

Job Description and Person Specification

Clinical Nurse Manager 1 – Acute Surgical Unit (ASU)

Permanent Vacancy

Reference: HR26E119

Closing Date for Applications: Wednesday, 01st April 2026

Interview Date: Friday, 17th April 2026

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

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Section 1: Accountability and Working Relationships

Job title:	Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (CNM1)
Grade:	CNM1
Professionally accountable to:	Director of Nursing
Key reporting relationships:	Clinical Nurse Manager 2 Clinical Nurse Manager 3 where applicable Assistant Director of Nursing
Key working relationships:	Members of the multidisciplinary teams, ADON's in Out of Hours, clinical and non-clinical services personnel, Staff of Nurse Practice Development, Staff of the Nurse Education Centre, Post Registration Nurse Tutor.
Working Hours:	37.5 per week working as required while maintaining a flexible schedule to be available to staff in out of hours as deemed necessary.

Section 2: Job Summary

Purpose of the post

To support the Clinical Nurse Manager 2 in the total management of the Ward/Unit and deputise in his / her absence.

To provide direct comprehensive nursing care to patients using evidence-based practice and adjusting resources to ensure continuity of care.

Principal Duties and Key Responsibilities

As a key member of the front line management team the CNM1 will support the CNM2 in the fulfilment of the following key functions:

- Provision of professional / clinical leadership of staff within the ward/unit.
- Supervision of qualified and unqualified staff whilst maintaining a safe working environment, supporting their experience.
- Acting as infection control liaison for the ward / unit.

- Facilitation of communication within the area, division and across the hospital.
- Takes charge of the ward/unit as required utilizing appropriate support as necessary to ensure safe staffing levels are maintained.
- Demonstrates the ability to care competently for an assigned group of patients, serving as a role model for team collaboration and quality patient care.
- Demonstrates effectiveness in making independent decisions when necessary and in providing/obtaining assistance and consultation when appropriate.
- Demonstrates politeness, courtesy and sensitivity in dealing with patients, visitors and colleague in line with Nurses and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) Code of Professional Conduct.
- Monitors care to ensure an environment that is conducive to the physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of the patient and to the development of staff.
- Ensures confidentiality is maintained.
- Maintains effective working relationships with other departments and contributes to multidisciplinary quality and service improvement teams.
- Adheres to policies, protocols, standards, legislation, codes of practice and professional conduct by the relevant authorities and professional bodies.
- Assists in the development of ward/unit goals, objectives, policies and procedures, quality improvement initiatives / acute hospital accreditation process and health and safety standards.
- Investigates and follows through on complaints and incidents and appropriately communicates to management (line manager).
- Appreciates the impact of budgetary issues in the clinical setting and contributes to the preparation of the provider plan for the ward/area.
- Participates in meetings, on committees and represents the ward/unit and hospital as necessary.
- Demonstrates behavior consistent with St. Vincent's University Hospital mission, vision, patient safety goals and patient care philosophy.
- Performs other related duties as required.
- Comply with Nurses and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) Code of Professional Conduct.
- Ensures the quality metrics are achieved to maintain the nursing standards and expected outcomes for patients.

Section 3: Competencies

1. Promotion of Evidence- based Decision- Making

- Makes decisions in a well-judged and timely manner bringing all relevant information to bear when addressing problems and issues. Uses logical analysis to break complex problems into their component parts. Applies research findings to improve nursing practice and processes.
- Evaluation of service needs and new service proposals
- Allocation of scarce resources across multiple demand areas
- Making judgements in complex disputes
- Evaluation of adequacy of service provisions
- Evaluating trends from service data
- Integrating research findings into nursing practice
- Problem solving in crisis situations

- Finding solutions to complex client service issues
- Makes unpopular decisions on the best evidence available
- Day to day gathering of information in the clinical setting, accessing, probing and observing behaviours and actions

2. Building and Maintaining relationships

- Forms Strong positive working relationships across all areas of the service, builds on a common understanding. Demonstrates a supportive and reciprocating work style including strong empathy with service users.
- Building reciprocal working relationships at all levels and across service areas
- Providing support to staff and service users in distress
- Being accessible to others with sensitive issues
- Handling employee relations issues and conflict diplomatically
- Provision of support in service setting to nursing staff, other healthcare professionals, management and service users

3. Communication and Influencing skills

- Gets a message across fluently and persuasively in a variety of different media (oral, written and electronic). Makes a compelling case to positively influence the thinking of others. Is strategic in how he/she goes about influencing others; shows strong listening and sensing skills.
- Making a proposal for resource allocation or new services
- Presenting at national or local for a on professional topics
- Arguing the case on a complex service issue
- Making motivational presentations and selling new ideas to staff
- Briefing of staff and other professions
- Explanation of complex and sensitive information to service users and their families
- Writing formal correspondence and reports
- Will be a member of influential committee/task group

4. Service initiation and innovation

- Drives to achieve positive results at all levels of the service. Takes initiatives to move the service forward and shows a willingness to try out new ideas.
- At front-line level (CNM1- 2)
- At the forefront of clinical practice leading the team in new areas of innovative treatment and care
- At middle-management level (CNM2-3)
- Develops a new project team to address a specialist need within the service
- Creates new expanded roles to develop team members
- Organises multidisciplinary 'think tank' to address waiting-list problem and uses problem solving techniques with the team
- Gets clients ideas/suggestions as to ways the service might be improved

