

Eastern Health

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Improvement Partner
Award Classification:	Administrative Officer – HS4
Award / Agreement Name:	Victorian Public Health Sector (Health Professionals, Health and Allied Services, Manager & Administrative Officers)
Position Reports to:	Director Continuous Improvement

EASTERN HEALTH – HEALTHIER TOGETHER

Eastern Health is one of Melbourne’s largest metropolitan public health services. We provide a comprehensive range of high quality acute, sub-acute, palliative care, mental health, drug and alcohol, residential care, community health and statewide services to people and communities that are diverse in culture, age and socio- economic status, population and healthcare needs



1. POSITION PURPOSE

The role of the Continuous Improvement & Transformation team is to support Eastern Health to develop, implement and improve Eastern Health's lean management system – by using a practical improvement system and partnering model to support and develop people and teams to solve meaningful problems big and small.

The Improvement Partner is responsible to the Director Continuous Improvement (Strategy & Improvement Directorate) for leadership in developing a culture and capability for continuous improvement to achieve performance excellence. The Improvement Partner role entails leadership in working with programs and sites and all levels of staff to undertake improvement work to assist Eastern Health to progress the organisation's high priority improvement initiatives.

The Improvement Partner will work with key stakeholders to implement Eastern Health's continuous improvement methodology and Lean Management System, employing a range of tools and techniques to ensure a rigorous approach to improving processes and performance. As a member of the Strategy & Improvement directorate the Improvement Partner will work with other members of the team and directorate to progress the work of the Directorate generally.

2. MAJOR DUTIES AND/OR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Actively and effectively build relationships with staff from across the organisation to engage them in understanding Eastern Health's approach to continuous improvement and their role in leading and participating in performance improvement and innovation as a core function of their jobs
 - a. Train and coach staff in the design and implementation of Eastern Health's Lean Management System and lean approaches such as 5S, visual management, Standard Daily Work and A3 thinking
 - b. Partner with clinical and corporate operational leads to ensure support, commitment and involvement in improvement initiatives
 - c. Provide improvement methodology advice, coaching
 - d. Ensure there is a strong measurement focus for all improvement initiatives that includes data analysis, benefits realisation and return on investment
 - e. Support the communication of achievements in improvement across the organization
 - f. Prepare relevant process, progress and evaluation reports regarding improvement initiatives for internal and external stakeholders when required
2. Develop and maintain improvement tools and templates to support the successful delivery of improvement initiatives
3. Participate in the development and delivery of improvement capability training as required
4. Work with the members of the Eastern Health Strategy & Improvement Directorate to advance the improvement of quality, safety and risk management at Eastern Health
5. Undertake other activities as directed

3. SAFE PRACTICE AND ENVIRONMENT

Occupational Health and Safety

Eastern Health is committed to provide and maintain a working environment for all staff that is safe and without risk to health. All staff are to take care of their own health and safety and the health and safety of any other person who may be affected by your acts or omissions at the workplace. Understand responsibilities and accountabilities to yourself and others in accordance with OH&S legislation and Eastern Health policies and promote a working environment that is congruent with these guidelines. This includes staff reporting of all clinical and OHS incidents and near misses, in particular those related to Occupational Violence, Manual Handling and Slips, trips and falls.

Staff are required to comply with all state legislative requirements in respect to the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 and the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation (WIRC) Act 2013.

4. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Relevant, practical and timely education should direct, facilitate, enhance and support the professional growth and practice of employees in a health environment characterised by change. All programs should endeavour to promote evidence-based practice, a problem solving approach and to be competency based.

You are expected to participate in the personal development process on an annual basis.

5. QUALITY

As a staff member of Eastern Health staff are required to comply with Eastern Health performance standards and participate in continuous monitoring and improvement as part of your role. You are also required to comply with legislation, professional standards and accreditation standards.

As a staff member employed by Eastern Health services you must have and maintain the appropriate skills and knowledge required to fulfil your role and responsibilities within the organisation. In addition, you must ensure that you practice within the specifications of this position description, and where applicable within the agreed scope of practice.

