

Job Description and Person Specification

Hospital Telephony Manager Grade V Officer

Permanent Vacancy

Reference: HR25E284

Closing Date for Applications: Wednesday, 24th December 2025
In Person Interview Date: Monday, 12th January 2026

HR Business Services,
St Vincent's University Hospital,
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Dublin 4.

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Job title / Grade: Hospital Telephony Manager - Grade V Officer

Reports to: ICT Service Desk/Project Manager – Grade VI Officer

Overview:

The Switchboard Manager oversees hospital telephony operations, ensuring seamless 24/7 communication across all departments. The role requires strong administrative skills, especially in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook), Microsoft 365, excellent leadership, conflict resolution, and the ability to manage staff, vendors, and system performance. The manager should be prepared to step in for night duty if staff are unavailable.

Working Conditions:

- Full-time position, with occasional evening or weekend work to support 24/7 switchboard operations.
- May require participation in an on-call rota for urgent telephony issues.
- Work is primarily office-based, with regular interaction with switchboard staff, clinical teams, and external vendors.
- Required to liaise with current supervisor.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

Switchboard Operations Management:

- Telephony Manager will be responsible for line management of Telephony services and those involved in providing telephony support functions.
- Organise the Recruitment, Selection and Training process.
- Monitor call volumes, response times, and service quality, implementing improvements as needed.
- Ensure 24/7 coverage of switchboard services, coordinating staff schedules and on-call rotas.
- In the event of staff shortages, the manager will need to cover the staff as required.
- Ensure service is provided in an equitable way between the relevant areas and that workload is distributed evenly amongst the team
- Ensures Cardiac arrest and Stroke calls procedures are followed and updated

Administrative Proficiency:

- Organise the working rosters in line with Telephony Supervisors and Hospital requirements
- Utilize advanced Microsoft Excel skills for data analysis, call volume reporting, and staff salaries.
- Prepare professional reports, presentations, and correspondence using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.
- Manage email communications and scheduling via Microsoft Outlook to coordinate with staff, vendors, and stakeholders.

- Maintain accurate records of telephony system performance, vendor contracts, and staff training using Microsoft tools.

Conflict Resolution and User Support:

- Address and resolve conflicts or complaints from staff, patients, or external callers related to telephony services in a timely and professional manner, in consultation with the Hospital complaints officer.
- Provide guidance and support to switchboard staff in handling complex or sensitive calls.
- Strong conflict resolution techniques to maintain a professional and empathetic service.

Staff Leadership and Training:

- Supervise, mentor, and train switchboard staff to ensure high performance and adherence to hospital policies.
- Conduct performance evaluations and foster a collaborative team environment.
- Manage a passionate and developing team, providing structure, direction and organisation to people and processes
- Creation of process to foster a harmonious working environment and productive team

System Maintenance and Upgrades:

- Collaborate with the telephony vendor and ICT teams to maintain and upgrade telephony hardware and software.
- Implement and test new telephony features or systems to enhance service delivery.
- Ensure compliance with data protection and confidentiality regulations in all telephony operations.
- Have quarterly meetings with telephone provider and vendors.

Reporting and Analysis:

- Develop and present regular reports on telephony performance metrics, including call response times, resolution rates, and user satisfaction.
- Analyse data to identify trends and recommend operational improvements.

Financial:

- The provision of detailed information on telephone usage and costs.
- To identify and implement cost saving opportunities
- To manage the Budgeting process.
- To separate and track telephone costs on a Departmental basis

Health & Safety:

- To maintain a safe and secure working environment, and co-operate with the Management Team on Health and Safety issues.
- Work with the Hospital Health & Safety co-ordinator in the development of safe working practices.
- To assist the Telephony Supervisor to organise training, as required.
- To organise work in such a way so as not to compromise the Health & Safety of Hospital patients, relatives and staff.

Additional Duties:

- Participate in hospital-wide projects related to communication systems or administrative improvements.
- Represent the switchboard team in meetings with senior management and other departments.
- Other duties, relevant to the portfolio, may be assigned by the Hospital from time to time. As this is a developing role, it is envisaged that the duties and responsibilities may be revised.

