

## Crohn's & Colitis UK Nurse Specialist Role Description

### **1. We want everyone to understand Crohn's and Colitis**

- Actively take every opportunity to raise awareness of Crohn's and Colitis, including with the general public and other healthcare professionals
- Increasing the visibility of Crohn's & Colitis UK in hospitals
- Supporting and participating in patient education
- Working with Crohn's & Colitis UK Local networks
- Promoting and being actively involved in campaigns including World IBD Day and Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week.
- Respond to local requests for speaking/educational events

### **2. We want to support and empower people to be active participants in managing their life with Crohn's and Colitis**

- Ensure every patient contact raises awareness of the charity
- Develop a good understanding of the information, support and membership offer Crohn's & Colitis UK provides and signpost patients to it
- Provide information packs to all patients in the IBD service, at any point in the IBD pathway
- Participate in Crohn's & Colitis UK projects and campaigns

### **3. We want high quality, sustainable care across the UK**

- Work in partnership with individuals, families and carers using holistic needs assessments and personalised care planning
- Work with the IBD team to meet the IBD Standards and participate in IBD UK Benchmarking
- Create a culture of service development and innovation
- Promote and be open to new ways of working
- Ensure diverse patient involvement in service improvement/ patient panels
- Actively participate in the RCN IBD Nursing Network

### **4. We want early and accurate diagnosis for all.**

- Working with primary care colleagues promoting and advertising the charity's primary care resources e.g. RCGP toolkit
- Advertising and promoting the pre-diagnostic nursing role

### **5. We want to drive world class research into the disease.**

- Carrying out clinical audit relevant to the Crohn's & Colitis UK strategy
- Advertise and promote Crohn's & Colitis UK research awards
- Promote 'Take Part in Research' to patients and carers

## Who we are looking for – Skills, Knowledge & Experience

### Essential

- RGN
- Currently practicing as an IBD Nurse Specialist in the UK
- Evidence of current or potential advanced nursing practice e.g. running nurse led clinics, prescribing, making autonomous decisions about diagnosis, treatments or follow up
- Evidence of degree-level study and an education or mentorship nursing qualification
- Teaching and supervision of other nurses
- Knowledge of recent advances in clinical IBD management
- Proven communication skills and ability to negotiate
- Ability to problem solve and prioritise and to work to deadlines
- **For RCN pathway**, you must have an MSc in Nursing or Advanced Clinical Practice

### Attitudes

- Calm, consistent and flexible approach to work
- Forward-thinking
- Ambitious to achieve objectives
- Commitment to the principles and objectives of Crohn's & Colitis UK
- Commitment to networking and peer support