

**ROLE DESCRIPTION**

Role Title:	Administrative Assistant
Classification Code:	ASO2
LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:	Women's and Children's Health Network
Hospital/ Service/ Cluster	Women's and Children's Hospital
Division:	Women's and Babies'
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:	Women's Outpatients Department
Role reports to:	Administrative Manager, Corporate Administration Services Unit
Role Created/ Reviewed Date:	January 2024
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	Working with Children Check (issued by DHS) National Police Check (issued by approved provider) If applicable - NDIS Worker Check (issued by NDIS Commission)
Immunisation Risk Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category B (indirect contact with blood or body substances)

ROLE CONTEXT**Primary Objective(s) of role:**

- > The Administrative Assistant is accountable to the Medical/Nursing Directors, Women's and Babies' Division via the Administrative Reform Manager for the provision of a confidential secretarial, reception and administrative service to the Women's Outpatient Department.
- > Will work on a rotational roster within the clinical areas, telephone rooms and The Corporate Admin Services Unit, thus being multi-skilled in all aspects of the Women's Outpatient Department administrative processes.
- > Will perform duties autonomously and undertake responsibilities for more complex duties and decision making in coordination with the Administrative Reform Manager.
- > Provides administrative assistance and support to the Clinical Services Consultant, Women's Outpatient Department.
- > Required to perform duties both autonomously and within a team environment undertaking tasks and responsibilities as determined by the Administrative Reform Manager or designated Administrative OP Coordinator.

Direct Reports:

- > Nil

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

- > Accountable to the Divisional Directors (Nursing & Medical) Women's and Babies' Division via the Administrative Reform Manager
- > Reports operationally on a daily basis to the Administrative Reform Manager.
- > Works in a team setting of Administrative Officers and has a close working relationship with Outpatient Nursing and Medical Staff, Patient Information Staff, Ward and other Departmental Staff within the hospital and liaising with referring agencies.

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Dealing with a diverse client base, both internal and external, within a dynamic and ever changing health sector environment.
- > Working as a key team member to develop and establish innovative improvement strategies for the Women's Outpatient Department.
- > Using initiative and judgement when dealing with a broad range of clients and administrative tasks.

Delegations:

- > As per WCHN 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.

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 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, and must be renewed every 5 years from the date of issue
- > For 'Risk Assessed Roles' under the *NDIS Worker Screening Rules 2018*, the individual's NDIS Worker Check must be renewed every 5 years from the date of issue (or are required to be compliant with transitional arrangement for South Australia).
- > Failure to renew required criminal history screenings prior to nominated expiry will require your absence by way of approved leave until a renewal is obtained.
- > A satisfactory National Police Certificate (NPC) assessment is required.
- > 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.

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.

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.***

Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Provide a customer service focussed reception service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Courteous and prompt handling of enquiries, both face to face and over the phone. > Redirect enquiries and action as appropriate.
Effectively respond to enquiries within the scope of the position.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Receive and consider enquiries from a range of customers both internal and external and refer on or deal with as appropriately.
Receive and process complaints.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Complaints are documented and referred appropriately.
Provide an efficient computerised booking service to the department, consumers and other referring agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Patient Bookings are facilitated and recorded accurately and in a timely manner. > Referral Management practices and procedures are adhered to at all times. > Appointment times for patients are appropriately negotiated with relevant departments of the hospital, and are accurate. > Clinics are not over booked and clinical appointment instructions are adhered to. > Assists to ensure clinic lists are accurate and patient case notes are available at patient presentation. > Extract appropriate information from the referrer, ensuring urgent appointments are given priority and appointment referrals are made according to triage categories and into correct clinics. > Ensure cancellations or transfers of clinic appointments are attended to promptly if clinicians are unavailable to attend. > Organise Interpreter bookings through the Interpreting Service. > PRNI/Medicarisation practices.
Provide an expert Clinical Word Processing Service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Provide a timely and accurate clinical word processing and audio typing service (where necessary) > Administrative documentation associated with the clinical transcription service is completed in a timely and accurate manner. > Written advice is promptly sent to consumers to reschedule cancelled and/or FTA (Failed to attend) appointments.
Record and Health Information Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Maintains high level of confidentiality and security of patient information > Adheres to Medical Record and Health Information Management policies and procedures. > Liaison with the Medical Records Department staff. > Correspondence is coordinated and documented appropriately. > Timely collection, maintenance, tracking and return of case notes.
Maintain Office Stationery, supplies and equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Stationery and other supplies are available as required. > Stock levels are monitored and requested as necessary.
Participate in the review and continuous improvement of office systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Office systems and procedures are established, enhanced and maintained. > Compliance with change management
Support and actively participate in a positive culture and safe work environment within the department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Contributes to a team environment, which promotes positivity, learning and development, safety and welfare of employees, acknowledges differences, and encourages creativity, innovation and honesty. > Role models a positive approach and commitment to customer service. > Voices views and concerns in a constructive manner.
Provide training for staff, including staff required to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Staff appropriately skilled to provide consistent, uninterrupted operational support for Women's Outpatient clinical staff.