Standards, policies, procedures & legislation:

- Maintain own knowledge, and contribute to the development of relevant HSE policies, procedures, guidelines and practices to perform the role effectively and to ensure current working standards are met across the team.
- Maintain a good understanding of internal and external factors that can affect service delivery, including an awareness of local and national issues that can directly impact their area.
- Maintain own knowledge of relevant regulations and legislation e.g. Financial Regulations, Health & Safety Legislation, Employment Legislation, FOI Acts, etc.
- Have a working knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards and other standards as they apply to the role for example, Standards for Healthcare, National Standards for the Prevention and Control of Healthcare Associated Infections, Hygiene Standards and Child Protection and safeguarding policies etc.
- Effectively implement the aforementioned standards, in compliance with HSE protocols.
- Support and promote energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service.

The above Job Description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office. This document must be regarded as an outline of the major areas of accountability at the present time, which will be reviewed and assessed on an on-going basis.

The Hospital Structure is currently under review and therefore, reporting relationships may change.

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Person Specification

Factors	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<p>Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have satisfactory experience as a Clerical Officer in the HSE, TUSLA, other statutory health agencies or a body that provides services on behalf of the HSE under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004. <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have obtained a pass (Grade D) in at least five subjects from the approved list of subjects in the Department of Education Leaving Certificate Examination, including Mathematics and English or Irish¹. Candidates should have obtained at least Grade C on higher level papers in three subjects in that examination. <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have completed a relevant examination at a comparable standard in any equivalent examination in another jurisdiction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third Level education in Administration, Communications, or a related field (or equivalent experience). Certification in Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) or similar is highly desirable.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a comparable and relevant third level qualification of at least level 6 on the National Qualifications Framework maintained by Qualifications and Quality Ireland, (QQI). <p><i>Note¹: Candidates must achieve a pass in Ordinary or Higher level papers. A pass in a Foundation level paper is not acceptable. Candidates must have achieved these grades on the Leaving Certificate Established Programme or the Leaving Certificate Vocational programme. The Leaving Certification Applied Programme does not fulfil the eligibility criteria.</i></p>	
Experience (length and type)	<p>As per above.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>Candidates must possess the requisite knowledge and ability, including a high standard of suitability, for the proper discharge of the office.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 3–5 years of experience in telephony or switchboard management, preferably in a healthcare setting. • Proven experience in administrative roles requiring advanced proficiency in Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Outlook. • Demonstrated experience in negotiation, vendor management, and conflict resolution.
Core Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook) for reporting, data analysis, and administrative tasks. • Strong negotiation skills to resolve disputes. • Exceptional conflict resolution skills to manage staff, user, and vendor issues effectively. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent leadership and team management abilities to motivate and develop switchboard staff. • Superior organizational and time-management skills to handle multiple priorities in a fast-paced environment. • Outstanding communication skills, both verbal and written, to liaise with staff, vendors, and stakeholders. • Ability to work independently and collaboratively, with a proactive and solution-oriented approach. • Knowledge of telephony systems and technologies, with the ability to troubleshoot basic issues. • Commitment to maintaining confidentiality and adhering to hospital policies and regulations. 	
Health	Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.	
Character	Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.	

Particulars of Office:

The appointment is: Whole-time, Permanent, and Pensionable.

Panel: A panel may be formed to fill upcoming permanent, temporary, wholetime and part-time vacancies over the next 6 months.

Annual Salary: (as at 01/08/2025), pro rata

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€51,718	€53,265	€54,843	€56,456	€58,078	€59,969	€61,866	LSIs

These particulars are subject to change in line with overall public pay policy.

Candidates should expect to be appointed on the minimum of the salary range and in accordance with the Department of Finance guidelines.

Probationary Period: The appointee shall hold office for a probationary period of six months – The Hospital's Probation and Induction policy will apply.

Pension Scheme: The candidate will be entered into one of the Hospital Superannuation Schemes.

