

**Job Title:** Secondary Care Clinical Lead for the NCL Liver Disease Clinical Network

**ROLE DESCRIPTION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>Job title:</b>	Secondary Care Lead for the NCL Liver Disease Clinical Network
<b>Tenure:</b>	Recurrent –12 months annual review
<b>Accountable to:</b>	Director/Assistant Director Delegated Services, NCL ICB.
<b>Responsible to:</b>	NHS ICB Clinical Lead for Delegated Services
<b>Responsible for:</b>	Clinical leadership of the NCL Liver Disease Network delivering objectives agreed by the Network. Lead the NCL Liver Disease Clinical Network (expected monthly meetings) Leadership role in the North London Engagement Sessions (6 weekly) Leading and contributing to the development of a work plan, strategic direction and communications plan for the Network.
<b>Remuneration &amp; hours of work:</b>	The post is for 1 session / ½ day per week All policies related to the post holder’s employing organisation for their substantive clinical contract will apply. Network management support is available.
<b>Location:</b>	NCL ICS offices/Remote Working

**ROLE SUMMARY**

NCL Integrated Care System is seeking a Secondary Care Lead to participate in our newly established NCL Liver Disease Clinical Network (to be hosted by Royal Free Hospital).

**North Central London**

The NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board (NCL ICB) was established in July 2022. The ICB is part of North Central London Integrated Care System (ICS). The ICS is a partnership of organisations that come together to plan and deliver joined up health

and care services to improve the lives of people in our five boroughs: Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington. ICBs are statutory NHS bodies responsible for planning and allocating resources to meet the four core purposes of ICSs:

- o To improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
- o Tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access
- o Enhance productivity and value for money
- o Help the NHS support broader social and economic development.

North Central London's population is incredibly diverse and continues to grow and change. This brings pressures and challenges for the local health and care services that NCL ICB commissions - or buys - on behalf of residents. NCL ICB works closely with Councils, providers, general practices, voluntary, community organisations, and unions, to achieve our shared aims. NCL ICB values our staff, our partners and their expertise to deliver the best health and care possible for the patients and residents of North Central London.

### **Specialised Service Delegation**

Specialised services comprise a diverse portfolio of c150 services generally accessed by people living with rare or complex conditions. The NHS England Board has approved joint commissioning of specialised services with ICBs and where appropriate is aiming to join up care for patients, improving their experiences and outcomes from treatment. The arrangements in 23/24 represent a stepping-stone towards delegating full commissioning for 59 services, subject to further NHS England Board approval. Delegation provides us with an opportunity to review end to end pathways with a view to population health improvement therefore focusing on early intervention and prevention.

### **Liver Disease**

Liver Disease is growing at a rate of 20% per year with much of this driven by lifestyle factors (alcohol, smoking, obesity, drugs etc). This is placing increased pressure on Acute Services (including the need for transplants).

Liver cancer is a significant chronic care cost resulting from late diagnosis of liver disease with extremely low survival rates and high costs of treatment during both any curative and palliative phases. In addition, NCL, along with other areas in London, has seen large scale immigration from countries with unusually high prevalence of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C and both Right Care and Public Health England (PHE) flag that London ICSs have high levels of preventable mortality arising because of Liver Disease (and related Liver Cancer). However, there is no national nor regional plan to address Liver Disease.

Through the NCL ICS Inequalities Fund, we are funding a series of Healthy Living Hubs (HLHs) to start to address the lifestyle factors driving demand growth in Liver Disease. These HLHs are working closely with our Obesity, Alcohol and Smoking groups that work across London Authorities, VCSE and NHS partners to provide a coordinated response to the challenges we face, not only in relation to Liver but many other preventable health conditions.

The NCL Inequalities Fund was established in 2021/22 and funding for the HLHs via this route has been extended to the end of 2024/25 with a view to using this time to develop a longer-term funding plan.

This NCL Liver Disease Clinical Network will coordinate our response and will be overseen by the NCL Clinical Reference Group chair, Dr Lila Dinner. The Network also has Engagement sessions with North London representatives to try and share and align good practice service redesign in Liver disease on a wider footprint. There is also an ambition to establish a pan London liver network and preparation for a transformational approach to liver disease to pre-empt the national model as established by renal networks.

### **The Role**

This role is integral to supporting the alignment of liver disease services from primary to tertiary care. The postholder will work with senior clinical and managerial leads across the ICS to focus on integrated commissioning opportunities across liver disease pathways to improve the quality of services, tackle health inequalities and ensure best value.

### **MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The successful candidate will be responsible for the following:

#### **Leadership and partnership working**

- Lead in the NCL Liver Disease Clinical Network (expected monthly meetings).
- Lead role in the North London Engagement Sessions (6 weekly).
- Ensure clinical leadership and widespread multidisciplinary engagement is central to the delivery of all network activities and engenders a sense of accountability for leading and supporting quality improvement in liver disease pathways.

- Foster a culture of collaborative partnership working, taking account of different thinking styles and approaches, to deliver equitable, high-quality patient-centred care.
- Demonstrate political awareness and experience of working with directors and senior clinicians in a sensitive and sometimes evolving and hence unpredictable environment
- Provide the senior clinical leadership guidance for the Liver Disease Network with emotional intelligence and act as an ‘honest broker’ to proactively problem-solve and negotiate solutions
- Achieve mutual commitment, consensus on tasks, deliverables, roles and responsibilities
- Create an inclusive working environment where diversity is valued
- Represent the Liver Disease Network as a key advocate and ambassador at relevant meetings and events

#### **Subject Matter Expertise (SME)**

- Provide an objective and independent professional expert opinion to inform the direction and improvement activities of the network

#### **Strategic Planning**

- Contribute to the creation of the Liver Disease Network Work Plan ensuring clinical alignment with other strategic initiatives for renal and related specialties (e.g. frail elderly, diabetes, heart failure)
- Keep abreast of national and international learning and best practice and ensure that relevant policy developments are taken into account within Liver Disease Network activities

#### **Communications**

- Support the development and operation of an effective communications strategy for the Liver Disease Network

#### **Information analysis and evaluation**

- Support processes to evaluate the impact of the Liver Network and promote mechanisms to collect and collate the data to support evaluation of programme effectiveness
- Generate clinical insights from data and evidence to inform improvement opportunities

#### **Patient and Public involvement**

- Act as a champion for patients and their interests ensuring that patients are actively engaged and their voice is at the heart of network activities
- Build productive relationships with patient and public representatives

All policies related to the post holder's employing organisation for their substantive clinical contract will remain in place for the 1 Session/PA/4 hours a week allocated for this role.

This role description is not an exhaustive document but is a reflection of the current position. Details and emphasis may change in line with service needs after consultation with the postholder.

Candidates are expected to:

- Be a Subject Matter Expert in the diagnosis and treatment of Liver Disease in Secondary and Tertiary care
- Have experience of leadership in clinical roles and preferably Board level experience
- Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively across primary, community and secondary care and between commissioners and providers, including local authorities.
- Show an understanding of population needs, outcomes and the development of evidence-based clinical pathways is required as well as an understanding of the evidence and the processes needed to drive quality improvement.

For expressions of interest please send cover email and cv to:

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Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023