

Position Description	
Position Title	Outreach Nurse
Reporting To	Maori Health Director
Location	Dunedin or Invercargill
Position Size	Up to 1 FTE

Functional Relationships	
Internal	External
WellSouth Management Team and staff	Consumers
Outreach Team	Consumer's family/whanau and/or immediate social support person
Long Term Conditions Team	Primary Health Providers
Pacific Island Community Nurse	NGOs
	Government and non-government agencies
	Maori and Pacific Providers
	Public Health South
	Southern DHB staff and services

Context that this Position operates within:

WellSouth Primary Health Network (WSPHN) has responsibility for the provision of primary health services to approximately 286,000 enrolled patients in Otago and Southland, and contracts with Southern DHB and a number of other health funders. SPHO is constituted as a charitable trust with a Board of 10 Trustees and an Advisory Group.

WSPHN works with health care clinicians, health care providers, Iwi and local communities to:

- Facilitate the delivery of regionally consistent high quality primary care health services across Otago and Southland for improved health outcomes for patients and the community through a range of evidence based and clinically proven health programmes.
- Improve access to and reduce inequalities regarding primary health care for the community
- Promote health awareness by encouraging people to take responsibility for their own health

WellSouth PHN has offices in Alexandra, Invercargill and Dunedin.

WellSouth PHN aims to develop and provide support mechanisms and programmes for primary care providers and patients that will deliver better health outcomes. This will be done through a combination of financial support (incentives and subsidies to deliver health services), provision of education (professional and patient) through practical resources where appropriate (e.g. technical support and training). This will be done within an environment of clinical leadership, collaboration and community involvement.

Health and Safety

WellSouth PHN is committed to achieving the highest level of health and safety for its staff. All employees are expected to take the initiative to identify report and resolve issues that may cause harm to themselves or others in the organisation. As an employee of WSPHN, the health and safety of staff members and colleagues as well as your own, are your responsibility. You are expected to work safely and to actively participate in health and safety programs in your area. It is expected that you will report all accidents or potential hazards to your direct line manager.

Treaty of Waitangi

WellSouth PHN is committed to its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. As an employee you are required to give effect to the articles as well as the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi – Partnership, Participation and Protection.

Position Specific Objectives:

- To provide a nursing service to clients via a variety of community bases to promote health, prevent illness and disease and provide support and treatment
- To facilitate the delivery of screening and other health services for targeted populations who are overdue, unscreened or underscreened for health screening programmes.
- To utilise community networks to build relationships with clients and facilitate engagement with General Practice teams and other primary health care providers
- To partner with various healthcare providers, social agencies, community groups and employers to ensure clients have access to timely services and referrals
- To empower clients so that they can manage their own health where possible and make informed decisions regarding this.
- To promote appropriate referral of patients to specialised services and education classes through clearly articulated pathways and guidelines.
- Provide education on lifestyle/socioeconomic factors that influence the health outcomes for Maori and Pacific clients/family/whanau/aiga.
- Ensure all interventions are delivered collaboratively with the general practice team in a manner designed to up skill, involve and educate the team.
- Support the development of Maori and Pasifika knowledge to other health professionals across Otago
- Develop relationships with primary health care stakeholders and wider health determining organisations to support the development of programmes to improve health outcomes for patients

Location:

This position is based in the WellSouth Office in Dunedin. However, significant periods of time will be spent outside the office working in home and community locations across the WellSouth catchment.

Area of Responsibility	Performance Measures
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility for establishing rapport & trust with clients and their whanau. • Ensures that information is presented in an appropriate & meaningful manner. • Responds appropriately to client's questions, requests & problems. • Communicates in a manner that is empowering to the client. • Practises nursing in a negotiated partnership with the client when possible. • Nurses in a manner that respects the boundaries of a professional relationship. • Communicates effectively in exceptional circumstances • Demonstrates verbal & nonverbal skills in clarification, reflection, affirmation & eliciting within a therapeutic partnership.
Cultural Competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises & honours cultural competence as an affirmation of the Treaty of Waitangi. • Applies principles of cultural safety to own nursing practice • Advises and advocates on cultural issues. • Provide cultural advice for multi -disciplinary teams. • Respects client's identity & right to personal beliefs, values & goals. • Assists client to gain access to appropriate resources, for support, representation, needs & preferences of culture. • Consults with members of other groups as requested & approved by client. • Facilitates access to relevant systems, services & resources. • Recognises own beliefs, values and prejudices. • Acknowledges when ability to provide care is limited by own personal attributes & takes appropriate action to ensure client safety & care.

<p>Leadership in Maori Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively engage with Maori Health Providers, Maori patients and their whanau using Maori whakawhanaungatanga processes • Provide leadership through teaching, cultural and clinical supervision and mentoring to other health professionals • Demonstrate reducing health disparities between Maori and non-Maori and between high needs whanau and the wider community • Have an ongoing commitment to undertaking training in te reo, tikanga and understanding Maori practices
<p>Clinical Competency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes nursing judgements based on current nursing knowledge, research & reflective practice. • Uses reflection to analyse & clarify direction for ongoing nursing practice. • Responds to challenging situations & learns from nursing practice through reflection in decision making & problem solving. • Examines nursing situations, identifies & strategizes effective nursing care. • Raises questions in the appropriate nursing forum. • Initiates & enters into discussion about innovation in client care.
<p>Clinical Service Delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers clinical services in a home and community setting • Assesses & provides individualised nursing care based on appropriate knowledge research & reflective practice. • Uses professional judgement including assessment skills, to assess the client's health status and to plan care and/or to refer client to other health professionals. • Prioritise nursing actions to ensure safe & effective nursing care. • Recognise own limitations & seeks assistance as necessary. • Formal referrals to external agencies are made to coordinate care for identified individuals and families. • Coordinates clinical care for identified individuals and families. • Communicates with families or carers regarding formal referrals from the primary to secondary sector, and coordinates and case manages transfer of client's care. • Forms part of the wider primary care health team

