



ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title:	Consultant/Senior Consultant
Classification Code:	MD-2
Position Number:	M62351
LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:	Women's and Children's Health Network
Hospital/ Service/ Cluster	Women's and Children's Hospital
Division:	Division of Paediatric Medicine
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:	Department of General Medicine
Role reports to:	Medical Director, Division of Paediatric Medicine via the Medical Unit Head, Department of General Medicine
Role Created/ Reviewed Date:	October 2023
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	Working with Children Check (issued by DHS) National Police Check – Working unsupervised with vulnerable persons
Immunisation Risk Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category B (indirect contact with blood or body substances)

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:

The Consultant/Senior Consultant:

- > Is responsible for the management of high quality inpatient, outpatient and community General Medicine services.
- > Is responsible for ensuring that clients' functional levels are restored or managed using evidence based best practice.
- > Will contribute to education and research within the Unit and will encourage and support team work amongst staff for optimal clinical service outcomes.

Direct Reports:

- > Nil

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

- > The Consultant/Senior Consultant reports to the Medical Director, Division of Paediatric Medicine via the Medical Unit Head, Department of General Medicine.
- > Works in close liaison with Allied Health, senior nursing staff, other psychiatry and surgical specialists and other health professionals in a collaborative manner.
- > Supervise the clinical practice of allocated trainee medical officers and medical students.

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > To ensure General Medicine services at the WCHN are delivered to best practice standard, and improve health outcomes.
- > Establish and maintain strong links within and external to WCHN, and on a state-wide and national level.
- > Strengthen and expand secondary and tertiary health care services within a population health approach, focusing on inequity, health promotion and early intervention.
- > Ensure continuity with disability, rehabilitation and allied health services and improve integration across the continuum of care.
- > To value and respect the needs and contributions of WCHN Aboriginal staff and clients, and commit to the development of Aboriginal cultural competence.
- > To value and respect the different cultural practices of our patients and parents from immigrant families as well as ensuring complete understanding of issues when they are not English speaking.

Delegations:

- > As per Women's and Children's Health Network delegations.

Resilience:

SA Health employees persevere to achieve goals, stay calm under pressure and are open to feedback.

Performance Development

The incumbent will be required to participate in the organisation's Performance Review & Development Program which will include a regular review of the incumbent's performance against the responsibilities and key result areas associated with their position and a requirement to demonstrate appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to SA Health values and strategic directions.

General Requirements:

Managers and staff are required to work in accordance with the Code of Ethics for South Australian Public Sector, Directives, Determinations and Guidelines, and legislative requirements including but not limited to:

- > *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)* and when relevant WHS Defined Officers must meet due diligence requirements.
- > *Return to Work Act 2014 (SA)*, facilitating the recovery, maintenance or early return to work of employees with work related injury / illness.
- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the *Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive*.
- > Equal Employment Opportunities (including prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation).
- > *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (SA)* 'Notification of Abuse or Neglect'.
- > Disability Discrimination.
- > *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012 (SA)*.
- > *Information Privacy Principles Instruction*.
- > Relevant Awards, Enterprise Agreements, *Public Sector Act 2009*, *Health Care Act 2008* and the *SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual*.
- > Relevant Australian Standards.
- > Duty to maintain confidentiality.
- > Smoke Free Workplace.
- > To value and respect the needs and contributions of SA Health Aboriginal staff and clients, and commit to the development of Aboriginal cultural competence across all SA Health practice and service delivery.
- > May be responsible for supervision and oversight of volunteers assigned within the department, in collaboration with the WCHN Volunteer Unit. Refer to Volunteer Engagement and Management Procedure
- > Applying the principles of the *South Australian Government's Risk Management Policy* to work as appropriate.
- > All employees required to complete timesheets must forward their timesheet to their manager, within two weeks from the period worked, to enable their manager to authorise that this is a true and accurate record of hours worked by the employee.

The SA Health workforce contributes to the safety and quality of patient care by adhering to the South Australian Charter of Health Care Rights, understanding the intent of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and participating in quality improvement activities as necessary.

