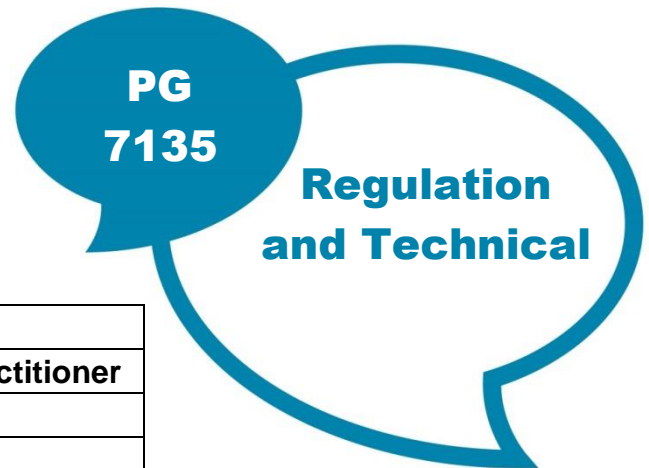


Post Specification



Date	October 2021
Post Title	Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner
Job Family Role Profile	RT9
Final Grade	10

To be read in conjunction with the job family role profile

<p>Service Area description</p> <p>This role is part of the Public Health Team who are at the forefront of our response to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
<p>Purpose of this post</p> <p>The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Practitioner will work with the Infection Prevention and Control Senior Nurse and the Health Protection Team to influence areas of the Cumbria Outbreak Control Plan, specifically to assist in the prevention and management of COVID-19 outbreaks and for the prevention and management of health care associated infections, and outbreaks of communicable diseases. They will support the development of resources to improve infection prevention and control knowledge and practices within health and social care, schools and the general population.</p>
<p>Key job specific accountabilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Act as a role model for health and social care workers across Cumbria promoting a culture where care is provided in clean, safe environments, excellent standards of care are attained and maintained and all service users, colleagues and visitors are treated with dignity and respect. 2. Use judgement and skill to influence and embed safe, evidence based practice in infection prevention and control across areas of responsibility. 3. To support and advise health and social care providers to support their compliance with IPC standards in practice, maintain safe systems and levels of infection prevention and control to prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, including healthcare associated infections. 4. Monitor compliance with IPC service delivery via action plans, subsequent visits/audits and follow up reports and recommendations. 5. Support the development of projects with clear objectives, milestones, resource plans and risk management strategies. Projects should be consistent with the Cumbria County Council Health Protection work plan and the overarching IPC delivery programme to ensure that they are completed within agreed timescales and specific quality measures. 6. Establish and maintain an effective communication channel with key stakeholders, colleagues and partners relevant to the work being undertaken. 7. Adapt and deliver an agreed evidence based/best practice IPC training programme to regulated care providers whilst maintaining an IPC training database.

Please note annual targets will be discussed during the appraisal process	
Key facts and figures of the post	
Budget Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a
Staff Management Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a
Essential Criteria - Qualifications, knowledge, experience and expertise	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVQ Level 5, professional qualification or equivalent experience. A related qualification is desirable. Significant experience of working with a wide range of health and social care professionals, specifically the regulated care sector. Significant experience of working in a specialist infection prevention and control team. Critical analysis skills to interpret research and guidance Experience of developing and implementing a programme of audits, and evaluation skills Data analysis skills for the collection and interpretation of surveillance data Effective communication skills, including report writing, Programme development and teaching skills are desired. 	
Disclosure and Barring Service – DBS Checks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This post does not require a DBS check. 	
Job working circumstances	
Emotional Demands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job related actions will periodically cause genuine distress to others or in major conflict with their wishes.
Physical Demands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to carry, transport and set up medical equipment as needed.
Working Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific abusive language and aggressive behaviour witnessed regularly, directed at postholder occasionally. Working in an uncontrolled and challenging environment. Lone working required
Other Factors	
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