

<b>Job Title:</b>	Registered Nurse
<b>Business unit:</b>	Service Delivery
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Reports to:</b>	Clinical Leader

*"He huanui oranga mo ngā mokopuna whakatipuranga roto i ngā hapori heke iho, heke iho - Setting the path of wellness in our communities for the early years, for generations to come."*

## Whānau Āwhina Plunket – who we are and what we are about

Whānau Āwhina Plunket is a charity organisation and the largest service supporting the health and wellbeing of tamariki under-five and their whānau in Aotearoa. We're proud to visit over 80% of all newborn babies in Aotearoa and to support pēpē, tamariki and their whānau.

We aim to be a cohesive and effective national organisation grounded in evidence and best practice, with the needs of New Zealand whānau and families at the centre of everything we do.

### Our Whānau Āwhina Plunket Goal

Pae Ora: Healthy Futures:

- Mauri Ora: Healthy babies and children
- Whānau Ora: Healthy confident families
- Wai Ora: Healthy environments and connected communities

We are on a pro-equity journey where we strive to give life to Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles of Tino Rangatiratanga, partnership, active protection, equity and options in our mahi/work to ensure healthy tamariki, confident whānau and connected communities.

## Whānau Āwhina Plunket Values

*Our values shape our culture and you are expected to work in ways that demonstrate:*

- *Māia – to be courageous and lean into discomfort and challenge as we walk the path of pro-equity*
- *Tūhono – to connect and stand in relationship in calm and safe spaces (Āhuru mōwai)*
- *Manaaki – to care, love, nurture, support and enhance mana. To respect mana atua, mana tīpuna, mana whenua, mana tangata*
- *Māhaki – to be humble as we share our knowledge and experience to understand and learn from each other and foster trust*

## Overview of the Service Delivery Team

The Service Delivery function includes Regional Operations, Plunket Line and Whirihia. The purpose of this function is to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of services to whānau, and to deliver equity across our services in line with our strategy. This team will have a strong focus on operational performance using data insights and reporting to drive that performance.

## Purpose of the Registered Nurse position

To provide family/whanau-based well child health care that incorporates the Standards for Plunket Nurse Practice, Royal New Zealand Plunket Society, 5th Edition, March 2003 and achieve well child targets as outlined in the “The Well Child Framework” and Plunket contractual requirements.

## Dimensions of the position

<b>Functional relationships:</b>	To follow are the main positions that this role will coordinate with; they are not meant or intended to be exhaustive, exclusive or limiting:
<b>Internal:</b>	Plunket Volunteers Community Karitane Plunket Kaiawhina Administration Staff Clinical Advisors Clinical Educators
<b>External:</b>	External agencies Other Plunket Nurses

## Scope of practice

The Registered Nurse focus is on delivering a primary health care services based on the Tamariki Ora Schedule (health promotion, education, clinical assessment and whanau/family support) to child clients aged birth to approximately 5 years, and their whanau/families/caregivers.

Registered Nurses work from a variety of community locations including clinics, homes, Marae and early childhood centres and have extensive knowledge of the communities they work in. Advanced assessment skills and knowledge of child health and development enable Plunket Nurses to provide and co-ordinate care, information, surveillance, and support appropriate to the whanau/families situation. The nature of these interventions is continuous rather than episodic, in a wellness model of health that aims to reduce inequalities of health.

Registered Nurses act as case managers within a Plunket team and work in collaboration with volunteers and external agencies to enhance parenting capacity and child health outcomes. Practice is therefore socially defined and connects health to families/whanau and communities.

## Key accountabilities

(Some will be unique to the position; others will be common across the organisation and level within the organisation.)

Domain	Key Concepts	Performance Indicators/Outcomes
<p><b>PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSING.</b>  <b>Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse incorporates principles of primary health care within nursing practice.</p>	<p>Community knowledge, using information to plan service delivery, public health policy, service provision, nursing leadership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates effective and responsible utilisation of health and service delivery resources</li> <li>• Works within a socio-ecological model of service delivery</li> <li>• Understands Plunket’s health promotion and protection role in primary health care</li> </ul>
<p><b>CHILD HEALTH.</b>  <b>Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse provides assessment, interventions and information that support and promote developmental health of child populations under 5 years, in an integrated model of care.</p>	<p>Assessment, screening and surveillance, care planning, anticipatory guidance, safe environments, media policy, equity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assesses need based on health determinants, clinical findings</li> <li>• Uses knowledge of community and child health to plan for child health needs to be met in collaboration with Primary Health team.</li> <li>• Advocates for optimal health, safety and well being for children</li> </ul>

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<p><b>FAMILY/WHANAU HEALTH.</b>  <b>Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse supports and strengthens the health and well-being of families/whanau with children under 5 years of age.</p>	<p>Partnership, informed decisions, client's rights, role modelling, evaluating outcomes, parenting practice, high needs prioritisation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports parents/caregivers/whanau/community to optimise child health outcomes</li> <li>• Works in a partnership model with families/whanau, enabling informed decisions to be made</li> <li>• Promotes and role models effective behaviours that have a positive impact on child health</li> </ul>
<p><b>PROFESSIONAL ROLE.</b>  <b>Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse accepts the responsibility of the professional nursing practice role.</p>	<p>Legislation, standards, policies, appraisals, professional development, clinical judgement, critical reflection, recognising limits, ethical practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works within relevant legislation, standards, policies and professional codes</li> <li>• Participates in professional development activities</li> <li>• Understands accountabilities to self, team, client and employer</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING.</b>  <b>Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse models communication and develops relationships with community groups, agencies, families, children, colleagues and volunteers for open and transparent interpersonal relationships</p>	<p>Communication skills, appropriate involvement of team, networking, collaborative relationships, referrals, challenging unacceptable behaviour, language level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates effective communication skills</li> <li>• Develops positive relationships with clients, team and other agencies and works collaboratively to improve child health</li> <li>• Works within scope of practice and enables others to do the same</li> <li>• Communicates with Co-ordinator about relevant practice and service delivery issues</li> <li>• Refers to para-professionals and external agencies</li> </ul>
<p><b>CULTURALLY EFFECTIVE PRACTICE.</b>  <b>Standards.</b> The Registered Nurse demonstrates recognition and respect for the unique and diverse make-up of families, and the ability to adapt services and practice to meet their needs.</p>	<p>Respect, diverse realities, integrating Te Tiriti o Waitangi into practice, skillmix, prioritising resources for Maori, cultural networks, appropriate practices for unique families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows how the Treaty of Waitangi relates to practice</li> <li>• Demonstrates respect of diverse values and cultural beliefs</li> <li>• Communicates effectively with clients from differing cultural backgrounds</li> <li>• Demonstrates commitment to addressing health inequities related to specific cultural groups</li> <li>• Uses appropriate processes and approaches in service delivery</li> </ul>