Handling of Official Information:

By virtue of their duties, SA Health employees frequently access, otherwise deal with, and/or are aware of, information that needs to be treated as confidential.

SA Health employees will not access or attempt to access official information, including confidential patient information other than in connection with the performance by them of their duties and/or as authorised.

SA Health employees will not misuse information gained in their official capacity.

SA Health employees will maintain the integrity and security of official or confidential information for which they are responsible. Employees will also ensure that the privacy of individuals is maintained and will only release or disclose information in accordance with relevant legislation, industrial instruments, policy, or lawful and reasonable direction.

Special Conditions:

- > It is mandatory that no person, whether or not already working in SA Health, may be appointed to a position in SA Health unless they have provided the a satisfactory current Criminal and Relevant History Screening, as required by the SA Health Criminal and Relevant History Screening Policy Directive.
- > For appointment in a Prescribed Position under the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act (2016), a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required from the Department for Human Services Screening Unit. For other positions, a satisfactory National Police Certificate (NPC) assessment is required.
- > For 'Prescribed Positions' under the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act (2016), the individual's WWCCs must be renewed every 5 years from the date of issue; and for 'Approved Aged Care Provider Positions' every 3 years from date of issue as required by the Accountability Principles 2014 issued pursuant to the Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth).
- > Appointment is subject to immunisation risk category requirements (see page 1). There may be ongoing immunisation requirements that must be met.
- > As a state-wide service, WCHN employees may be required to undertake work at various locations in metropolitan Adelaide, and provide outreach to other parts of South Australia (the latter in consultation with the incumbent of the role).
- > Depending on work requirements the incumbent may be transferred to other locations across SA Health to perform work appropriate to classification, skills and capabilities either on a permanent or temporary basis subject to relevant provisions of the Public Sector Act 2009 for Public Sector employees or the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual for Health Care Act employees.
- > The incumbent may be required to participate in Counter Disaster activities including attendance, as required, at training programs and exercises to develop the necessary skills required to participate in responses in the event of a disaster and/or major incident.
- > This Role Description provides an indication of the type of duties you will be engaged to perform. You may be lawfully directed to perform any duties that a person with your skills and abilities would reasonably be expected to perform.

Zero Tolerance to Racism:

The Women’s and Children’s Health Network has zero tolerance to racism. The Network is committed to ensuring its staff, volunteers, consumers and visitors are able to work or access health services in an environment that is culturally safe and free from any form of racism or discrimination.

Our staff are supported to address any form of racism in all environments, in line with our Corporate Procedure: ***Zero Tolerance to Racism – Identifying, Responding, and Managing in the Workplace.***

White Ribbon:

SA Health has a position of zero tolerance towards men’s violence against women in the workplace and the broader community. In accordance with this, the incumbent must always act in a manner that is non-threatening, courteous, and respectful and will comply with any instructions, policies, procedures or guidelines issued by SA Health regarding acceptable workplace behaviour.

Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Provision of high standard clinical services to patients using evidence based practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The provision of a high standard of clinical practice through adherence to policies, protocols and procedures. > Active participation in clinical review programmes to monitor standards of practice and ensure the maintenance of quality outcomes. > The provision of effective and efficient medical services to inpatients, outpatients and community across the spectrum of general paediatric medicine – including acute care, chronic multidisciplinary care, management of undifferentiated illness and development and behavioural disorders. > Clinical indicators are developed and met for performance within the service. > Clinical records are maintained in accordance with organisational policy. > Development of partnerships both internal and external to support quality patient needs and outcomes. >
Encourage and foster a positive culture and safe work environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > A team environment, which promotes positivity, learning and development, safety and welfare of employees, acknowledges differences, and encourages creativity, innovation and honesty. > Team members develop a positive approach and commitment to patient service. > A positive team is maintained by actively dealing with conflict and inappropriate behaviours expediently and effectively.
Ensure undergraduate and postgraduate training in adolescent medicine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Contribution to and facilitation of continuing education programmes. > Junior medical staff are provided with opportunities for learning and education and appropriate teaching support. > Medical undergraduates and trainee medical officers have their performance assessed/appraised. > Other health professionals are provided with opportunities for learning and education in General Medicine.
Contribution to advances in knowledge in the specialty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Research initiatives are co-ordinated and planned. > Initiate, support and contribute to clinical research initiatives within the specialty area. > Participation in multi-centre research trials.
Leading the unit and participating in quality management, quality assurance and risk management activities and ongoing improvement of services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Continuously reviewing existing practices and promoting change where required. > Contribute to the development of practice guidelines, protocols and quality indicators. > Clinical risks are assessed and appropriate corrective strategies are developed.
Contribution to the ongoing review of Credentialing & Scope of Clinical Practice for medical staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Ensuring that appropriate credentials and a defined scope of practice is maintained and participating in regular reviews.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Bachelor of Medicine; Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) or equivalent.
Appropriate Specialist Qualifications and registrable with the Medical Board of Australia as a Medical Practitioner with Specialist registration; or another qualification as defined in the SA Medical Officers Award.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal), including the ability to work with individuals and families for positive health outcomes and to foster productive working relationships both internally and externally.
- > Demonstrated commitment to providing a quality service to the patient.