You are responsible for ensuring safe high quality care in your work. This will include complying with best practice standards, identifying and reporting any variance to expected standards and minimising the risk of adverse outcomes and patient harm. In addition, you will ensure that service and care is consistent with the EH approach to patient and family centered care.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information obtained in the course of employment is confidential and should not be used for any purpose other than the performance of the duties for which the person was employed. Staff are bound by the Information Privacy Act 2000 and the Health Records Act 2001.

7. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

You agree to adhere to the Equal Employment Opportunity policies and practices of the Health Service. Discriminatory practices, including sexual harassment, are unlawful. The Health Service will not tolerate

discriminatory behaviour and any such conduct may lead to the invoking of the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure, which may result in termination of employment.

8. PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT

A Performance Review, that includes agreed targets, will occur three (3) months from commencement and then annually on the basis of the duties and responsibilities outlined in this position description. This is an opportunity to review personal and the allocated work unit's service performance, facilitated by the setting of objectives/goals and ongoing evaluation of performance and achievement. Objectives will be developed annually, documented, discussed and agreed with the immediate line manager, who will act as the assessor. The incumbent is expected to demonstrate and show evidence annually of on-going self and allocated work unit's service development.

9. EASTERN HEALTH'S PROMISE

Our promise to our communities, patients, consumers and staff is that we will be **HEALTHIER TOGETHER**. Bolder than a vision for the future, our promise calls us to action. We know that working together is the only way we can achieve what is necessary for a healthier future.

Our values are ones in action and are the behaviours that matter most.

- Respect for all
- Safe always
- Partnering in care
- Learning and improving everyday

Learning from the challenges of the past and looking to the future, we understand that we are building towards a more engaged, more reliable, always safe health service in partnership with our people to improve every day.

10. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 Key Selection Criteria

11. NOTE

Statements included in this position description are intended to reflect in general the duties and responsibilities of this position and are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive.

Prior to accepting any offer of employment, prospective employees will be required to read and commit to the Eastern Health Code of Conduct, including (but not limited to) issues of Occupational Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity and Confidentiality.

Vaccination against infectious disease is a mandatory requirement of this role. An offer of employment is conditional on you providing evidence that you are currently vaccinated against COVID-19, prior to commencing employment.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Manager

INCUMBENT STATEMENT

I _____ (Incumbent Name) have read, understood and accepted the above Position Description and associated Attachments.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

ATTACHMENT 1

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

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Essential

- At least 1-2 years' experience in redesign and improvement methodologies with a specific focus on lean methods and tools including A3 thinking
- Experience in training and coaching senior staff in improvement, project and change management
- Proven track record in successfully leading and embedding change within and across teams
- Understanding of measurement and monitoring for safety and quality including proven ability to analyse and use data and information for improvement
- Demonstrated ability to engage a diverse range of stakeholders
- Superior communication skills, both verbal and written
- Stakeholder management – creates effective structures to manage and engage stakeholders, and negotiates with and influences diverse stakeholder groups including a highly educated workforce
- Self-motivated and able to work under pressure both independently and within a team
- A commitment to improving the patient's experience of their health care
- Demonstrated capacity to 'live' the Eastern Health Values
- A Victorian Drivers Licence

Desirable

- Tertiary qualification in health related field and / or clinical experience within an acute health setting
- Experience with leading co-design
- Redesign and/or improvement specific qualification
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40116)

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Candidates

Eastern Health's Aboriginal Workforce Plan 2023 – 2026 has recently been released. With a strong focus on cultural safety and belonging, actions included in the Workforce Plan provide practical supports for all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff.

An Aboriginal Employment Coordinator is available to ensure each person has culturally safe and positive employee experiences which foster belonging and access to diverse experiences and career pathways.

Should you require further information regarding this position or support to complete an application, please contact the Recruitment Manager for this position or Eastern Health's Aboriginal Employment Coordinator at Aboriginal.Workforce@easternhealth.org.au