



HERITAGE LIFECARE

# Position Description

## Cook

### Company Overview:

Heritage Lifecare Limited is a provider of Residential Aged Care Facilities throughout New Zealand. We take pride in the value we add to the lives of all those who reside in our facilities. Our employees are united in our common purpose, mission and values and strive to ensure the delivery of respectful and caring services, in an environment that is safe for clients. Heritage aims to enable the continued pursuit of excellence in care through monitoring, auditing, actioning and evaluation of service whilst respecting and valuing our residents, families and staff.

As an organisation we are committed to providing 'A Better Everyday' for our residents, their whānau and friends, and our employees by aligning our actions to our company values:

- **People First - Kia tika te rere o te waka**  
Enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our people
- **Nurturing Success - Poipoia te angitu**  
Seize opportunities and experiences every day in every moment
- **Better Together - He toa takitini**  
Work together in respect and harmony to empower everyone

At Heritage Lifecare Limited we are committed to embracing diversity by ensuring we apply the principles of merit, equality, fairness, and transparency to our working practices which enable decisions and actions to be free from discrimination, conflict of interest and favouritism. We do this with a commitment to the Principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi – partnership, participation, and protection.

Heritage Lifecare is committed to Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standards, supporting a person and whānau-centred health and disability service, where people are empowered to make decisions about their own care and support in order to achieve their goals.

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To provide a nutritious and attractive meal service for residents and manage a kitchen which meets all food hygiene standards

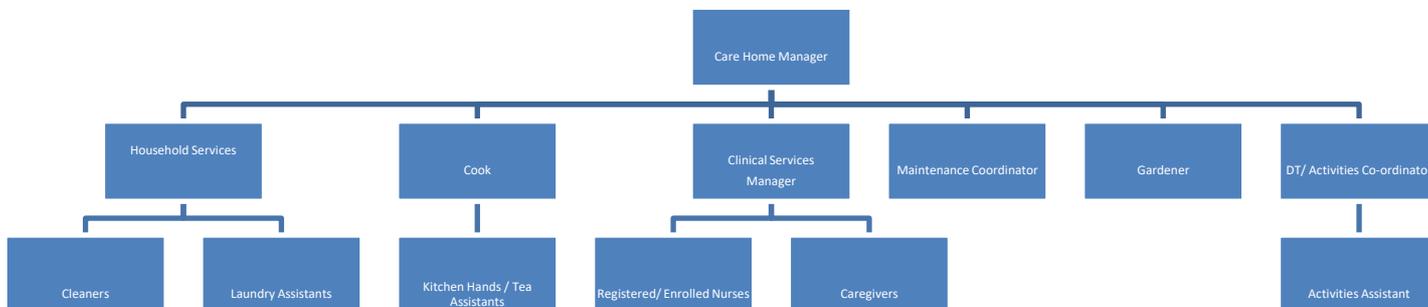
### Reports to:

Care Home Manager

### Functional Relationships:

Care Home Manager/ Clinical Services Manager  
All facility staff  
Residents/ Relatives/ Visitors  
Suppliers  
Dietitian  
Service Contractors

## Generic Team Structure:



## Key Accountabilities:

Key Tasks:	Performance Standards:
1. To follow policies and procedures of the facility in all matters	Is familiar with the main manuals and aware of the information in them Uses correct procedures as outlined in the manuals Is familiar with the Code of Conduct
2. To carry out the role of chef/cook and to manage the day to day function of the kitchen	Ensures a hygienic kitchen is maintained Ensures a pleasant, safe and nutritious meal service is provided for the residents
3. To perform the duties as set in the duty description and according to standard policies and procedures for the facility	Ensures daily work schedule is completed Checks supplies daily Performs extra necessary duties as directed by management
4. To maintain the highest standards possible in the food service	Ensures food preparation and storage follows strict food hygiene regulations Ensures kitchen hands carry out their duties appropriately Ensures cleaning schedules are completed Ensures kitchen is vermin free Communicates with other team members effectively to ensure the service operates smoothly
5. To be familiar with the Work Area Manual	Is familiar with all the information and policies and procedures in the Work Area Manual
6. To liaise with a dietician as appropriate	Contacts dietician when appropriate. Follows dietician approved menu. Uses dietician for advice on menus & special diets
7. To provide an enjoyable dining environment for the residents	Ensures a clean quiet dining area Ensures dining tables are set up correctly Ensures staff serve meals that are pleasing to look at & at a suitable temperature
8. To provide nutritious meals within budget	Ensures menus are planned to follow food requirements for older people. Follows Dietician Approved Menu