Experience

- > Experience in the provision of General Medicine services to clients (patients and families).
- > Experience in a large public hospital and in community settings.
- > Experience in teaching at an undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- > Experience in developmental and behavioural assessments.

Knowledge

- > Knowledge of administrative policies and practices of a large public hospital.
- > Knowledge of contemporary practice, issues and research in relation to Paediatric medicine.
- > Knowledge of the principles and practice of WHS, Equal Opportunity, the Public Sector Act 2009, Code of Ethics and diversity appropriate to the requirements of the position.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > FRACP in General Paediatrics
- > Recognised as an accredited Specialist by a Specialist Advisory Committee (or equivalent) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.
- > Proof of current participation in Specialty College CPD programs
- > Additional and relevant postgraduate tertiary qualifications.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Skill in problem solving and decision making at a senior level.
- > High level skills in negotiation and mediation.
- > Leadership, management and motivational skills to maximise individual and team performance.
- > Demonstrated ability to be adaptable to change.

Experience

- > Experience in General Medicine at a Consultant level.
- > Experience in leading and coordinating multidisciplinary teams.
- > Managing a team to achieve specific outcomes.
- > Involvement in research initiatives.
- > Experience in quality improvement activities.

Knowledge

- > Sound knowledge of clinical resource management.

Organisational Context

Organisational Overview:

Our mission at SA Health is to lead and deliver a comprehensive and sustainable health system that aims to ensure healthier, longer and better lives for all South Australians. We will achieve our objectives by strengthening primary health care, enhancing hospital care, reforming mental health care and improving the health of Aboriginal people.

SA Health is committed to a health system that produces positive health outcomes by focusing on health promotion, illness prevention and early intervention. We will work with other government agencies and the community to address the environmental, socioeconomic, biological and behavioural determinants of health, and to achieve equitable health outcomes for all South Australians

Our Legal Entities:

SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

The legal entities include but are not limited to Department for Health and Wellbeing, Central Adelaide Local Health Network, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, Women's and Children's Health Network, Country Health SA Local Health Network and SA Ambulance Service.

SA Health Challenges:

The health system is facing the challenges of an ageing population, increased incidence of chronic disease, workforce shortages, and ageing infrastructure. The SA Health Care Plan has been developed to meet these challenges and ensure South Australian's have access to the best available health care in hospitals, health care centres and through GPs and other providers.

Health Network/ Division/ Department:

The Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) was established to promote, maintain and restore the health of women, children and young people in South Australia. The Service plans, develops and coordinates health services as part of an integrated health system.

The Women's and Children's Health Network efficiently conducts and manages, within its identified resources, health services for children, young people and women, including:

- Specialist hospital services.
- Primary health care and population health programs.
- Integrated community care services.
- Services to address the health and wellbeing of particular populations, including Aboriginal Health Programs.
- Education and training programs.
- Research.

