



CapitalNurse Career Clinics and Internal Transfers

Best Practice Model

What is a career clinic?

A career clinic provides an opportunity for a member of staff to access a coaching conversation to explore opportunities for development, career moves and transitions.

What is an internal transfer opportunity?

An internal transfer provides a member of staff with the opportunity to move within an organisation without completing a lengthy application process. It can be one of the outcomes of a career clinic.

Who are career clinics intended for?

All nursing staff including:

- Bands 2-4 healthcare assistants and support workers
- Band 4 registered nursing associates
- Bands 5-8 registered nursing staff

Additionally, may include:

- Nursing students
- Other staff interested in moving to nursing roles

Pre-requisites

- Minimum of six months' experience in current role and no ongoing HR issues.
- Completion of questionnaire prior to meeting is recommended and adds value.

Frequency of career clinics

This should be determined by the organisation based on size and resources available. Career clinics should be available upon request.

Management of career clinics

Career clinic lead with responsibility for managing the scheme with input from others including practice educators / practice facilitators / career coaches

Promotion

Promotion depends on setting and could include:

- Email
- Intranet
- Printed flyers in clinical settings / lifts / corridors
- Career days or events
- Appraisals

- Visit to clinical areas
- Preceptorship and other study days
- Team / department meetings
- Senior nurse forums
- Team brief cascade system

Process

This will depend on organisation. Best practice includes:

- Charter to establish expectations and responsibilities
- Preparation material (i.e. SLOT) sent to individual which should be returned prior to the coaching session.
- Delegate to bring along relevant information to career clinic
- Career clinic with individual individual to explore opportunities and evaluate options
- Follow-up email / telephone call two weeks later
- Follow up six months later to evaluate

Roles & Responsibilities

- All preparatory documentation completed by the individual is confidential and used only for the purpose of the career conversation
- Career conversation is confidential
- Career coaches or facilitators should not be involved in HR matters
- Career decision and associated actions remain the responsibility of the individual nurse

Preparation for individual

- Completion of questionnaire prior to coaching session to assess strengths, learning needs and develop self-awareness
- Checklist of information to bring (CapitalNurse Career Framework)
- Willingness to participate in process and assume responsibility for exploring options and taking further
- Delegates to verbalise/sign an agreement to participate and own the process

Preparation for facilitator

- Knowledge of process and progression routes
- Knowledge of roles (job descriptions and person specifications) and bandings
- Awareness of opportunities within organisation and external (if appropriate)
- Understanding of how to facilitate a career conversation

Evaluation

Best practice would include evaluation after six months and metrics could include:

- Applications received and level of interest
- Conversations conducted
- Internal transfers (as a result of career clinic) with percentage
- External transfers (as above)
- Staff staying in own role
- Staff staying in own department in different role
- Staff leaving organisation (with destination)





- Job satisfaction (assessed at outset and after six months)