backfill during expected leave or unexpected leave	> Administrative procedures/ task lists are maintained and provided.
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Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Nil
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Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Ability to work independently, as part of team and to function in and promote a multi-disciplinary team approach.
- > Effective time management skills to coordinate and manage workload demands.
- > Ability to work without direct supervision, accepting full responsibility for the accurate and efficient completion of each task.
- > Excellent communication skills including the ability to communicate effectively with consumers, staff, external agencies and members of the public, both face to face and over the telephone demonstrating a high level of interpersonal skills.
- > Demonstrated ability to use judgement and respond to unusual or unsettling circumstances whilst working in a demanding environment.
- > High level accurate data entry and competent keyboard skills.

Experience

- > Experience in providing a confidential reception, secretarial and administrative support service.
- > Experience in dealing with a diverse range of staff and organisations whilst ensuring the highest quality of service is provided.
- > Demonstrated experience to set priorities, trouble shoot, work to deadlines and perform all duties effectively and with a high level of accuracy.
- > Experience with word processing and/or Microsoft Office products.

Knowledge

- > Sound knowledge of office management and administrative procedures and systems.
- > Knowledge and awareness of the relevance of the EEO and OHS&W legislation in the workplace.

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Experience

- > Experience in preparing agendas and minute taking
- > Experience with audio-typing of medical reports, letters, etc.

Knowledge

- > Knowledge of medical terminology
- > Knowledge of the SA Health system and operations of the Women's and Children's Health Network.
- > Knowledge of public sector procedures and processes, eg Commissioner's Standards and Guidelines.

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:

Health Network

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 well-being 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

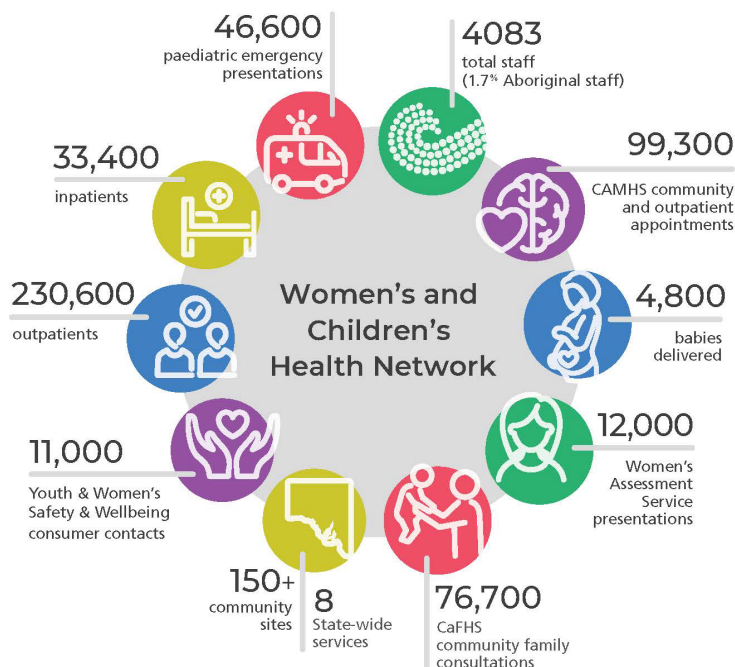
Our Story starts with our consumers and communities who are at the centre of everything that we do.

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