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- **PURPOSE OF TRAINING**

1.1 The purpose of the CCG’s Training and Development Policy is to ensure that the CCG is resourced, at all times, with people who have the appropriate competence and experience to enable the CCG to achieve its purpose and meet future needs.

1.2 The CCG encourages the training and development of all employees in the knowledge and skills required to competently perform in their role, particularly when they take up a new post.

2. PRINCIPLES

2.1 The CCG will ensure that a training needs analysis is undertaken in line with NHSLA Risk Management Standards to identify topics defined as risk management training, mandatory training and the frequency required by all staff groups. This will be monitored and updated regularly. An annual training report will be produced of all the topics identified.

2.2 Training and development needs may be identified and addressed at individual, group and CCG level.

2.3 Training activities may be used to facilitate change by broadening the outlook of individuals or by providing what is necessary to enable them to manage change.

2.4 Development may also be used to help individuals develop skills and gain qualifications which will contribute to the development of their work and equip them for their future career.

2.5 Training and development needs may be identified through structured discussion between individuals and groups and their managers, taking into account the needs of specific roles, other identified competencies and personal goals.

2.6 Training or development which is considered essential for the performance of a role, will be provided by the CCG.

2.7 Training and development provision may encompass a wide range of activities including classroom training, coaching, mentoring, shadowing, secondments, workbooks and workshops, self study and further education.

2.8 All training and development activity will be evaluated to ensure that appropriate development activity has been undertaken. Evaluation information will be used to review and improve the quality of the development provision.

2.9 Evaluation will also be used to ensure staff are benefiting from these activities to improve their overall effectiveness at work, and to ensure that the financial commitment made by the CCG to develop its staff is well invested.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 It is the responsibility of managers and individuals that training and development activities are completed appropriately within agreed timescales, are evaluated and recorded.

3.2 Individual

Each member of staff has a personal responsibility to participate actively in training to enable them to carry out their work effectively and efficiently. This involves:

- looking for and identifying their own training needs and discussing the development and implementation of an agreed development plan
- participating in development activities
- monitoring and evaluation of the plan and development activities
- spending time on their own self development.

4.3 Line Managers

Line managers have a key role in the training and development of their staff. They should ensure that their staff are trained to carry out their present job effectively and receive training to develop them for future opportunities.

This involves:

- conducting appraisals to identify the training, development and support needs of their staff
- ensuring plans are developed to help meet these needs
- providing on the job training where possible
- providing opportunities for personal development, for example by exploring new areas of work when appropriate
- reviewing, monitoring and evaluating development activities and their effectiveness
- identifying opportunities to practise new skills and demonstrate knowledge
- reporting training and development activity to the Training Team.

5. EQUALITY

5.1 In applying this policy, the CCG will have due regard for the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equality of opportunity, and provide for good relations between people of diverse groups, in particular on the grounds of the following characteristics protected by the Equality Act (2010); age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation, in addition to offending background, trade union membership, or any other personal characteristic.

6. MONITORING & REVIEW

6.1 All training and development will be monitored, recorded and evaluated in accordance with the CCG requirements.

6.2 The policy and procedure will be reviewed periodically by Human Resources in conjunction with operational managers and Trade Union representatives. Where review is necessary due to legislative change, this will happen immediately.

PART 2

1. PROCEDURE

1.1 Training requirements should be identified by staff and managers on an ongoing basis. This is an essential part of the Appraisal process.

1.2 When training requirements are identified as a result of a group, directorate or CCG need, approval of development activity should be authorised by the appropriate management team, on an ongoing basis.

1.3 It may be appropriate to consult with training contacts to agree funding and resources which may be provided locally.

1.4 All training and development initiatives should be evaluated appropriately by the individual and manager as part of ongoing performance management and Appraisal processes.

1.6 All training activities that occur should be recorded in accordance with local procedures.

Equality Analysis Initial Assessment

Title of the change proposal or policy:

Training and Development Policy

Brief description of the proposal:

To ensure that the policy amends are fit for purpose, that the policy is legally compliant, complies with NHSLA standards and takes account of best practice.

Name(s) and role(s) of staff completing this assessment:

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Date of assessment: 22nd March 2013

Please answer the following questions in relation to the proposed change:

Will it affect employees, customers, and/or the public? Please state which.

Yes, it will affect all employees

Is it a major change affecting how a service or policy is delivered or accessed?

No

Will it have an effect on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?

No

If you conclude that there will not be a detrimental impact on any equality group, caused by the proposed change, please state how you have reached that conclusion:

No anticipated detrimental impact on any equality group. The policy adheres to the NHS LA Standards and best practice. Makes all reasonable provision to ensure equity of access to all staff. There are no statements, conditions or requirements that

disadvantage any particular group of people with a protected characteristic.

Please return a copy of the completed form to the Equality & Diversity Manager