

**Whitehaven Trust Ltd**  
**Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service**

**Job description for a Journal Listed Visiting Christian Science Nurse –  
Whitehaven Trust Ltd**

**SUMMARY**

The Visiting Christian Science nurse is responsible for working with and reporting to the Manager of the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service in providing Christian Science nursing in accordance with the Commission for the Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations, USA, the Scope of Services for the Christian Science Nurse, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in England and the policies and procedures of Whitehaven Trust Ltd.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

- A member in good standing of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
- Class Instruction with an authorized teacher of Christian Science listed in the Christian Science Journal.
- An active member of a Branch Church of Christ, Scientist or Society.
- Advertising in the Christian Science Journal as a Christian Science nurse.
- Has some Christian Science visiting nursing experience.
- Exemplifies the CS nursing qualities and abilities expected of a Christian Science Nurse as stated in the Manual of the Mother Church by Mary Baker Eddy, Article VIII, Section 31 and provides the highest standards of care – **“A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and can take proper care of the sick. The cards of such persons may be inserted in *The Christian Science Journal* under rules established by the publishers.”**
- and ‘Aids in Sickness’ on page 395 of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, Article VIII, Section 3 – **“An ill-tempered, complaining or deceitful person should not be a nurse. The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, - receptive to Truth and Love.”**
- Also adheres to A Rule for Motives and Acts as stated in the Manual of the Mother Church by Mary Baker Eddy, Article VIII, Section 1 – **“ Neither animosity nor mere personal attachment should impel the motives or acts of the members of The Mother Church. In Science, divine Love alone governs man: and a Christian Scientist reflects the sweet amenities of Love in rebuking sin, in true brotherliness, charitableness and forgiveness. The members of this Church should daily watch and**

**pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced erroneously.”**

- A good knowledge and understanding of the Commission for Accreditation standards, the regulations and requirements of the Care Quality Commission and the policies and procedures of the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service.
- Must possess excellent communication skills both internally and externally.
- Ability to supervise, give instructions to patients and other carers or relatives of patients
- Must have a current UK driving licence with an acceptable driving record

### **PERSONAL QUALITIES**

- Able to maintain strict confidentiality according to Christian Science ethics.
- Be an open, honest, adaptable, flexible and cheerful person
- Able to handle difficult Christian Science nursing situations with empathy, discretion and persistence.
- Have good ethical and moral standards.
- Be well organised, efficient and reliable.
- Have an expectancy of quick and complete healing.
- Must be prepared to take additional training if required by the VCSNS manager or by the regulations of the Care Quality Commission.

### **ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS**

The VCSN reports directly to and is supervised by the Visiting Christian Science nursing manager of the service and supervision meetings are held regularly. S/he supports the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service by giving appropriate patient care and ensures compliance with the standards and regulations required by the Commission for Accreditation/Scope of Services/ CQC as directed by the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Manager.

When requested by the Visiting Christian Science nursing manager s/he is responsible for the smooth running of the VCSN Service and liaises with the Nominated Individual for the VCSN Service.

A VCSN should maintain a professional relationship with the patient and family whilst working with them at all times.

### **SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- The VCSN is responsible for all the duties of care assigned to him/her by the VCSN manager.
- Assists in maintaining and updating any required patient care documentation in a timely manner and in accordance with the Commission for Accreditation and CQC regulations.

- Must operate in accordance with the requirements of the Commission for Accreditation, CQC regulations and other legal requirements.
- If required, assists the VCSN manager with updating written policies and procedures for the VCSNS in accordance with changes in legislation and guidelines.
- Assists the VCSN manager with detailed record keeping and paperwork as needed for the internal effectiveness of the service and outside inspections.
- Supports the patients' care environment by providing an atmosphere conducive to CS healing.
- Assists the VCSN manager to keep abreast of products and equipment available for Christian Science nursing care and assists with checking supplies are available for the VCSNS.
- Makes care needs assessments as required by the VCSN manager and reviews in response to enquirers and patients to ensure proper care is provided in accordance with CQC and the Commission for the Accreditation standards and the terms and conditions and policies of Whitehaven Trust Ltd.
- Supports the activities in the home environment to ensure that Christian Science nursing care is given compassionately and efficiently.
- Assists the VCSN manager in checking that case plans and all documentation are kept up to date and in order in a timely manner.
- Ensures Christian Science nursing care is given in strict accordance with Health and Safety regulations, and immediately reports any breach of these regulations to the manager or in his/her absence the Nominated Individual.
- Ensures regular reports/updates on CS nursing cases are given to the VCSN manager promptly including any special needs or urgent situations.
- Ensures regular communication is maintained between the patient and the Christian Science practitioner as appropriate.
- The VCSN will be expected to work flexible hours and extra hours when needed.