills**   * Demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills including the ability to present information in a clear, concise and confident manner (verbally and written). * Demonstrate the ability to influence people and events and the ability to build and maintain relationships with a variety of stakeholders to assist in performing the role. * Demonstrate commitment to regular two-way communication across functions and levels, ensuring that messages are clearly understood. |
| **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 progressing 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.  Read more about the HSE’s commitment to [Diversity, Equality and Inclusion](https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/diversity/diversity.html) |
| **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 to be followed when making an appointment. These are set out in the CPSA Code of Practice. The Code outlines the standards to 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.  Read the [CPSA Code of Practice](https://www.cpsa.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.cpsa.ie/media/275828/b88e3648-c663-4293-9471-d2d75bd1d685.pdf). |
| 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. | |



**Grade VI Section Officer**

**Terms and Conditions of Employment**

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| **Tenure** | The current vacancy available is temporary (12 months) and whole-time.  The post is pensionable. A panel may be created from which 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 (as at 01/08/2025):  €57,325 - €58,691 - €60,359 - €63,491 - €65,363 - €**67,695 - €70,034 LSIs**  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 **35** hours per week. Your normal weekly working hours are **35** hours. Contracted hours that are less than the standard weekly working hours for your grade will be paid pro rata to the full time equivalent.  You are required to work agreed roster/on-call arrangements advised by your Reporting Manager. Your contracted hours are liable to change between the hours of 8.00am and 8.00pm over seven days to meet the requirements for extended day services in accordance with the terms of collective agreements and HSE Circulars. |
| **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 [writing your site or service safety statement](https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/health-and-safety/safety-statement/).

   2 Structures and processes for effective [incident management](https://www2.healthservice.hse.ie/organisation/qps-incident-management/incident-management/) and review of incidents. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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