

## **Job Description – Senior Care Assistant**

**Main Purpose:** To assist in the smooth running in the care provision.

**Scope of Job:** Responsible to the Registered Manager.

**Objectives:** To attend the needs of clients and staff under the guidance of the person

in charge. To provide a caring and person centred service to elderly clients some

with learning disabilities and associated complex needs, working flexibly as part of 7 days a week and 24 hour Care Quality Commission (CQC) Registered Service. Delivering a service under the leadership of a Registered Manager you will demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding in line with policy and procedure and empower service users, enhancing life choices and achieving outcomes.

## Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- 1. To do service user risk assessments, care planning & ensure consent to treatment is signed
- 2. To ensure the assessment is done prior to commencement of Package of care and folder is in place in customers house, so carers can record.
- 3. To ensure equipment used in service user homes is safe to use and within service dates recorded in diaries.
- 4. To provide support and encouragement to service users to self-manage their conditions as appropriate.
- 5. To participate in service users' continued assessment of their needs, status and conditions and follow up on documentation.
- 6. To assist with care plan updates especially after a review / assessment done to a service user.
- 7. To assist with on call after hours, weekends & public holidays as allocated
- 8. To encourage a holistic approach to care, maintaining dignity, privacy and individuality of each client, incorporating psychological, social & spiritual needs
- 9. To attend and represent the company at care reviews and other meetings.
- 10. To facilitate the smooth running of the company by direct supervision /Spot checks of careers.
- 11. To attend emergency call-outs
- 12. To liaise with service user's relatives, social workers, and others to ensure that levels of care are maintained.
- 13. To report any concerns/queries involving yourself, service user or their families to the service manager
- 14. To plan and conduct meetings with departmental personnel to ensure compliance with established practices; implement new policies and keep employees abreast of changes and current standards.
- 15. To assist in marketing by-projecting a positive image of the Company at all times through professional behavior and positive interactions



#### 1. Care of Service Users environment:

- a) To make/change beds and deal appropriately with soiled linen
- b) To assist service users to keep room tidy
- c) Care of linen and clothing
- d) To be aware of evacuation procedures in case of fire
- e) To be aware of and maintain health & Safety policy
- f) To respect service users need for privacy with special regard to service users' own home

#### 2. General:

- a) To reassure disturbed/wandering service users
- b) To ensure that the needs of service users requiring the comfort of conversation and company are met

#### Other Main Duties:

Senior Care assistants are responsible for maintaining all policies and procedures as laid down by Silverjen Limited e.g., Health & Safety, Confidentiality etc.

All duties carried out must envelope Social Care Codes of Practice, to include aspects such as:

- a) Service User's rights to individuality
- b) Service User's rights to be treated with dignity
- c) Service User's rights to privacy
- d) Service user's rights of choice

Senior Care assistants are required, at all times, to adhere to Silverjen's confidentiality policy.

## 3. CARE DUTIES

To assist service users with daily living activities such as:

- a) Assist to dress/undress
- b) Assist to wash, shower and bath
- c) Assist with continence requirements including a knowledge of equipment e.g. commode, catheter care, observing service users need for privacy and dignity
- d) Deal with incontinence in a sensitive and caring manner
- e) Assist with care of hair and nails (Note: This does not include trimming of nails as per policies and procedures)
- f) Assist with shaving
- g) Assist with appliances e.g. mobility aids, calipers etc.
- h) Pressure area care as directed by person in charge/care manager



- i) Report any changes in residents well-being directly and promptly to person in charge/care manager
- i) Assist with cleaning of teeth, dentures, spectacles etc.
- k) Assist service users to transfer room to room, as required
- I) Be aware of the importance of communicating effectively with service users, paying particular attention to visual and hearing impairments
- m) Be aware of and to be able to communicate verbally and non-verbally with service users
- n) Encourage independence at all times, both in and outside of home
- o) Accompany service users to hospital, G.P, dentists, optician and chiropodist appointments as directed
- p) To participate in local office administration in a manner that maximizes cost effectiveness and quality of care and services.
- q) To ensure adequate inventory of supplies, materials and equipment required for unit; maintain liaison with equipment and supply vendors.
- r) To perform other related duties incidental to the work described herein

#### **EMPLOYEES**

- 1. To monitor and control staffs work to ensure care is provided to a high standard
- 2. To ensure that adequate staff cover is maintained and to provide cover for any deficiencies where necessary.
- 3. To make random checks on care staff for time keeping and quality of care.
- 4. To check staff's dress codes and staff attitude and aptitude on an ongoing basis.
- 5. To supervise various personnel actions including, but not limited to, hiring, assessment, merit recommendations, promotions, transfers and vacation schedules; coordinate task assignments to ensure commitments and standards of quality are met.

## **INFORMATION**

- 1. To maintain books and/or records in accordance with company procedures.
- 2. To carry out compulsory administration procedures in accordance with the appropriate manual.
- 3. Maintain confidentiality or information relating to patients, relatives, staff and the practice.
- 4. Record information and activities undertaken with patients and carers in an accurate and timely fashion using manual or computer systems as appropriate.

#### **TRAINING**

- 1. Induct new members of staff so as they become quickly effective.
- 2. Train and encourage other staff as necessary, identify staff training needs and report to Registered Manager.
- 3. Make sure all staffs are attending training sessions as it is compulsory



#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

- Identify general mechanical problems within the clientele equipment, report faults and defects in equipment and ensuring staff in your remit also comply and are competent.
- 2. Know the general principles of first aid and resuscitation to be able to undertake initial actions as appropriate.
- 3. Know the health and safety policies and procedures within the workplace, including fire procedures, maintaining documentation, monitoring and maintaining of equipment and furniture within your area of responsibility.
- 4. Identify the risks involved in work activities and undertake them in a way that manages the risks.
- 5. Be aware of fire policy and evacuation procedure within the whole house.
- 6. Make sure that staffs are provided with protective equipment.
- 4. An economic and efficient use of resources must be maintained:
  - Be aware of COSHH regulations.
  - In accordance with Health & Safety at work act 1974, ensure as far as it is reasonably practicable, the health & welfare of yourself, patients, staff & visitors. You are required to enforce the Health & Safety policy of the home.
  - Training attendance is compulsory.

### **EXPERIENCE**

- 1. Experience of working with elderly clients.
- 2. Experience of dealing with members of the public.
- 3. Experience of handling difficult situation.
- 4. Experience of keeping accurate and compliant records
- 5. Experience of working with Microsoft applications
- 6. A Level 2 qualification in Health and Social Care/equivalent.
- 7. Basic numeracy and literacy skills

## **SKILLS**

- 1. Good verbal and written skills.
- 2. Effective communication and interpersonal skills

## **PERSONAL QUALITIES**

- 1. Aptitude and confidence for working in a rapidly changing environment
- 2. Ability to work effectively within a team



- 3. Highly organized and able to prioritize tasks to be completed
- 4. Calm under pressure
- Flexibility of working hours
- 6. Patience