

Job title	Homecarer (All levels)
Location	Dundee and surrounding areas
Responsible to	Team Leader (Supervisor)
Responsible for	Not applicable
Hours of work	As per individual agreement / contract
Holiday entitlement	5.6 weeks (pro rata), no fixed dates

JOB PURPOSE

TayCare aims to provide quality care and support services to older people in their own homes, in ways they prefer and are comfortable with.

The services you provide on behalf of TayCare will help older people stay independent as much and as long as possible, ensuring that they feel respected and cared for. Our services will also benefit any family or other carers working to help older people stay in their homes.

You will also help TayCare to encourage all clients and their families or other carers to become actively involved in helping to shape the current and future services provided to them and others.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Being an effective and positive member of the TayCare team, at all times
- Supporting individuals in their own homes
- Working to the principles of the Health & Social Care Standards, the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) Codes of Practice and TayCare policies, procedures and ways of working
- Gaining and maintaining professional registration, within agreed timescales
- Reliably attend all shifts allocated, including being on time for all appointments as scheduled and contributing to covering unplanned staff absences
- Completing and updating all necessary information, whether in documents or on systems, fully and accurately
- Maintaining confidentiality of clients, colleagues and TayCare
- Undertaking all training identified and agreed in your personal and development plan
- Assisting senior colleagues as requested

MAIN DUTIES

You will help TayCare:

1. Provide high quality care and support that is individualised for each client, by;

- 1.1 Undertaking any care and support provision, including domestic duties, as detailed in each client's personal care plan
- 1.2 Acting in accordance with appropriate organisational policies at all times
- 1.3 Working to the national Health & Social Care Standards and any other Care Inspectorate requirement at all times
- 1.4 Working to the SSSC Codes of Practice at all times
- 1.5 Ensuring that at all times you maintain the confidentiality of clients, your colleagues and of TayCare (except where there is risk of harm to a vulnerable person or other lawful need for disclosure)
- 1.6 Identifying and alerting senior staff to any significant change in the health, welfare, capabilities or support system of the client
- 1.7 Escalating issues as appropriate, to senior staff within TayCare
- 1.8 Liaising positively with other health and social care personnel regarding the daily needs of clients, as appropriate, requesting authorisation from senior staff before any changes are agreed to or actions taken
- 1.9 Prompting, or assisting, or administering medication as specified in each client's care plan, following the appropriate policies and procedures at all times, and only where appropriately trained and authorised to do so
- 1.10 Ensuring detailed and accurate recording of all care and support and related contacts and activities

2. Make appropriate decisions about the care and support of each client, with input from all involved, by;

- 2.1 Following instructions and guidance contained in the client's care plan
- 2.2 Discuss with senior staff any changes, trends or issues you may notice regarding each client's health, welfare, capabilities and understanding
- 2.3 Having knowledge of, and understanding your role in, support and protection of vulnerable adults and safeguarding of children, ensuring you identify, report and address any relevant issues appropriately
- 2.4 Reporting any feedback received, addressing any minor complaints immediately

3. Inspire confidence in yourself and your colleagues within TayCare and in the wider health and social care team surrounding each client, by;

- 3.1 Being an effective and positive member of the TayCare team at all times, respecting the role, skills, experience and authority of your colleagues
- 3.2 Gaining and maintaining professional registration, within agreed timescales
- 3.3 Ensuring that during all visits you discuss immediate needs and services to be undertaken with the client, appropriate to their level of health, welfare, capabilities and understanding, as outlined in the client's care plan
- 3.4 Informing TayCare immediately of any change in your contact, qualifications, ability to legally drive your car, your right to work in the UK or any other details relevant to your employment
- 3.5 Acting in accordance with the ethos and values of TayCare at all times
- 3.6 Effectively communicating with clients, their families and with care partners
- 3.7 Having knowledge of and understanding your role in health and safety matters, relating to yourself, your colleagues and others, ensuring you identify, report and address any health and safety issues appropriately
- 3.8 Adhering to all relevant Infection Prevention & Control procedures and guidelines, at all times

- 3.9 Undertaking all training identified and agreed in your personal and development plan
- 3.10 Buddying/mentoring other staff, as agreed
- 3.11 Assisting senior colleagues as requested
- 3.12 Promoting and supporting relationships of trust and respect between clients and all staff

4. Inspire confidence in TayCare as a high quality provider and service of choice for clients, by;

- 4.1 Observing the principles of dignity, privacy, autonomy and choice, security and safety, realising potential, equality and diversity and social and civic participation, as expressed in the National Care Standards and by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.
- 4.2 Making yourself available for work within the range and general timings agreed and reviewed with the Service Manager on a regular basis
- 4.3 Making yourself available for work to assist in covering unplanned staff absences
- 4.4 Reporting any potential risks or hazards, accidents, incidents or near-misses, applying corrective measures immediately where appropriate
- 4.5 Escalating immediately if you have concerns regarding the conduct or capability of a colleague or service partner
- 4.6 Contributing to the positive sector relations of TayCare
- 4.7 Presenting a positive image of TayCare at all times
- 4.8 Promoting the services offered by TayCare whenever possible

5. Manage and develop TayCare to maintain high quality services, by;

- 5.1 Using the resources of TayCare and clients efficiently at all times
- 5.2 Contributing to regular staff surveys, giving honest input and offering suggestions and insights as appropriate
- 5.3 Assisting with the quality assurance activities of TayCare, as required by the Service Manager
- 5.4 Contributing to any service development and continuous improvement activities, as requested
- 5.5 Contributing to any regulatory activities, as required

This statement of duties is indicative of the nature and level of responsibility of the post, but is not exhaustive. To enable TayCare to fulfil its duties and functions in relation to both clients and staff the job holder will be expected to undertake any other duty that they are reasonably requested to, providing that they are competent to do so.

This job description will be reviewed regularly as part of individual and organisational development and performance review, and may be subject to variation.

The above Job Description is accepted as a framework of the job holder's duties with TayCare at Home Limited:

JOB HOLDER

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MANAGER

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