

## SCOTTISH DIETETIC PLACEMENT PROFILE

<b>NHS Trust/PCT:</b> NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	<b>Trust Code:</b> 10
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### Placements offered (tick all that apply)

**A**    

**B**    

**C**    

### Workforce profile

Consultant Dietitians	Managers	Dietitians (AfC Band 6&7 equivalent)	Dietitians (AfC Band 5 equivalent)	Dietetic Assistants	Administrative	Other
0	1.0wte	34wte	6.3wte	2.8wte	4.3wte	1.0wte

### Residential student accommodation

Nil

### Summary of service and health care provision

The Community Nutrition and Dietetic Service works across the entire board area. Community Dietitians are based across 10 different sites. The service is managed in 4 quadrant teams: South quadrant, North East quadrant, West quadrant and South Clyde quadrant.

The Community Dietetic Service has 3 broad functions:

#### ***Clinical Care***

The service provides dietetic clinical care to patients in various community settings: community clinics, GP surgeries, patient's own homes, care homes, hospital sites and day centres. The service provides dietetic input to many clinical, and often complex, areas. The workforce of the service includes dietitians specialising in diabetes, enteral feeding, care homes and learning disabilities. Community dietetics provides therapeutic nutritional care to patients with wide and varying clinical conditions to improve health and wellbeing, prevent ill health, improve outcomes and promote independence for people living with long term conditions.

#### ***Health Improvement***

The service is involved in the delivery of a wide range of health improvement activities. Community Dietetics work in partnership with health improvement and third sector colleagues to develop, deliver and evaluate a range of health improvement initiatives on

various topics such as weaning. The focus of this area of work centres on improving knowledge around nutrition and good health and supporting people to achieve their goals. The service delivers many different health improvement awareness events, championing good nutrition and the benefits of dietary improvements to health and wellbeing. Community dietetics is committed to reducing inequalities in health. An example of work in this area is the provision of dietetic care to people who are homeless and supporting organisations and initiatives in this area.

### ***Nutrition Training and Education***

Community Dietitians actively and continuously engage in the training of the wider workforce to provide appropriate first line dietary advice and support patients with nutrition related goals. Skilling up the wider workforce ensures the delivery of simple nutritional messages in a timely manner, but also creates capacity within the community dietetic service to focus on complex areas of nutritional care.

The Community Nutrition and Dietetic Service workforce includes 62 Health & Care Professions Council Registered Dietitians, (40.3 WTE), 3 Dietetic Support Workers (2.8 WTE), 1 Nutritionist (1 WTE) and 5 administrative and support staff (4.3 WTE).

The community service is one of 3 operating units within the Dietetic Service that serve the population of NHS GG&C with Adult Acute and Paediatrics being the other two. Community dietetics work in partnership with both Adult and Paediatric Services to ensure the delivery of a seamless dietetic service where patients are treated by an appropriately trained dietitian at the appropriate time and most suitable setting. In addition to this, there are also dietitians based within each of the HSCPs Rehab / RES Teams, these dietitians are lined managed directly by the HSCPs, but with professional support from the Community Dietetic Team Leads. The Community Dietetic Service actively collaborates with all these other dietetic services on many practice development issues and initiatives.

### **Placement A** **The learning experience**

N/A

### **Placement B** **The learning experience**

Student Dietitians are warmly welcomed to NHS GG&C Community Nutrition and Dietetic Service. We like to make initial contact with each student by telephone. Depending on team staffing and the number of Student Dietitians we have at any one time, we usually allocate one student per quadrant team.

Student Dietitians are emailed with a Welcome Pack which details where their base will be, induction plans, service background and local information.

We plan for 2 days of induction then spend time ensuring the students are orientated at their community base and meet the team they will be working with.

Placement timetables are developed, with each student's learning styles and special interests taken into consideration. Student Dietitians will be given the opportunity to shadow dietetic consultations, they are then supported and encouraged to develop consultation skills. The clinical areas covered during placement will vary considerably during each placement with students typically gaining experience within Nutrition Support, Diabetes, IBS, Coeliac Disease, IBD, Learning Disabilities and Rehabilitation. Student Dietitians will gain dietetic experience in a variety of settings, including; community clinics, GP surgeries, patient's own homes, care homes, hospital sites and day centres. Student Dietitians are also provided with an Enteral Feeding Tutorial and may also observe dietetic assessments for enterally fed patients.

We support Student Dietitians in the completion of the assigned tasks within their B Portfolio and ensure time is designated for the completion of the tasks. We believe students benefit from Peer Assisted Learning and the planning of the tasks that students undertake is reflected in this. We also support student Dietitians to identify their case study patient and with their case presentations.

Dietetic Team Leads and supervising Dietitians provide regular verbal feedback to Student Dietitians in order to support progression through B placement, encouraging Student Dietitians to reflect on practice.

Supervising Dietitians will regularly spend time discussing the 'Feed Forward Form' and time is set aside for Student Dietitians to benefit from a mid-way and final Review of Placement B.

Student Dietitians are given the opportunity to observe and deliver on various Health Improvement activities.

NHS GG&C Community Nutrition and Dietetic Service strive to provide a high quality B placement, ensuring our Student Dietitians feel supported.

## **Placement C**

### **The learning experience**

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Student Dietitians are emailed with a Welcome Pack which details where their base will be, induction plans, service background and local information.

We plan for 2 days of induction then spend time ensuring the students are orientated at their community base and meet the team they will be working with.

Placement timetables are developed, with each student's learning styles and special interests taken into consideration. Student Dietitians will be given the opportunity to shadow dietetic consultations, they are then

supported and encouraged to further develop and refine their consultation skills in order successfully complete. The clinical areas covered during placement will vary considerably during each placement with students typically gaining experience within Nutrition Support, Diabetes, IBS, Coeliac Disease, IBD, Learning Disabilities and Rehabilitation. Student Dietitians will gain dietetic experience in a variety of settings, including; community clinics, GP surgeries, patient's own homes, care homes, hospital sites and day centres. Student Dietitians are also provided with an Enteral Feeding Tutorial and may also observe dietetic assessments for enterally fed patients.

We support Student Dietitians in the completion of the assigned tasks within their C Portfolio and ensure time is designated for the completion of the tasks. We believe students benefit from Peer Assisted Learning and the planning of the tasks that students undertake is reflected in this. We also support student Dietitians to identify their case study patient and with their case presentations.

Dietetic Team Leads and supervising Dietitians provide regular verbal feedback to Student Dietitians in order to support progression through C placement, encouraging Student Dietitians to reflect on practice.

Supervising Dietitians will regularly spend time discussing the 'Feed Forward Form' and time is set aside for Student Dietitians to benefit from a mid-way and final Review of Placement C.

Student Dietitians are given the opportunity to observe and deliver on various Health Improvement activities.

NHS GG&C Community Nutrition and Dietetic Service strive to provide a high quality C placement, ensuring our Student Dietitians feel supported.

### **Quality Assurance**

#### **Link University for approval and monitoring:**

**The Robert Gordon University**

**Queen Margaret University**

**Glasgow Caledonian University**

**Most recent approval date:** On-going. Submitted June 2018.

**Maximum number of student learners who can be supported at any time:** 5

**Placement A:**

**Placement B:**

**Placement C:**

**Oct 2018**