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<p><b>HEALTH PROMOTION. Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse participates in advocacy, facilitation of group processes and building collaborative relationships to influence local and national decision-makers for healthy child and family policy.</p>	<p>Participation, collaborative programmes, health determinants, advocacy. Lobbying, community involvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses the principles of health promotion in service delivery</li> <li>• Works to improve social connectedness and build social capital</li> <li>• Prioritises interventions to promote equitable outcomes for communities and populations</li> </ul>
<p><b>RESEARCH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT. Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse improves practice through peer review, open investigation, research analysis and formal processes.</p>	<p>Research utilisation, service review, documentation, reporting requirements, statistical information, evidence-based practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses evidence based information in practice wherever possible</li> <li>• Provides written reports and completes other documentation as required</li> <li>• Demonstrates inquire based practice including reflection, critique, analysis and evaluation</li> </ul>
<p><b>HEALTH EDUCATION. Standard.</b> The Registered Nurse facilitates opportunities to learn in a range of contexts, developing individual, group and community knowledge and skills to optimise child and family health.</p>	<p>Health teaching, resources, education methods, health education programmes, evaluation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilises appropriate resources in service delivery</li> <li>• Provides education for individual clients and other groups as required</li> <li>• Demonstrates use of a variety of education strategies appropriate to client level of understanding</li> </ul>

## Person specification

### Knowledge, Skills and Experience (including Technical Competencies)

#### Qualifications

- Current Annual Practicing Certificate
- Registered General and Obstetric Nurse or Registered Comprehensive Nurse.

#### Skills & experience

- Has relevant child health nursing qualification or is prepared to undertake education relevant to the role.

#### Other requirements

- Current full drivers licence and willing and able to drive a manual and automatic Plunket car.
- Commitment to practising in manner that reflects the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.
- Commitment to health and wellbeing of children and their families/whanau.
- Ability to work effectively and collaboratively as a member of a team.
- Interpersonal skills that facilitate positive relationships.
- Ability to practise autonomously and to work cooperatively with health team and external agencies.
- Ability to communicate using oral and written skills.
- Basic knowledge of working with diverse cultures.
- Holistic assessment skills.
- Experience in delegation and supervision of para-health professionals.
- Understands population health issues, community health issues, contexts and practices.

## Core Competencies

### Cultural Awareness

Role models Plunket's constructive culture. Demonstrates sound understanding of the cultural dynamics of Plunket's environment. Encourages cultural diversity. Remains non-judgmental and is tolerant of behavioural differences in others.

### Future Focused

Understands and believes in Plunket's strategic direction and aligns area/team based activities accordingly. Scopes, assesses and makes effective decisions for the good of the team and wider organisation. Demonstrates strategic thinking and identifies new ways of working. Maintains a flexible working style to achieve strategic and area/team goals and activities.

### Global View

Understands the relationship between local activities and Plunket's global strategies. Recognises cultural diversity and its implications. Modifies behaviours to ensure appropriates when dealing with people from different cultures.

### Leadership and Innovation

Actively seeks out and is prepared to try out new and innovative solutions. Demonstrates self-awareness. Energises and inspires team(s) towards a common goal. Fosters an environment of knowledge sharing

### Open Communication

Articulates fluently in all types of situations; including complex issues; checks that the intended message or idea has been correctly understood. Is able to express complex ideas clearly in writing and verbally, and in situations which are of significance to Plunket, considers the wider implications of anything put in writing. Must also be able to be seen as credible to those interacting with the role.

### Team work

Actively promotes a friendly climate, good morale, co-operation which enables the team to achieve its results. Resolves conflict by encouraging or facilitating a beneficial resolution – does not hide it or avoid the issue. Promotes/protects team reputation with outsiders. Promotes accountability for ones actions.

## Other Competencies

### *ACE-Ability*

Plunket's behavioural competency model is made up of three dimensions of personal behaviour - Connection to Plunket, Adaptability and Emotional Maturity.

### *Adaptability*

#### *Thinking*

- Is comfortable with complexity and can think beyond the operational
- Can look beyond face value to see possibilities from different angles and viewpoints
- Keeps perspective
- Accepts and able to work with ambiguity and change

#### *Interpersonal*

- Is committed and capable of initiating and broadening professional and social

networks

- Holds courage to face and deal with difficult people and issues

***Connection to Plunket's Direction***

- Has a high level of energy and commitment to achieving Plunket's vision
- Has a broad range of engagement
- Is committed to adapting and improving their own practice

***Emotional Maturity***

- Is non-reactive and objective
- Understands the degree of influence in their role
- Understands own limitations