



Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Decontamination Lead) Job Specification & Terms and Conditions

Job title, grade code	Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Decontamination Lead) Bainisteoir Altra Cliniciúil 3 (Ceannaire Dí-éillithe) <i>(Grade Code: 233X)</i>
Remuneration	The salary scale for the post is (01/06/2026) €72,146; €73,573; €77,183; €78,603; €80,031; €81,478 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.
Campaign reference	26UHWN0409
Closing date	24.09.2026 at 2pm We recommend that candidates submit their application a minimum of 1 hour before the closing date and time to ensure their application form has been uploaded successfully to Rezoomo. Applications will not be accepted after this date and time; no exceptions will be made
Proposed interview date (s)	To be confirmed
Taking up appointment	A start date will be indicated at job offer stage.
Location of post	University Hospital Waterford incorporating Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital A panel may be formed as a result of this from which current and future, permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part-time duration may be filled.
Informal enquiries	Niamh Sheehan Interim Director of Nursing University Hospital Waterford Email: NiamhM.Sheehan@hse.ie
Reasonable Accommodations	Candidates who require a Reasonable Accommodation/s to support their participation, at any stage, in the recruitment and selection process, should email Laura Ferguson, Campaign Lead Laura.ferguson@hse.ie
Details of service	University Hospital Waterford is a Model 4 hospital and provides a broad range of acute and regional services to the population of the South East. The catchment population of the south east region is 550,000 It is one to the 8 National Cancer Centres and is a Designated Teaching Hospital of University College Cork (UCC) and the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. In partnership with South East Technological University (SETU) pre-registration and post registration education and training for nurses is provided. Similarly in partnership with the University of Limerick, Direct Entry Midwifery students undertake their internship year on the University Hospital Waterford site.

	The following specialties are provided: • Gynaecology and obstetrics. • Paediatric services including regional neonatal Intensive care unit. • Colposcopy screening unit. • Critical care. • Emergency medicine. • General medicine including medicine of the elderly. • Endocrinology, cardiology and nephrology. • Cancer surgery • General surgery, urology and vascular surgery. • Regional ENT and ophthalmology. • Regional orthopaedic trauma services at UHW • Regional elective Orthopaedic services in conjunction with Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital (KROH) Kilkenny. • Regional Urology services. • Radiography including MRI and C.T. scanning services. • Designated cancer centre providing haematology and oncology inpatient and day services • Palliative care. • Sexual assault treatment unit. The decontamination service in UHW is a high activity discipline. In Main Theatre Department there are 8 Operating Theatres with a ninth just completed, maternity service has one Obstetric Theatre. There is also a minor ops theatre in OPD and currently two Endoscopy procedure rooms. The busy CSSD department has three instrument washers and three autoclaves. There is a Central Endoscope Decontamination Unit and is co-located to the CSSD and has four pass through Endoscope Washers and five Endoscope Drying cabinets. A TEE Unit is also used for the decontamination of TOE probes for Cardiac Services. The endoscopy unit throughput averages 3,700 procedure per year in two procedure rooms but there is also a mobile Endoscopy Unit to enable bowel screen lists. Decontamination of Ultrasound probes are carried out in local departments and the decontamination lead will work with department heads to ensure compliance to recommendations and standards for these. KROH delivers elective Orthopaedic services and has two Operating Theatres; The CSSD department in KROH has two instrument washers and two autoclaves. All Decontamination processes carried out in UHW and KROH will come under the guidance of the Decontamination Lead
Reporting relationship	<i>The post holder will:</i> Be professionally accountable to the Director of Nursing (DON), The Assistant Director of Nursing for Theatre and Endoscopy will be the Direct Line Management structure but the post holder will report on Decontamination Practices to Quality and Safety officer as required and work in partnership with the multidisciplinary team.
Purpose of the post	• To drive and support the implementation of HSE Standards and Recommended Practices for Decontamination, EU Directives, EU Standards, Joint Advisory Group (JAG) standards and Quality Management Systems for medical devices, such as ISO 13485:2014. • Participate in the planning process for on-going and future developments of the decontamination processes at UHW and KROH

