



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job:	Senior Dietician
Location:	CHO 8 Meath CDNT 5 (Navan / Slane)
Contract Hours:	14 hours per week / 0.40 WTE
Contract Type:	Permanent Part-time
Reporting to:	Children's Disability Network Manager

Overall Purpose of the Post:

The post holder will provide clinical nutrition services to Service Users referred by the Children's services teams. This involves the provision of nutritional counselling and nutritional support to Service Users and their families, and includes the initial consultation as well as ongoing review

Duties:

- To provide an evidence based dietetic service to Service Users in the designated area within a best practice/evidence based framework.
- Be responsible for nutritional assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of treatment / intervention programmes for Service Users according to professional standards; identify requirement for oral/enteral nutrition support and/or therapeutic diet.
- Be able to make highly specialist clinical decisions following assessment of complex cases.
- Provide advice and participate in meetings with teams regarding feeding, eating, drinking and swallowing difficulties.
- An understanding of the nutritional difficulties prevalent in intellectual disability, autistic spectrum disorder and physical & sensory disabilities.
- To liaise with medical/ nursing, interdisciplinary teams and family/carers in planning of nutritional care including Case Conferences where applicable.
- To keep up to date with advances in evidence based practice relevant to assigned area of work and to participate in CPD including attendance at relevant educational meetings, conferences and internal training, and training relevant to clinical nutrition products.
- Day to day management of the designated caseload including planning, assessment and intervention.
- An ability to work closely in collaboration with the other members of the interdisciplinary team in the planning and delivery of services for children and young people.
- To support the development of nutrition and dietetic services in line with regional reconfiguration of disability services under PDS (Progressing Disability Services).
- To provide evidence-based nutrition counselling and support to Service Users and their families/carers and Children's Services teams as required.
- To keep up-to-date with advances in clinical nutrition research, and ongoing review and evaluation of medical and nutritional literature relevant to the assigned area.

- To effectively communicate dietary and nutritional knowledge to medical, nursing, catering, and other personnel.
- To liaise with all appropriate personnel to ensure the provision of quality Service User centred nutritional care.
- To comply with and contribute to the development of Enable Ireland's and Progressing Disability Service guidelines standards, guidelines and policies in the relevant area.
- To maintain appropriate, accurate and up to date written records and reports regarding patient care, in accordance with professional guidelines and Enable Ireland information management policy.
- To maintain a high standard of professional behaviour and be accountable for your practice.
- To provide regular nutritional education in the area of expertise to appropriate personnel through in-service education sessions and lectures.
- To develop and maintain a range of educational material suitable for use by clients, the multi-disciplinary team, etc.
- To work with the services manager, team coordinators and team members in service provision, planning and project work.
- To actively participate in the interdisciplinary teams, including attending and contributing to appropriate multidisciplinary meetings, staff training/tutorials, journal clubs etc.
- To comply with statutory and mandatory training requirements.
- To work according to the National and Local policies relevant to Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People.
- To carry out team duties such as but not limited to Key Contact for allocated families, carry out IFSPs, contribute to team reports etc. This is in line with PDS National and Local policies.
- To carry out other duties as appropriate to the role. Duties and responsibilities of any post are likely to change with the evolving team practices in line with the PDS model of service delivery. A level of flexibility and adaptability is expected of all employees to support effective team working.

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 him/her from time to time, and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.

To minimise exposure to breaches of GDPR, strict compliance is required in the course of carrying out the duties of this job and working with others. This will include but is not limited to compliance with Enable Ireland's suite of GDPR Policies & Procedures, attending all GDPR Training sessions and ensuring personal responsibility for implementing safeguards and measures as directed.

Terms & Conditions

Responsible to: Children's Network Disability Manager

Probation: A probationary period of 6 months applies, wherein three probationary meetings will take place to review your performance and suitability for appointment. The probationary period may be extended or terminated for any reason at Enable Ireland's discretion. The probationary period may also be extended to facilitate statutory leave.

Salary:	The current salary scale for this post is €62,072 to €73,477 pro rata per annum. This pay scale is subject to increases in 2026 in accordance with the recent WRC agreement towards enhanced pay adjustments in Section 39 organisations.
Annual leave:	Annual leave entitlement is 33 days pro rata per annum.
Pension scheme:	Enable Ireland operates a contributory pension scheme, which all staff may join following their start date.
Medical:	The successful candidate will be required to undergo a medical assessment.
Garda Clearance/ Police Clearance:	These will be required for all prospective staff who undertake relevant work or activities relating to children or vulnerable persons.
Sick Pay: (If applicable)	All periods of sickness exceeding two days must be medically certified. Weekly medical certificates are required thereafter. The Company reserves the right to have you examined by its own Doctor after 3 months continuous sick leave. Upon completion of 6 months continuous service with the Company sick pay will be as follows: Full pay less social welfare for the first 13 weeks of sickness in any 12 month rolling period and half pay less social welfare for a further (13) weeks of sickness absence in the same 12 month rolling period. Previous service tenure on a CDNT, which was managed by Enable Ireland as Lead Agency, and/or inwards secondment to Enable Ireland, qualifies for eligibility of Enable Ireland's sick pay benefits as outlined in the Enable Ireland Sick Leave Policy.
Redeployment	In exceptional circumstances the organisation reserves the right to redeploy you to an alternative role that is suitable to your skills and experience.