Working Hours: The person appointed will work a basic 35 -hour week. You will be required to work the agreed roster / on call arrangements advised to you by your line manager. Your contracted hours of work are liable to change between the hours of 8am – 8pm over seven days to meet the requirements for the extended day services in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement. (Reference HSE HR Circular 003/2009). Flexibility on hours of attendance in response to service needs will be a requirement.

Annual leave entitlement: 29 days per annum pro rata each year. Annual leave accrued must be taken within the duration of the contract or calendar year and as agreed between the candidate and the Head of Department.

Additional Information

Confidentiality:

During the course of employment staff may have access to, or hear information concerning the medical or personal affairs of patients, students, staff and / or other health service business. Such records and information are strictly confidential and unless acting on the instruction of an authorised officer, such information must not be divulged or discussed except in the performance of normal duty. In addition records must never be left in such a manner that unauthorised persons can obtain access to them and must be kept in safe custody when no longer required.

Hygiene:

During the course of employment staff members are required to ensure that the hospital's hygiene and infection control policies are adhered to at all times. All employees have responsibility to prevent

transmission of infection by adhering to and implementing optimal hand hygiene and adhering to the Hospital's Hygiene processes. Hygiene is a fundamental component of St Vincent's University Hospital's quality system to ensure the safety and well-being of its patients and staff and plays a role in the prevention and control of healthcare associated infection.

Policies / Legislation:

All Hospital policies and procedures form an integral part an employment contract and may be subject to update and revision, from time to time, in consultation with union representatives as appropriate. Employees are required to comply with all hospital policies, procedures (e.g. Dignity at Work, Trust in Care, Computer Usage Policy) and the Hospital's ethical codes of practice.

Employees are required to abide by the hospital's code of behaviour and the code of practice as defined by their relevant professional body.

Protected Disclosure Policy:

See link below for more information on our Protected Disclosure Policy as per the Protected Disclosure (Amendment) Act 2022;

[Protected Disclosures - St. Vincent's University Hospital \(stvincents.ie\)](http://www.stvincents.ie/ProtectedDisclosures)

Please note the following:

- The Hospital Board is not responsible for loss or theft of personal belongings
- Fire orders must be observed and staff must attend the fire lectures periodically
- All accidents within the department must be reported immediately.
- In line with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (2005), smoking within the Hospital Building is not permitted.
- All staff are advised to avail of Hepatitis B Vaccination with Occupational health
- The use of personal mobile phones is prohibited.
- St. Vincent's University Hospital buildings and grounds are **smoke-free**.

Application Process: St. Vincent's University Hospital is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to promoting an environment free from discrimination in accordance with the Employment Equality Acts 1998 and 2004. The Hospital values diversity and recognises the benefits of having a workforce that reflects the community we serve. We are committed to equality of access to positions within the Hospital. All recruitment activity and documentation will encourage applications from all potential candidates without discrimination.

Interested candidates should apply for vacancies of interest by visiting the Hospital Careers pages:

<http://www.stvincents.ie/Home/Careers.html>

- Note the closing date(s) for the submission of on-line applications are specified on the list of vacancies. St. Vincent's University Hospital are not able to accept late applications.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they apply well in advance of the closing date.
- Any applications which are still in progress but have not been submitted after the closing date will not be registered by our Web Recruitment System.
- Applications for St. Vincent's University Hospital job vacancies will only be accepted through our Web Recruitment System.
- St. Vincent's University Hospital may only take into account technical issues raised by an applicant if advised to our Human Resources Department prior to the advertised closing date.

Non-European Economic Area Applicants: While St. Vincent's University Hospital is an equal opportunities employer, in line with current Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Employment Permit requirements, applications from non-European Economic Area (EEA) will only be considered in the event that an EEA citizen cannot be found to fill the vacancy. Please note that if you are a NON-EEA applicant and are unable to supply documents (listed on www.djei.ie), you are not entitled to participate in this recruitment competition. This is in accordance with the EU Community Preference Rule. Further information is available at www.djei.ie.

Former Public Service employees: Eligibility to compete may be affected where applicants were formerly employed by the Irish Public Service and previously availed of an Irish Public Service Scheme including:

- Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER)
- Department of Health and Children Circular (7/2010)
- Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants

Applicants should ensure that they are not precluded from re-engagement in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. This is a non-exhaustive list and any queries should be directed to an applicant's former Irish Public Service Employer in the first instance.

