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## JOB TITLE: RECEPTIONIST

**REPORTS TO: Senior Receptionist/ Practice Management**

**Job Summary:**

Receive, assist and direct patients in accessing the appropriate service or healthcare professional in a courteous, efficient and effective way.

Provide general assistance to the practice team and project a positive and friendly image to patients and other visitors, either in person or via the telephone

**Job Responsibilities:**

* Provide an efficient, caring and understanding reception service to our patients and any other visitors to the practice.
* Deal with all general enquiries, explain procedures and make new and follow-up appointments.
* Ensure that patients with no prior appointment but who need urgent consultation are seen in a logical and non-disruptive manner.
* Explain practice arrangements and formal requirements to new patients and those seeking temporary cover and ensure procedures are completed.
* Ensure that all new patients are registered onto the computer system promptly and accurately, alongside our digital automated registration portal.
* Receive and make telephone calls as required. Divert calls and take messages, ensuring accuracy of detail and prompt appropriate delivery.
* Send via task messages requests for home visits, ensuring careful recording of all relevant details and following the surgery visit protocol.
* Managing the Practice Email inbox, to include responding, and the re-direction appropriately and accordingly
* Enter patient information on to the computer as required.
* Process patients’ change of address – computer data and medical records (have knowledge of Practice area).
* Deduction of patients that have moved out of the catchment area.
* Ensuring correct Death procedure is carried out in appropriate timeline.
* Having full understanding of the Practice complaints procedure & direct queries accordingly.
* Patient Access & NHS App – setting up patients for online ordering of medication and booking appointments.
* Undertake any other additional duties appropriate to the post as requested by the Partners, Practice Manager and Senior Receptionist.
* Provide holiday and sickness cover as requested. (the requirements of which are defined within your contract)
* Make and serve refreshments, ensure the kitchen is kept clean and tidy.
* **Patient notes and correspondence:**
  + Ensure correspondence, reports, results etc are filed promptly and in the correct records using the surgery scanning procedure ensuring that all recent correspondence is available when patients are seen.

**Confidentiality:**

* In the course of seeking treatment, patients entrust us with, or allow us to gather, sensitive information in relation to their health and other matters. They do so in confidence and have the right to expect that staff will respect their privacy and act appropriately
* In the performance of the duties outlined in this Job Description, the post-holder may have access to confidential information relating to patients and their carers, practice staff and other healthcare workers. They may also have access to information relating to the practice as a business organisation.  All such information from any source is to be regarded as strictly confidential
* Information relating to patients, carers, colleagues, other healthcare workers or the business of the practice may only be divulged to authorised persons in accordance with the practice policies and procedures relating to confidentiality and the protection of personal and sensitive data.

**Health & Safety:**

The post-holder will assist in promoting and maintaining their own and others’ health, safety and security as defined in the practice Health & Safety Policy, to include:

* Using personal security systems within the workplace according to practice guidelines
* Identifying the risks involved in work activities and undertaking such activities in a way that manages those risks
* Making effective use of training to update knowledge and skills
* Using appropriate infection control procedures, maintaining work areas in a tidy and safe way and free from hazards
* Reporting potential risks identified.

**Equality and Diversity:**

The post-holder will support the equality, diversity and rights of patients, carers and colleagues, to include:

* Acting in a way that recognizes the importance of people’s rights, interpreting them in a way that is consistent with practice procedures and policies, and current legislation
* Respecting the privacy, dignity, needs and beliefs of patients, carers and colleagues
* Behaving in a manner which is welcoming to and of the individual, is non-judgmental and respects their circumstances, feelings, priorities and rights.

**Personal/Professional Development:**

The post-holder will participate in any training programme implemented by the practice as part of this employment, such training to include:

* Participation in an annual individual performance review, including taking responsibility for maintaining a record of own personal and/or professional development
* Taking responsibility for own development, learning and performance and demonstrating skills and activities to others who are undertaking similar work.

**Quality:**

The post-holder will strive to maintain quality within the practice, and will:

* Alert other team members to issues of quality and risk
* Assess own performance and take accountability for own actions, either directly or under supervision
* Contribute to the effectiveness of the team by reflecting on own and team activities and making suggestions on ways to improve and enhance the team’s performance
* Work effectively with individuals in other agencies to meet patients needs
* Effectively manage own time, workload and resources.

**Communication:**

The post-holder should recognize the importance of effective communication within the team and will strive to:

* Communicate effectively with other team members
* Communicate effectively with patients and carers
* Recognise people’s needs for alternative methods of communication and respond accordingly.

**Contribution to the Implementation of Services:**

The post-holder will:

* Apply practice policies, standards and guidance
* Discuss with other members of the team how the policies, standards and guidelines will affect own work

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