**Supervisor job description**

**Reports to: Senior supervisor or registered manager**

**Purpose of role**

To make sure customers receive excellent quality care and support to keep them safe and comfortable in their own homes. Compassion, good communication and organisational skills together with a calm and caring manner are vital for this important role in our company.

**Key responsibilities**

Support the registered manager or lead supervisor:

* With the efficient running of a designated area and the supervision of care assistants
* Make sure Bluebird Care provides safe, effective, high quality care that is responds to each customer’s needs and preferences
* Make sure our services respect customers’ choices and promote their dignity and privacy at all times

**Duties**

**Work well with customers**

* Prior to each service commencing, carry out with customers (and/or their chosen representatives) an assessment of what the customer needs and what they would like to achieve from their care and support, together with a risk assessment
* Create and agree a written individually tailored plan of care and support that respects the customer’s wishes and promotes their dignity and privacy. Agree appropriate risk control measures to reduce identified risks. Keep care and support plans up to date
* Provide the customer and, where appropriate their representatives, with information about the service so they are clear about what to expect and how they can raise any concerns
* Keep all information about customers and their families secure and confidential

**Work well with staff**

* Give care assistants appropriate information and guidance to effectively and safely provide care and support as agreed in the care and support plan.
* Work with the Bluebird Care coordinator to appropriately match care assistants to customers. Attend the customer's first call to introduce the care corker. Report changes to care schedules without delay to the coordinator, customer and care assistant.
* Distribute, collect and monitor MAR charts
* Support, supervise and assist with training of care assistants
* Take part in the out of hours emergency on-call rota as and when required. Effectively deal with emergency on-call issues e.g. covering calls either directly or indirectly when care assistants are sick or absent. Record emergency calls and pass the information to appropriate parties
* Arrange and manage staff changeovers and briefings for live in care assignments in the absence of the lead supervisor and registered manager.

**Quality improvement**

* Investigate matters relating to the quality of the service and implement improvements
* Monitor the performance of care assistants and carry out quality reviews at the customer’s home to make sure the service is being delivered in line with company procedures
* Apply Bluebird Care policies and procedures at all times and make sure that accidents and incidents are recorded, reported and acted upon
* Make sure care and support is provided in line with regulatory requirements and the Mental Capacity Act 2005 in England and Wales or Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 in Scotland
* Work effectively with customers, their families and representatives, other social and health care professionals and managers and staff from Bluebird Care to deliver high quality homecare services

**Work well as part of the Bluebird Care team**

* Work flexibly to meet business needs
* Lead staff and customer meetings
* Lead and participate in training activities, appraisals and development meetings

This list is not exhaustive and additional duties may be required.

**Role specification**

We have provided a picture of skills, knowledge and experience required to carry out this role. We will use the essential criteria to select suitable applicants for this post. You should demonstrate, using examples where possible, how you meet the essential criteria.

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| **Essential criteria** |
| **Personal attributes** |
| Caring and compassionate towards people in need of care and support |
| Respect for people suffering from a range of medical conditions with different backgrounds and beliefs to your own, Commitment to non-discriminatory care practice |
| Commitment to respecting the rights of customers at all times and to promoting their privacy, dignity and independence |
| Self-motivated and keen to learn. Willing to seek guidance when needed and follow instructions |
| Excellent time keeper and reliable |
| Professional, smart appearance |
| **Knowledge and understanding** |
| Good understanding of the needs of people who require care and support at home and the principles of good care practice |
| Knowledge of effective care and support planning that is centred on the individual needs and wishes of each customer |
| Relevant social care qualification , or willing to work towards gaining this qualification |
| Knowledge of what confidentiality means in relation to home care services and why this is important |
| Good understanding of health and safety matters in relation to home care services and of safeguarding people at risk of harm |
| **Experience and skills** |
| Experience of communicating clearly and building positive working relationships with people who use social care services and social and health care professionals |
| Ability to support customers with all aspects of their daily living in a manner that respects their dignity, is non- judgmental and promotes their independence, choices and privacy |
| Experience of care services |
| Able to write clear risk assessments, care and support plans and other records |
| Ability to plan and organise workloads effectively so that customers receive the services that they expect |
| Ability to use own initiative and work alone or as part of a team especially in an emergency |
| Good administrative skills and computer literacy |
| Ability to lead and manage a team of care assistants and provide appropriate support, guidance and training |
| Ability and willingness to follow Bluebird Care’s policies, procedures and instructions |
| **Additional requirements** |
| Willingness to work flexibly and to keep knowledge and skills up to date. |
| This role will require you to obtain an Enhanced satisfactory clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service formally known as the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure |
| Full drivers licence with no more than 6 points and Class 1 business insurance (valid MOT) |

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| **Desirable criteria** |
| Experience of supervising the delivery of social care services |
| Previous experience of risk assessment and person centred care and support planning |

**Post holder declaration**

I agree to fulfil the duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability within this role.

Name: …………………………………………………………………….

Signed: ……………………………………………............. Date: …………………………