**Job Title:** National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) Nurse/AHP Lead

**Directorate:** Clinical Quality & Research

**Responsible to:** Professionally responsible to the Chair of the National Emergency Laparotomy Project Team

Managerially responsible to the Director of Clinical Quality & Research

**Main function: To provide leadership to, and drive further development of, the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit across the wider multidisciplinary team**

**Key relationships:** RCoA Director of Clinical Quality & Research; Chair, NELA Project Team; NELA Project Board; NELA Clinical Reference Group; RCoA Administrative Team, specifically RCoA Research Manager, RCoA Audit & Research Administrator; RCoA College Council

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Provide overall nursing/AHP leadership and direction to the NELA Project**

* Maintain a national multi-disciplinary team (MDT) network of nursing and allied health professional colleagues working in specialist emergency laparotomy roles through mapping of service provision nationally
* Support the MDT network with regular educational/clinical supervision/shared learning content, feeding development and progress back to NELA Project Team
* Develop standardised job descriptions for NELA nurse/AHP practitioners, along with dedicated content on the NELA website, with advice on potential KPI’s and patient focussed target measures
* Support local teams seeking to implement specialist nursing/AHP roles in emergency laparotomy care through provision of information and mentoring via NELA nurse/AHP network
* Encourage and support local teams to develop NELA nursing/AHP leads, providing guidance on how these roles can feed into the local NELA project team activities
* Horizon scan for MDT research and service development projects locally, nationally and internationally pertinent to the care of patients undergoing emergency laparotomy and offer support to/link up colleagues undertaking this type of research
* Attend NELA Project Team, Clinical Reference Group, and Project Board meetings, and other meetings as required
* Provide timely assistance and advice to the NELA Helpdesk for audit or other queries generated by participating units
* Provide strong leadership at national level and across all phases of the peri-operative patient journey (primary care, emergency care, perioperative care and rehabilitation/outpatient settings), raising awareness of nursing and AHP considerations in these areas specific to emergency laparotomy care
* Strengthen existing, or develop new links with, societies and organisations pertinent to the wider MDT across the peri-operative pathway
* Engage with stakeholders to develop/refine multidisciplinary standards of care relevant to emergency laparotomy (e.g Royal College of Nursing, Association of Surgical Care Practitioners, College of Operating Department Practitioners, Chartered Society of Physiotherapists, British Dietetic Association etc)
* Develop and deliver educational content via webinars, national conferences and professional publications to engage and raise awareness of wider MDT emergency laparotomy care roles
* Supervise NELA fellows as appropriate, providing advice and guidance to their projects
* Any other duties which do not change the nature of the post, as may be determined by the NELA Project Team in response to contractual developments and needs.

**Remuneration**

There is no direct payment for the role. The post is supported by the cost of 1 period of professional activity (1 PA) per week, back-filled to the post-holder’s employing trust/health board, in order to enable the post-holder to dedicate a minimum of 4 hours per week to the work.  It is anticipated that the workload of the project will fluctuate and the post-holder will need to be able to be flexible enough to dedicate considerably greater amounts of time to the project when this is required.

**Period of commencement and operation**

The post-holder will commence their duties no later than 1st March 2025 for an initial period of service until 30 November 2025. Possibility to extend based on contract extension.

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| **EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS** |
| **Essential** |
| Registered nurse or allied health professional working at senior clinical level with demonstrable experience and understanding of caring for emergency laparotomy patients |
| **EXPERIENCE** |
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| Evidence and experience of successfully leading a team at local level |
| Able to demonstrate engagement in NELA at local level |
| Clinical practice involving care of patients undergoing emergency laparotomy |
| Experience of authoring, editing and producing documents/other publications |
| Ability to engage clinicians in consultative work |
| Experience of speaking at local and regional meetings |
| **Desirable** |
| Demonstrable experience with data and research governance |
| Demonstrate successful experience of leading a large team at regional or national level |
| Able to demonstrate engagement in NELA at regional or national level |
| Experience of speaking at National meetings |
| **SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE** |
| **Essential** |
| Ability to communicate effectively to a range of audiences via different means |
| Able to demonstrate an understanding of how NELA fits with national priorities |
| **Desirable** |
| Able to supervise Fellows/colleagues undertaking higher degrees |
| **PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES** |
| **Essential** |
| Approachable, friendly manner |
| Hardworking, punctual, conscientious and thorough |
| Have a natural aspiration to further the development of NELA |
| Ability to work flexibly (with approval of local support) and independently under pressure and within deadlines |
| Good interpersonal skills in dealing with clinicians, other healthcare workers, managers, College staff and patient representatives |
| Comfortable dealing with complex issues and direction setting |
| Good IT skills |
| **ORGANISATIONAL COMMITMENT** |
| Must have support of employing Trust/Health Board or University |