Persons in receipt of a pension from specified Superannuation Schemes: Former Health Service and Public Sector Employees must adhere to the relevant prohibition of re-employment provisions where they have previously availed of a Public Service Voluntary Early Retirement or Ill Health Retirement Pension from any of the following Pension schemes:

- Local Government Superannuation Scheme (LGSS)
- Health Service Executive Employee Superannuation Scheme
- Voluntary Hospitals Superannuation Scheme (VHSS Officers/Non Officers)
- Nominated Health Agencies Superannuation Scheme (NHASS)
- Other Public Service Superannuation Scheme

Among the Voluntary Early Retirement Schemes referred to above are the following:

- Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement (ISER)
- Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme 2010 (VER)

Prospective candidates must satisfy themselves as to their eligibility to be employed applying / competing for posts to be filled through this recruitment campaign.

Abatement of Pension (Section 52 of Public Service Pensions Act 2012): Where a person who is in receipt of a Public Service Pension (e.g. retired on voluntary age grounds) is subsequently appointed to another Public Service post, the Abatement of Pension Regulations apply. This means that in a situation where the total of a person's pension combined with their salary from their new post, exceeds the uprated (current) salary of the position from which they retired, his/her pension is reduced by any such excess amount. This provision applies irrespective of whether the relevant pension was accrued in the same Pension Scheme which applies to the new appointment, or in another Public Service Pension Scheme.

Shortlisting: Shortlisting will be carried out on the basis of information supplied on your curriculum vitae. The criteria for shortlisting are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the Person Specification. Failure to include information regarding these requirements on your CV may result in you not being called forward to the next state of the recruitment process.

All overseas qualifications must be validated. No candidate can work in the Hospital without validated qualifications. If professional registration is also a requirement, candidates must provide documentation of same.

Canvassing will automatically disqualify.

Please note that you will be contacted mainly by mobile phone and email. It is important that your mobile phone number, postal address and email address are correct. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have access to your mobile voice mails and emails. We recommend that you use an email address that you have regular access to.

Competency based interviews follow the shortlisting stage of the recruitment process. Credit is awarded by the interview panel to candidates who demonstrate at interview that they possess the experience, competencies and skills listed in the person specification. Candidates will normally be given at least one week's notice of interview. All interviews are held in person unless it is specifically noted otherwise in the Job Description. No subsequent or alternative dates to dates given will be offered to candidates. All posts are located in St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4 unless it is specifically noted otherwise in the Job Description.

Disability: Please let us know if you need any special assistance at interview, e.g. if you have difficulty in moving up or down stairs or have hearing or speech difficulties.

Candidates are notified of the result of their interview at the earliest possible date after the interview. The recommendation of the interview panel does not constitute a job offer. The process continues after the interview and includes clearance checks such as references, Garda clearance, overseas police clearance (if applicable)*, occupational health clearance, validation of qualifications and experience. A job offer is made pending satisfactory clearances. SVUH reserves the right to remove candidates from specific recruitment panels and retract job offers if satisfactory clearances cannot be obtained or are deemed unsatisfactory.

** If you lived in any country for 6 months or more from the date of your 16th birthday other than the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland you will be required to provide security clearance for each jurisdiction in which you have resided. Your security clearance must be dated AFTER you left that country and cover the entire period of your residence. Seeking security clearances from other countries are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take an amount of time. Therefore we would strongly advise that you commence seeking international security clearances now.*

For some recruitment competitions a panel of successful candidates may be formed as a result of the interviews. Candidates who obtain a place on the panel may, (within the life of the panel), be considered for subsequent approved vacancies. Candidates are placed on a panel in order of merit. A panel is typically live for 6 months.

It is normal procedure that candidates be placed on the first point of the relevant salary scale in accordance with the Department of Finance guidelines.

Declaration: Please read your application carefully and check for any errors or omissions. False declaration or omission in support of your application will disqualify you from appointment.

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Date: December 2025