5. Resilience and composure

- Maintains a disciplined and professional level of performance under sustained or situational pressure, Can bounce back from adversity or setbacks. Shows persistence and flexibility in achieving goals.
- Maintaining calm and providing leadership in a crisis
- Handling a wide variety of demands in a time-limited environment
- Maintains composure in pressurised negotiations for resources when confronting service accountability issues
- Dealing with negative emotions when confronting poor performance or other contentious issues
- Dealing with irate clients or other stakeholders in highly charged situations

6. Integrity and ethical stance

- Holds an appropriate and effective set of professional values and beliefs and behaves in line with these. Promotes and consistently supports others members of the team in their ethical and value-based practices.
- Ensuring that professional ethics and values are disseminated through all levels of the nursing service
- Articulating an ethical and values-driven stance at corporate level
- Contributing to the formation of organisational ethics and values
- Dealing with complex ethical client and service dilemmas
- Acting as a role model for other staff in the handling of complex or sensitive issues

7. Sustained personal commitment

- Is personally committed to achieving end goals and the continuous improvement of the service. Shows enthusiasm and a high level of motivation in their practices . Highly committed to the nursing profession and keeps abreast of current issues.
- Continuous improvement focus on personal role and that of the service
- Champions and promotes nurse education throughout the service
- Initiates systems to capture learning and debrief staff
- Attends conferences, meetings and other professional fora

8. Practitioner competence and professional credibility

- Has the functional and technical knowledge and skills to make a credible contribution to nursing practice.
- Applicable as an underpinning foundation for most core activities at all levels of nursing management

9. Planning and organisation

- Plans and organises resources efficiently and effectively within a specified time frame. Co-ordinates and schedules activities. Manages unexpected scenarios.
- Allocation and co-ordination of resources to achieve tasks, scheduling of rosters
- Procuring and evaluating material resources

- Prioritisation and meeting demands under pressure or in emergencies
- Record keeping and reports for operational activities
- Planning of meetings, case conferences or other events

10. Building and leading a team

- Acts as a role model in terms of capability and professionalism. Leads a team confidently, motivating, empowering and communicating with staff to promote provision of a quality service. Blends diverse styles into a cohesive unit, coaches and encourages improved performance.
- Promoting high standards in the daily running of the clinical services at unit level
- Leading and managing interdisciplinary care for service users
- Empowering staff through team meetings, coaching, education and promotion of staff initiatives

11. Leading on clinical practice and service quality

- Sets and monitors standards and quality of service, leads on proactive improvement.
- Ensuring that service users receive a good standard of clinical care and client service
- Implementing and monitoring standards of clinical care for the service
- Interdisciplinary networking to ensure high quality effective systems for service delivery
- Monitoring and evaluation of accommodation and catering services for the service area

Section 4: Training and Education

- Organize and ensure the provision of continuing nursing education of all staff and participation in teaching, guidance and assessment of staff and students.
- Facilitates new staff orientation and act as a preceptor for undergraduate students.
- Supports implementation of developments in clinical practice by acting as a role model and providing guidance and direction in practice changes that will improve the quality of patient care.
- Keep abreast of research and developments in nursing and facilitate and contribute to nursing research.
- In association with staff members, develop and implement an orientation programme for new nursing and ancillary staff.
- Support Clinical Nurse Manager to ensure that all staff are met and signed off on their annual continuous professional development plans. Develop learning contracts, which link to organizational and specific objectives.

Section 5: Person Specification:

Factors	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are registered in the relevant division of the Register of Nurses & Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland [NMBI] (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann) or entitled to be so registered. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must demonstrate evidence of Continuing Professional Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching and assessing module/ course • Have completed a recognised post-registration nursing course relevant to the specialist area • Have a management qualification or commitment to undertake one
Experience (length and type)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have at least 3 years post registration fulltime experience (or an aggregate of 3 years post registration full time experience) of which 1 year post registration full time experience (or an aggregate of 1 years post registration full time experience) must be in the speciality or related area. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the clinical, managerial and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Experience in the speciality/ relevant area • Previous management experience
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of nursing guidelines, policies, procedures and protocols, applicable to ward area / speciality • Understanding of the requirements of the pre-registration nursing degree education programme • Knowledge of clinical learning objective for pre-registration and post-registration (were relevant) nursing students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of own career development and personal development plan • Understanding of acute hospital Accreditation process • Competence in the use of information technology

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed understanding of the application of <i>Scope of Nursing Practice Framework</i> • Broad based knowledge of current nursing research issues pertinent to the ward area / speciality • Experience of clinical audit and standard setting 	
Management Competencies	<p>Possess the following Generic nursing management competencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promoting evidence based decision making 2. Building and Maintaining Relationships 3. Communicating and Influencing Relationships 4. Service innovation and initiation 5. Reliance and composure 6. Integrity and Ethical Stance 7. Sustained personal commitment 8. Competence and professional credibility <p>Possess the following front line nursing management competencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning and organisation of activities and resources 2. Building and leading the team 3. Leading on clinical practice and service quality 	
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.	

Informal Enquiries or Role Specific Enquiries:

Ms Ciara Hanrahan, Assistant Director of Nursing, Email: C.Hanrahan@svuh.ie

Particulars of Office:

The appointment is: Whole-time, Permanent, Pensionable

A panel may be formed to fill future vacancies.

Annual Salary: Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (General) (2127) as at 01/02/2026, pro rata

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€57,208	€58,246	€59,709	€61,198	€62,678	€64,167	€65,826	€67,372

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 37.5 hour week.

Annual leave entitlement: 25 days per annum pro rata each year (26 after 5 years and 28 after 10 years qualified excluding breaks and service). 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 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://stvincents.ie)

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

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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 weeks' notice of interview. All interviews are held remotely 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.

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.

Date: March 2026