	• Dissemination of all information from Statutory and regulatory bodies in relation to decontamination of Reusable Invasive Medical Devices (RIMDs) • Establish and maintain robust monitoring and reporting systems. • Work with clinicians and decontamination unit managers to develop and improve the systematic approach to decontamination of RIMDs. Liaise with Authorised Engineer Decontamination AE(D) re decontamination practices at UHW and KROH.
Principal duties and responsibilities	Professional / Clinical <i>The Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Decontamination Lead) will:</i> • Provide a high level of professional and clinical leadership. • Provide safe, comprehensive service within the guidelines laid out by the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland. • The Manager will practice nursing according to: ○ Professional Clinical Guidelines ○ National and Area Health Service Executive (HSE) guidelines. ○ Local policies, protocols and guidelines ○ Current legislation • Manage, monitor and evaluate professional and clinical standards ensuring an evidence based, care planning approach. • Manage own caseload in accordance with the needs of the post. • Participate in teams as appropriate, communicating and working in co-operation with other team members. • Facilitate co-ordination, co-operation and liaison across healthcare teams and programmes. • Be knowledgeable in the areas of decontamination systems, infection prevention and control and hygiene services • Drive and support the implementation of the National Standards and recommended practices for decontamination, European Union (EU) Directives, EU Standards, JAG Standards and Quality Systems for medical devices in each hospital decontamination facilities within the CUHG, maximising patient safety and minimising the risk of transmission of infection. • Ensure all the decontamination facilities at UHW and KROH are audited at least annually for compliance to HSE Standards and recommended practices for decontamination. Areas requiring additional support may require more frequent review. • Provide assurances to the Quality and Safety Committee that all risks/barriers to meeting HSE Standards and recommended practices for decontamination are identified, documented and risk assessed. • Ensure, in collaboration with decontamination facility leads, that quality improvement plans are designed to support actions that are needed to achieve compliance to mandatory and best practice standards in the prevention and control of infection.

	• Develop and monitor policies, continuous quality improvement and/or strategies for decontamination of RIMDs. Provide advice on all aspects relating to the decontamination lifecycle of re-useable medical device (invasive and non-invasive). • The Decontamination Lead shall chair the Decontamination Committee and update Terms of reference and membership as and when necessary. • Provide a report relating to Decontamination quarterly and annually to Infection Prevention and Control Committee. • The Decontamination Lead shall be part of the specialist group that considers the procurement of RIMD. • Determine if decontamination equipment is fit-for-use i.e. assessing/analysing water sampling of all Endoscope Washer Disinfectors (EWDs), reviewing test reports of decontamination equipment, environmental monitoring results etc. • Ensure that service users and others are treated with dignity and respect. • Ensure the maintenance of records in accordance with local service and professional standards. • Adhere to and contribute to the development and maintenance of decontamination standards, protocols and guidelines consistent with the highest standards of patient care. • Evaluate and manage the implementation of best practice policy and procedures • Maintain professional standards in relation to confidentiality, ethics and legislation. • In consultation with other disciplines, implement and assess quality management programmes as appropriate. • Initiate and participate in research studies as appropriate. • 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. • Ensure staff work in compliance with the Scope of Practice. Health & Safety <i>The Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Decontamination Lead) will:</i> • Ensure that effective safety procedures are developed and managed to comply with statutory obligations, in conjunction with relevant staff e.g. health and safety procedures, emergency procedures. • Take appropriate action on any matter identified as being detrimental to staff and/or service user care or well being / may be inhibiting the efficient provision of care. • Ensure adherence to established policies and procedures e.g. health and safety, infection control, storage and use of controlled drugs etc. • Ensure completion of incident / near miss forms.
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	• Maintain a feedback mechanism with the risk manager and report to Infection Prevention Control Committee (IPCC) or Quality and Safety Committee where appropriate. • Ensure adherence to department policies in relation to the care and safety of any equipment supplied for the fulfilment of duty. Ensure advice of relevant stakeholders is sought prior to procurement e.g. CNS infection control. • 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 <i>The Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Decontamination Lead) will:</i> • Contribute to service development through appropriate continuous education, research initiatives, keeping up to date with nursing literature, recent nursing research and new developments in decontamination, education and practice and attend appropriate staff study days. • Provide support and advice to those engaging in continuous professional development in his / her area of responsibility. • Participate in the identification, development and delivery of induction, education, training and development programmes for nursing and non-nursing staff. • Provide support supervision and professional development of appropriate staff. • Engage in performance review processes including personal development planning e.g. by setting own and staff objectives and providing and receiving feedback. Management <i>The Clinical Nurse Manager 3 (Decontamination Lead) will:</i> • Provide clear and consistent leadership to the decontamination personnel within UHW and KROH. • Plan, implement and monitor ISO Quality Management systems in decontamination facilities within UHW and KROH. • Exercise authority and co-ordinate the functions of the assigned area(s). • Provide support, advice and direction to staff as required. • Engage with the wider healthcare team and facilitate team building. • Drive best practice in the development of all decontamination facilities e.g. endoscopy, theatre, Central Sterile Services
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	Department (CSSD) and any local satellite areas carrying out decontamination of invasive or non invasive probes. Identify and document the key synergies that can be achieved to support this process and report findings to the stakeholders. • Chair the UHW / KROH Decontamination Committee • Each relevant member of staff shall be made aware of their responsibility in relation to the decontamination process. • Collation and presentation of non-conformance/customer complaints, route cause analysis, corrective action etc. • Ensure that all Directorial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are met and if not met, establish appropriate action plans to meet the standard. • Facilitate communication at departmental level and within the wider hospital group. • Provide staff leadership and motivation which is conducive to good working relations and work performance. • Promote a culture that values diversity and respect in the workplace. • Manage and promote liaisons with internal/external bodies as appropriate e.g. intra-hospital service, the community, voluntary organisations. • Contribute to the strategic management and planning process. • Formulate service plans and budgets in co-operation with the wider healthcare team. • Lead on practice development within the clinical area. • Manage resources, including staff, efficiently and effectively to ensure the highest standards of service. • Manage and evaluate the implementation of the service plan and budget. • Provide reports on activity and services as required. • Develop and manage departmental and nursing policy with a particular emphasis on change management. Monitor as appropriate and lead on proactive improvement. • Ensure compliance with legal requirements, policies and procedures affecting service users, staff and other hospital matters. • 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 him/her 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: 1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