	<p>by working closely with the provider arm, General Practice Teams and other health and social agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies at risk client groups from the community and develops early intervention strategies including screening, assessment, and interventions with identified illness (e.g. mothers with young children). • Develop new initiatives that will support Maori and Pasifika Health outcomes
Health Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises the potential for health teaching in nursing interventions. • Appropriately identify and use critical incident issues as an opportunity for staff development. • Provide an advisory and resource role to other primary health care providers and SDHB multi-disciplinary teams. • Select and implement health promotion programmes to meet identified client need. • Uses informal & formal methods of teaching appropriate to the individual or group abilities. • Evaluates client learning & understanding about health practices. • Recognises own limitations & determines appropriate person to deliver health education sessions.
Maintain good communication & interpersonal relationships within the primary health sector & Southern District Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborates and communicates with the multi-disciplinary long term conditions team and provides best evidenced nursing knowledge to coordinate and negotiate care, working across health care settings to achieve best health outcomes. • Provides liaison and consultancy within general practices regarding service users, utilising allied health providers and community groups as appropriate. • Works alongside general practice teams to strengthen WellSouth's relationship with the sector • Works within the expectations and standards for communication with other services, clients and families, including legislative requirements.
Professional & Personal Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies clinical reasoning and reflective practice to nursing to identify community and individual health needs. • Implements community planning and project skills to increase community responsiveness to health needs. • Contributes to the development of integrated, appropriate and advancing service delivery across the primary/secondary continuum care, through

	<p>collaborative work within WellSouth, general practice teams, mental health care providers and Iwi health care providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commences or continues postgraduate study in relevant clinical areas. • Undertakes leadership roles such as mentor, coach, or educator within the primary health provider sector as necessary. • Participates in annual performance review and processes to identify ongoing professional development requirements. • Monitors national and international trends in the areas of clinical and professional practice.
<p>Information Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain up-to-date consumer records and adhere to administrative requirements of the service/s. • Accurately and promptly document appropriate nursing information/intervention and clearly communicate this to the other team members. • Collaborates & consults with, and provides accurate information to client, client's family and other health professionals about the plan of care, interventions and/or medications. • Ensures statistical and other clinical activities are kept according to service requirements, and returns forwarded punctually, including meeting expectations arising from the reporting requirements.
<p>Customer Satisfaction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in programmes to seek and update information on consumer and community needs and expectations. • Ensures consumer needs are constantly reviewed and recommend modifications to service delivery in accordance with the feedback received.
<p>Quality Improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works and actively participates in the WellSouth Quality Improvement programmes, providing a vehicle and focus for continuing quality enhancement and excellence in practice and undertake quality improvement audits as required • Practices nursing in a manner that reflects organisational goals & policies. • Identifies professional nursing networks & support systems. • Practises nursing in a manner that meets relevant codes & standards. • Identifies evidence which contributes to an evaluation of the quality of nursing practice & service delivery.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicates accurate information within stated time-frames to appropriate areas. • Undertakes and participates in audit - in professional, clinical and managerial aspects of position.
Actively uphold WellSouth PHN's philosophy, policies & procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises that people are entitled to considerate and respectful care without prejudice against sex, ethnic background, lifestyle, education and religion. • Complies with legislation that impact on nursing practice within the specific health care setting. • Ensures all policies, procedures and standards of practice of WellSouth, relevant Acts, Regulations and Employment Contracts and statutory obligations are adhered to, within the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity and the Treaty of Waitangi. • Is subject to the overall direction of WellSouth PHN.
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observes the practises of safe work methods as set out in the WellSouth PHN's Health and Safety manual. • Ensures appropriate reporting of hazards and unsafe events.
Perform such other duties as may be reasonably required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carries out duties as directed in an efficient and productive manner. • Demonstrates individual responsibility and maintains accountability to own work practice.

Personal Qualities, Qualifications and Experience	
Education and Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Nurse • Possesses a current Practising Certificate. • Possesses a current driver's licence. • Preferably holds or working towards a post graduate qualification • Qualified and experienced cervical smear taker • Vaccinator qualification desirable • Current Drivers Licence
Experience & Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 3-4 years recent experience preferably in a primary care setting • Preferably but not essential, previous experience

	<p>working within Maori and/or Pacific Island Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural awareness and understanding of the implications of the Treaty of Waitangi
<p>Specific Skills & Personal Qualities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High standard of professional practice. • Has an ability to work closely with others to achieve professional and service goals. • Is able to work autonomously and as a member of a team. • Recognises and addresses cultural differences. • Networking skills. • Ability to educate others informally (e.g. families), and formally (e.g. students). • Demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development. • High degree of initiative and motivation. • Good organisational and interpersonal skills. • Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing. • Ability to make difficult decisions under pressure. • Is resilient under stress and have strategies for dealing effectively with stress. • Computer skills preferably with knowledge of Medtech and other Patient Management Systems • Energetic and motivated, demonstrating flair and innovation. • Ability to establish and maintain key linkages within the community