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The role of the HIV Clinical Support Nurse in an Outpatient Setting

The first year of an evolving role.
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At the beginning ........
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• Newly designed role for the Service
• Role to be adapted according the needs of the patient and Multi Disciplinary Team
• New learning process for myself
• Utilise use of previous Sexual Health experience.
• Initially aimed at providing support for the HIV Clinical Nurse Specialist Team.
What did I already have to offer the service?

• Good background knowledge of HIV, testing etc. Need for PN and child testing.
• GUM experience. Contraception and cytology experienced in HIV Positive individual’s
• Rapport with existing patient’s I had met through the sexual health service.
• Awareness of the complexities of living with HIV and the challenges it may bring.
Settling into the role 6 months on ....

• On-going learning process.
• Finding my place within the service.
• Cross over of skills – how much or little would I need to use from previous sexual health background?
• How can my role be expanded?
• Attendance of NHIVNA 2016. Involved in teaching sessions for external services.
Settling into the role 6 months on

• Involvement in education pathway for Student Nurses/Band 5 Nurses on rotation from the ward environment.
• Better understanding of socio-economic, psychological and general barriers to attending HIV Services.
• Better awareness of referral pathways i.e. drug services, mental health services and supporting individuals to access these.
Currently ……..

• Still on-going learning process but working within boundaries.
• Educationally well supported i.e. NHIVNA Conferences and resistance work shops etc.
• Involvement with NHIVNA Core Competencies Pilot.
• Established patient case load.
• More involvement with complex patients.
The future ......

- Uncertainty with Trust merger – what does this mean for my role within the service?
- Ultimately end goal is career progression to Band 7.
- Completion of NHIVNA Core Competencies.
- Continue to support HIV Service and patient’s through change.
Thank You