	Cooks meals to maintain healthy ingredients
9. To report appropriately to the Kitchen Manager or the Facility Manager if appropriate	To liaise with the Facility Manager regularly and communicate any matters regarding the food service of the facility
10. To operate all equipment to manufacturer's / supplier's instructions and report any malfunctions immediately	Follows instructions regarding any equipment or machinery Maintains equipment in a clean, safe and working condition Reports maintenance required on any equipment Liaises with Maintenance Person when required
11. To liaise with suppliers as appropriate	Stocks are maintained so that food service will not be interrupted due to lack of supplies Contact is made with suppliers as required or arrangements made with management for contact with suppliers
12. To practice care and economy in the use of supplies, equipment and time	Supplies are checked on arrival to ensure they match the order and the invoice Care is taken to manage supplies economically Equipment is cared for to avoid unnecessary damage Work time is managed efficiently and effectively
13. To respect resident rights	Knocks on resident's door before entering Respects resident's privacy Treats residents with respect Shows respect for resident's belongings Respects confidentiality of residents Respects individual cultural and spiritual needs and values
14. To report immediately any resident issues to the Registered Nurse	Resident concerns are reported to the Registered Nurse
15. To provide a safe caring environment for the residents and their families	Takes all precautions to ensure the safety of the residents Speaks in a caring manner to the residents Courteous and helpful to residents/relatives and visitors Contributes to a homelike environment
16. To be familiar with emergency procedures	Attends compulsory fire and emergency training sessions Fire procedures are known Civil defence procedures are known
17. To contribute to a healthy and safe working environment	Works in a safe manner Understands Hazard Register for the kitchen area Manages equipment in a safe manner Ensures equipment is in safe working order & faulty equipment is reported Uses all chemicals safely Reports any hazards and works towards eliminating, isolating or minimising them Work areas are kept clean, safe and tidy Reports any work accidents / incidents and completes the required documentation
18. To work effectively in a team environment	Understands own role & responsibilities within the team and those of other team members Offers assistance to other team members in a helpful manner Adapts routines to fit in with other members of the team Uses appropriate channels of communication Maintains a positive attitude

19. To be knowledgeable on Infection Control matters pertaining to your position	Hand washing procedures are known and practised Protective clothing is worn as appropriate Correct procedures are followed for disposal of food wastes
20. To take responsibility for your own education requirements	Seeks to update knowledge & skills by attending inservice sessions relating to job Attends compulsory education sessions Signs the attendance record Maintains an up to date personal inservice record Participates in external study programmes as directed Seeks guidance from senior staff when appropriate Participates in annual job interview/appraisal
21. To contribute to the Quality Improvement Programme of the facility	Understands the Quality system of the facility. Shows a commitment to improving the quality of the service Informs the Facility Manager regarding any change in procedure required & or development of new procedure Contributes to audit & monitoring of services Keeps up to date with current communications Contributes to the Continuous Quality Programme as required
22. To maintain a professional appearance and attitude of responsibility, loyalty and discretion	Uniform is clean and tidy Appearance is professional according to Uniform Policy Ensures that the facilities property is treated with care and used only for the purpose intended Demonstrates punctuality and reliability at all times Demonstrates a positive work ethic Demonstrates a positive attitude towards guidance and correction Works well without supervision Performs tasks thoroughly to an appropriate standard and skill level Respects confidentiality of the Heritage Lifecare
23. To attend meetings when appropriate	Attends appropriate meetings or keeps up to date with minutes etc. Actively participates in meetings Attends the Food Services Meeting and ensures implementation of decisions made at this meeting.

## Health and Safety

Heritage Lifecare is committed to a process of continuous improvement in order to achieve excellence in the management of health and safety at all of our workplaces. We recognise the positive impact that the values and benefits of enhanced health and safety bring to the organisation, our employees and our communities. There are two key points to health and safety:

- The safety of our people and the communities in which we operate always comes first
- We are all empowered and expected to challenge any unsafe situation at work

We will achieve these by:

- Building a positive health and safety culture
- Aiming for zero harm
- Taking reasonable practicable steps to identify, eliminate or minimise risk
- Reporting hazards and incidents
- Managing contractors

- Communicating and consulting regularly about health and safety issues
- Developing our knowledge about our roles in managing health and safety
- Investigating and learning from incidents
- Ensuring competence to do the job

## Financial Authority

Nil

## Core Competencies

<b>Customer Service</b>	Core Competencies	Solution focused	Seeks to understand the challenge in order to provide or create a workable solution for all parties. Lives in the moment and aims to provide an immediate solution. Ensures the underlying problem is highlighted with the appropriate person in order for the challenge to be managed therefore resolved in the future.
		Resilience	Maintains professional demeanour and deals effectively with pressured and difficult times. Maintains focus and intensity and remains optimistic and persistent, even under adversity. Recovers quickly from and responds constructively to setbacks. Accepts constructive feedback with an open and professional manner
		Builds rapport quickly	Builds a mutually trusting and understanding to ensure all parties involved have the other's best interests in mind. Identifies key stakeholders and seeks to build rapport effectively and efficiently to enable continued care and support is provided and business outcomes are met.
	Differentiating Competencies	Adaptability	Adjusts planned work by gathering relevant information and applying critical thinking to address multiple demands and competing priorities in a changing environment. Changes behavioural style or method of approach when necessary to achieve goal; adjusts style as appropriate to the needs of the situation. Responds to change with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn new ways to accomplish work activities and objectives.
		Authentic	Undertakes work and develops relationships with a competent, credible and reliable approach. Will raise any concerns had in a professional manner and acts in alignment of promises and commitments. Undertakes courageous conversations at the appropriate time and in a professional manner to ensure authenticity is maintained.
		Holistic view	Undertakes all aspects of work by considering the components of not only the actions or process being undertaken there and then but understands and considers all areas to ensure a full view of the workplace / process / situation is considered and understood.

**The intent of this position description is to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities performed by employees in this job classification. Employees may be requested to perform job related tasks other than those specified in this Position Description.**