

Registered Nurse (Mental Health)

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JOB**

Maintain and develop the skills as a military nurse in order to provide the highest possible levels of nursing care in peacetime and on operations.

KEY POINTS

- **Aeromedical Evacuation - transferring patients by air (fixed/rotary wing aircraft).**
- **Be treated, trained and supported as a professional. Options to undertake post-registration specialist courses.**
- **Start pay equivalent to NHS Band 6.**

TRADE OVERVIEW As a Registered Nurse (Mental Health), you will initially work as a Community Mental Health Nurse (CMHN) alongside a multidisciplinary team, providing high standards of nursing care to Service personnel. You will also train for the Aeromedical Evacuation (AE) role, ensuring the in-flight care and safety of patients requiring AE for mental health reasons. CMHN's in the RAF deliver care to all Service Personnel in a variety of locations with the focus being on treatment, occupational management and health promotion. You may get the opportunity to work at Tactical Medical Wing (TMW) as a Flight Nurse (MH). You will follow NICE guidelines in providing the highest quality of care through evidence-based practice. This practice will involve using diagnostic procedures, pharmacological interventions and therapy-based treatment.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

In addition to the leadership and management training that threads throughout your career, you may undertake professional nursing courses and study days. These courses are fully accredited, fully transferable and recognised by the NHS.

RECRUIT TRAINING

Your career will start with a 10-week Basic Recruit Training Course at RAF Halton. The course is designed to help you adjust to a military environment. As well as fitness and military training, you'll also learn about the RAF lifestyle.

SPECIALIST TRAINING

Princess Mary's RAF Nursing Service (PMRAFNS) provides the opportunity to formalise your Specialist Qualification. Your Mentor and the Nurse Education Advisor (NEA) will provide advice and guidance.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

As a qualified RN(MH) you will be expected to maintain your currency in clinical practice and to be active in your professional development as a nurse. In consultation with the NEA you will have the opportunity to undertake further education and training throughout your career.

REWARDS FROM RAF LIFE

- Competitive pay and pension
- Training and lifelong learning
- Six weeks paid leave and public holidays
- Free medical and dental care
- Subsidised food and accommodation
- Free gym and sports facilities
- Adventurous training opportunities

REGULAR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Registered Nurse Mental Health

Age: 21- 47 *

* Must attest before 48th birthday.

Qualifications:

You must be NMC registered on Part 1 of the register, (Mental Health Nurse level 1 or Adult/Mental Health) May apply for selection, during final year of RN (MH) training (i.e. up to 12 months before completing RN (MH) qualification). All candidates must be NMC registered before contract offer.

Pay: Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/medical-and-medical-support/registered-nurse-mental-health>

ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In preparation for your operational role you will complete a period of preceptored practice when you will complete your Deployed Operational Nursing Competences, Trade Management Training and Junior Management and Leadership Course. RAF personnel are also eligible to apply for the Eagles Scheme Adventure Training.

YOUR FIRST TOUR

Your initial tour will be to a Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH) in the UK, where you will be mentored whilst consolidating your military training. This tour usually lasts for 3 years.

You will predominantly work in a DCMH on a military base, independently running out-patient clinics at your unit. Once trained, you will be expected to support the provision of a 24-hour MH Aeromedical Evacuation service for UK Armed Forces personnel and entitled civilians with MH conditions requiring movement by air.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION:

You will initially join the RAF for 12 years on a Notice Engagement (You can apply to leave at any point during this period but this is subject to 6-12 months minimum waiting time). Pay, pension and service beyond the initial engagement (up to a maximum of age 60 years) are linked to your performance and rank progression. On successful completion of the BRTC you will progress to your first Unit appointed to the rank of Acting Corporal. On completion of the Junior Management and Leadership Course and Trade Management Training you will be eligible for promotion to Corporal. Further promotion to the rank of Sergeant and beyond is by competitive selection.

Opportunities to apply for a Commission as a Nursing Officer are possible providing you have completed a minimum of 24 months clinical practice.

DUAL QUALIFIED NURSES

Nurses who hold a dual qualification in 'adult nursing / adult mental health' or 'adult nursing / child' and are active on Sub Part 1 & Sub Part 2 of the NMC register, will be considered if all eligibility criteria are met. In order to meet the NMC revalidation criteria for both registrations, the individual will have to maintain 450 hours in *each* specialist area over a 3-year validation period. Individuals will be placed where service needs lie and although support will be given to assist revalidation activities in both areas, the individual is ultimately responsible. The individual, with line manager support is to organise appropriate placements outside their primary role in the form of an agreed job plan.

Selection: You will be assessed on physical fitness and medical eligibility. You will also be interviewed by one of our Nurses in the Nursing Services Recruitment Team and our Nurse Education Advisor.

Residency:

Whether or not you were born in the United Kingdom, you should have resided there for the 5 years immediately preceding your application but candidates with a minimum of 3 years will be considered.

Nationality:

You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, holder of dual UK/other nationality or have been a Commonwealth citizen since birth.

A Modern Force: The RAF recognises the value of a person's ability no matter their ethnicity, social background, religion or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status/civil partnership.



Register your interest in this role:

Online:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/role-s-finder/medical-and-medical-support/registered-nurse-mental-health>

or

Telephone: 0345 605 5555

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To talk with an RAF nursing specialist contact:

RAF Nursing Services Recruiting Team
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This information was last updated on 03 Aug 21, but may have changed since. If you have any queries, please check with RAF Staff at any Armed Forces Careers Office.

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<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment>



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