	(a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition: i. Are registered in the General division of the Register of Nurses & Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland [NMBI] (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann) or entitled to be so registered. And ii. Have at least 5 years post registration full time (or an aggregate of 5 years post registration full time) experience of which 2 years (or an aggregate of 2 years post registration full time experience) must be in the speciality or related area of Decontamination. And iii. Have the clinical, managerial and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role And iv. Candidates must demonstrate evidence of continuous professional development And (b) Candidates must possess the requisite knowledge and ability including a high standard of suitability and clinical, managerial and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role. <u>2. Annual registration</u> (i) 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 (ii) Confirm annual registration with NMBI to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC). <u>3. Health</u> 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. <u>4. Character</u> Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character
Post specific requirements	• Demonstrate depth and breadth of experience in Decontamination Systems as relevant to the role including audit. • Hold a relevant qualification in Decontamination at a minimum of QQI level 7.

Other requirements specific to the post	Access to appropriate transport as this post will involve travel.
Additional eligibility requirements:	Citizenship requirements Eligible candidates must be: (i) EEA, Swiss, or British citizens OR (ii) 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. Read more about Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment Work Permits.
Skills, competencies and/or knowledge	Professional Knowledge and Experience <i>For example:</i> • Demonstrate practitioner competence and professionalism. • Demonstrate the ability to relate nursing research to decontamination practices. • Demonstrate an awareness of relevant legislation and policy e.g. legislation relevant to decontamination services, health and safety, infection control etc • 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 the Health Service Transformation Programme. • Demonstrate a commitment to continuing professional development. • Demonstrate a willingness to develop IT skills relevant to the role. Proactive Approach to Planning and Managing Resources <i>For example:</i> • Senses and keeps an ear to the ground on the corporate agenda. Leads on translating the corporate agenda into practical service planning. • Shows awareness of service needs; is able to analyse and assess current systems and demand levels to develop best system / approach based on needs. • Acts as the conduit to ensure that the learning from new service practices actively shapes future service plans. • Shows system understanding and the ability to balance multiple resourcing issues; can skilfully deploy and adjust human resources to meet changes, demands and contingencies. Leadership and Team Management Skills <i>For example:</i>

	• Demonstrates the ability to lead on clinical practice. • Articulates a vision and sets clear objectives for service delivery. • Demonstrate the ability to work within, lead and manage a team. • Is open to, leads and manages change. Makes a positive case for change / introduces new ways of working and sells the benefits of change to others; supports and monitors the implementation of change. Commitment to providing a Quality Service <i>For example:</i> • Demonstrate a strong commitment to the delivery of quality service. • Demonstrate the ability to lead on service quality and participate in the service planning and development process. • Demonstrate knowledge of quality assurance practices and their application to nursing procedures. • Demonstrate motivation, initiative and an innovative approach to job and service developments. Analysis, Problem Solving and Decision-Making Skills <i>For example:</i> • Demonstrates evidence-based decision-making, using sound analytical and problem-solving ability. • Shows sound professional judgement in decision-making; applies research findings to improve nursing practice and processes. • 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. Communication and Interpersonal Skills <i>For example:</i> • Demonstrates sensitivity to issues arising from multiple stakeholders. • Demonstrates good negotiation skills and assertiveness as appropriate. • Tailors communication to suit the needs of the audience and demonstrates sensitivity, diplomacy and tact when dealing with others. • Demonstrates resilience and composure in dealing with situations.
Campaign specific selection process Ranking/shortlisting / interview	A ranking and or shortlisting exercise may be carried out based on 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
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.
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

Tenure	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, the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004, and Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Amendment Act 2013.
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.
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. In the HSE, all Mandated Persons under the Children First Act 2015 are appointed as Designated Officers under the Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998. You should check Schedule 2 of the Children First Act 2015 to see if you are a Mandated Person, and therefore

	a HSE Designated Officer, and be familiar with the related roles and legal responsibilities. Visit HSE Children First 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/service¹, 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 need 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 managed appropriately and investigated in accordance with HSE procedures². • 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.

¹A template SSSS and guidelines are available on [writing your site or service safety statement](#).

²Structures and processes for effective [incident management](#) and review of incidents.