

POSITION DESCRIPTION



JHFMHN - Mental Health Care Worker (DT no Diploma) - The Forensic Hospital

Our CORE values

Collaboration Openness Respect Empowerment



Organisation	NSW Health
Local Health District / Agency	Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network
Position Classification	Diversional Therapist No Dip
State Award	Health Employees (State) Award
Category	Allied Health Diversional Therapist
Website	www.justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

PRIMARY PURPOSE

This position provides practical support services to aid clinical staff within the multidisciplinary team. In coordination with the multidisciplinary team, the Mental Health Care Worker will be involved in the initiation of appropriate general service delivery and providing mental health care while maintaining the safety and security of the patients and staff in the Forensic Hospital.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Current NSW Driving licence.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Provide Mental Health Care Worker services to all wards when required and complete any other duties in accordance with the MHCW role as directed by Nursing Unit Manager or Deputy Director of Nursing.
- To be an active member of the unit's multidisciplinary team, in relation to proactively engaging in patient care and fulfilling operational activities/tasks.
- To assist in the facilitation and development of diversional, therapeutic, recreational and educational activities both on and off the unit, under the supervision of nursing staff or a member of the multidisciplinary team.
- Respond and assist in the management of emergencies when required or directed by nursing staff or a member of the multidisciplinary team.
- To escort patients on internal ground access and external leave as required or directed by nursing staff or a member of the multidisciplinary team.
- Document patient observations and interactions in the patient's health record where required, under the supervision of nursing staff or a member of the multidisciplinary team.
- To assist in creating a secure and calm environment within the principles of Therapeutic Security.
- To have working knowledge of mental health and recovery issues and to maintain a positive attitude towards people with a mental illness
- Adhere to all Ministry of Health and Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network policies and procedures.

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KEY CHALLENGES

- Working in a high secure environment

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Who	Why
Nurse Managers/Nurse Unit Manager/Deputy Director of Nursing	Provide and receive feedback; operational issues
Multi-disciplinary team, Multi-disciplinary team and Security Officers	Collaborate on patient care
Nursing Staff	Liaise over patient care, delegation, supervision

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Previous experience or a genuine interest in working with people with a mental illness.
- Ability to engage and support patients in a calm and safe environment.
- Ability to deliver diversional activities.
- Ability to provide assistance with non-clinical tasks in a high secure mental health environment.
- Demonstrated effective verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The role and responsibilities are to be carried out in a manner that is consistent with delegations, policies, procedures and operations systems of JH&FMHN, and in line with both the NSW Health Code of Conduct and JH&FMHN Code of Conduct.

The following specific requirements should be noted:

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- **Vaccination**

Category A

- **Employment Checks**

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- **Workplace Culture**

Model the NSW Health CORE values and the JH&FMHN values and ensure all workplace conduct is consistent with the behaviours associated with those values and both the NSW Health Code of Conduct and JH&FMHN Code of Conduct.

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