Values

SA Health Values

The values of SA Health are used to indicate the type of conduct required by our employees and the conduct that our customers can expect from our health service:

- > We are committed to the values of integrity, respect and accountability.
- > We value care, excellence, innovation, creativity, leadership and equity in health care provision and health outcomes.
- > We demonstrate our values in our interactions with others in SA Health, the community, and those for whom we care.

Domestic and Family Violence

The WCHN recognises violence against women as a human rights issue that must be addressed in the workplace, and is committed to a zero tolerance policy towards violence against women in the workplace. Accordingly employees must appropriately report and respond to any such acts in the workplace, and make available appropriate support to employees who may be experiencing violence in the community.

Code of Ethics

The *Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector* provides an ethical framework for the public sector and applies to all public service employees:

- > Democratic Values - Helping the government, under the law to serve the people of South Australia.
- > Service, Respect and Courtesy - Serving the people of South Australia.
- > Honesty and Integrity- Acting at all times in such a way as to uphold the public trust.
- > Accountability- Holding ourselves accountable for everything we do.
- > Professional Conduct Standards- Exhibiting the highest standards of professional conduct.

The Code recognises that some public sector employees are also bound by codes of conduct relevant to their profession.

Approvals

Role Description Approval

I acknowledge that the role I currently occupy has the delegated authority to authorise this document.

Name:

Role Title:

Signature:

Date:

Role Acceptance

Incumbent Acceptance

I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with role, the role and organisational context and the values of SA Health as described within this document.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Accountability – what does it mean for me?

Within WCHN everyone is accountable for their contribution to the safety and quality of care delivered to consumers.

Consumers

Consumers and their families participate as partners to the extent that they choose. These partnerships can be in their own care, and in organisational design and governance.

Staff including Contractors, Locums, Agency, Students and Volunteers

All staff (as described above) have a role in the delivery of safe, high quality care to consumers, and are expected to perform their roles with diligence; and with a person-centred approach to the best of their ability. It is the responsibility of all staff to raise concerns when it is recognised that something is not right. Safety and quality is the responsibility of all staff, at all levels and across all locations.

Clinicians

All clinicians are accountable for the provision of competent, consistent, timely, safe, reliable, contemporary and person centred care within a defined scope of practice.

Clinicians work in teams with professionals from a variety of disciplines based on mutual respect and clear communication, with an understanding of responsibilities, capabilities, constraints and each other's scope of practice.

All clinicians are responsible for providing care that is person centred, evidence based and which focuses on safety through minimising risk while achieving optimal outcomes for consumers. This is helped by participating in clinical governance, in WCHN health and safety forums, fostering a learning environment and supporting other clinicians to provide high quality services which are safe.

Clinicians are expected to speak up when there are concerns about safety so that these can be rectified and learnt from. Clinicians are accountable for their own individual professional practice, including maintaining currency of credentialing, registration and professional practice.

Managers

Managers are accountable for implementing systems and practices that support high quality clinical practice. Managers oversee, guide and direct staff by providing leadership and advice ensuring appropriate clinical governance, continuous quality improvement, and leading safety programs. Managers develop, implement and monitor performance indicators for the identification, management and reporting of risk. Managers implement the Clinical Governance Framework; Consumer Engagement Framework and the requirements of the National Safety & Quality Standards within their areas of responsibility. Managers are expected to demonstrate diligence and honesty in the management of public resources.

Managers organise, direct and manage the performance of staff to meet operational requirements; implement and promote evidence based standards and policies that are compliant with relevant, professional, industrial and legislative requirements. Managers engage with and listen to staff, and create an environment where staff feel able to speak up in relation to concerns about safety. Managers address concerns raised and provide regular, ongoing feedback in the interests of improving care and safety.

Executive/Divisional Directors

Executive/Divisional Directors are accountable for embedding the Clinical Governance Framework; Consumer Engagement Framework and the requirements of the National Safety & Quality Standards into their areas of responsibility and providing assurance to the Executive and Board that these systems are in place and work effectively, all risks are known and mitigated and that staff understand their safety and quality responsibilities.

It is expected that those holding senior leadership positions will model the highest standards of ethical and professional behaviour.

