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SUPPORT TEAM WORKER



“ I enjoy working with CSSD as it has many aspects, different and varied. I also enjoy the atmosphere within my department and the reward of providing a service for patients. ”

THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TEAM NEEDS YOU

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SUPPORT TEAM WORKER/ASSISTANT

There are various posts within the healthcare team which provide support for the infrastructure of the health and social care services. These positions are essential to the smooth operation and delivery of care. Some examples of such posts are:

LAUNDRY OPERATIVES/ASSISTANTS

Laundry services provide one of the key services in terms of patient comfort and hygiene. These services are provided by a team of laundry operatives ensuring that a supply of clean linen is available to meet the varied needs of the care services.

CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY ASSISTANTS

Central Sterile Supply Departments provide a sterilisation process for equipment used in the clinical setting. As an assistant you would be working as part of the sterilisation team essential to clinical services. You would be providing a wide variety of high quality, safe, sterilised, decontaminated instruments and equipment. You would be helping to maintain an effective stock system for instruments supplied to hospitals and GP surgeries.

OPERATING DEPARTMENT ORDERLY (ODO)

Orderlies provide a support role within the operating theatre department, transporting patients before and after surgery, helping to position the patients and supplying materials and equipment within the operating theatre.

ASSISTANT TECHNICAL OFFICERS (ATOs)

A variety of ATO positions are established within Trusts. As an ATO you may work within a range of clinical and non-clinical areas supporting the services by maintaining and operating equipment used within the delivery of care. You may work directly or indirectly with clients and patients as part of the healthcare team.

Skills Required:

These posts require someone with excellent communication skills and the ability to work as part of the team. The ability to respect patient confidentiality is also required. Observational skills are needed as well as technical ability as you may be required to operate equipment and machinery.

Entry Requirements:

No formal qualifications are required to apply for these positions. In-house programmes and external training courses are supported by Trusts. Training can lead to an NVQ Level specific to your area of work.

How to Apply:

Vacancies are advertised in the local press and Job Centres. You can also contact the Trusts for information on their opportunities.

Web Links:

Belfast Telegraph – www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk

Job Centre Online – www.jobcentreonline.com

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