WCHN Committees

WCHN Committees support Executive Directors to implement and evaluate organisational systems, support divisions to work together to identify and mitigate risk and continuously improve practice. They support the organisation to work as a single entity.

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive has overall accountability for safety, care delivery, system governance and monitoring.

Board

The Board is accountable for governance, monitoring, compliance and ensuring the executive are discharging their responsibilities in managing the organisation.

Women's and Children's Health Network Strategy 2026

Four Strategic Priorities



Improved health and wellbeing of families and communities



Meaningful gains in Aboriginal health and wellbeing



Provide leading healthcare for women, babies, children and young people



Create one health network

Key Enablers

Effective communication

Consumer and community engagement

Culture and leadership

Engaged and capable workforce

Enabling technology

Research

Productive partnerships

Contemporary infrastructure

Financial sustainability

Continuous improvement and innovation

Mission To improve the health and wellbeing of families and communities by providing integrated care and support

Vision To be a leading and respected health network for women, babies, children, young people and their families

Values Compassion, Respect, Equity, Accountability, Together for Excellence

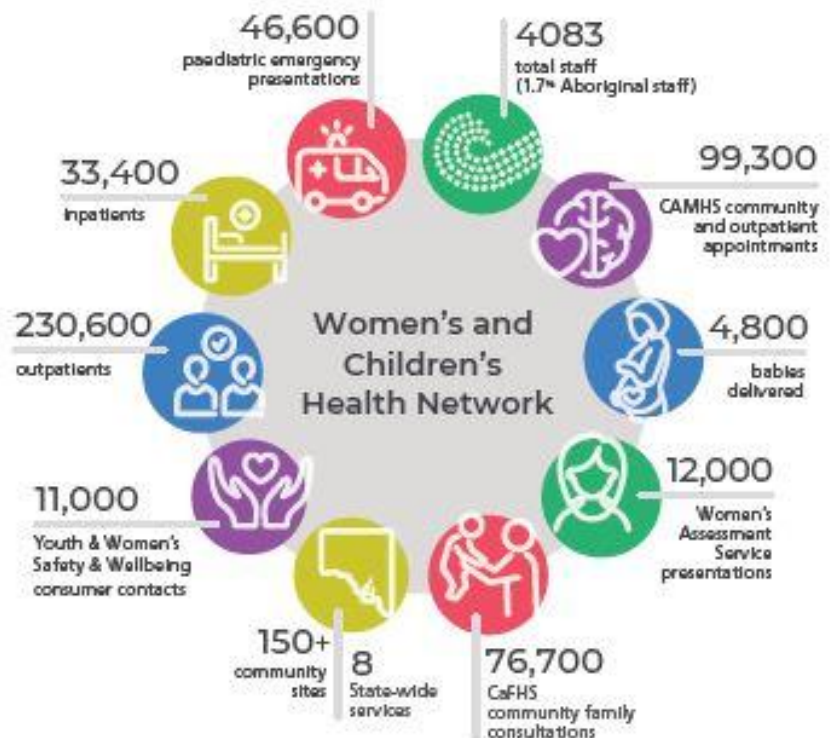
Our Story starts with our consumers and communities who are at the centre of everything that we do.

Our focus for the years ahead is to:

- Provide outstanding care and service
- Enhance our culture and leadership
- Design and deliver a new Women's and Children's Hospital
- Strengthen partnerships, expand innovation
- Through research, education and learning, inspire others, share specialist knowledge and deliver excellence in everything that we do
- Deliver an integrated WCHN

Our Way is underpinned by our agreed ways of working together that enable us as an organisation to:

- Share a common purpose and direction
- Use innovative and new ways to deliver our service
- Educate and support people to excel in the care that they give
- Grow and develop our current and future leaders
- Ensure that we have consistent behaviours and ways of working
- Implement processes and systems that are efficient and effective



State-wide services: Child and Family Health Service, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Yarrow Place Rape and Sexual Assault Service, Disability Services, Child Protection Service, Metropolitan Youth Health, Women's Health Service, Women's Safety Strategy