

Job Title: Food Assistant	
Reports To: Head Chef/Chef	Reporting to Job Holder: Not Applicable
<p>Overall Purpose:</p> <p>To assist the Centre’s Head Chef/Chef in the delivery of a high standard of catering services to internal and external customers.</p>	
<p>Principle Accountabilities:</p> <p><u>Planning and Organising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist with the preparation and cooking of appetising, nutritionally balanced meals, which meet the varied needs of customers, using appropriate quantities and ingredients, ensuring that food is ready for service at the correct time. • To ensure that all menu items and garnishes are prepared and ready for service. • To deliver food prepared within the Centre, supporting food service to customers as required and to collect catering service equipment following meal service. • To prepare the dining room for food service and provide food and beverage service to customers. • To store food appropriately in fridges, freezers and stores. • To participate in the implementation of quality assurance programmes within catering services as required. <p><u>Business Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To comply with current Fire, Health & Safety at Work, Safe Food Handling and Environmental Health legislation by observing Ben’s policies and procedures and carrying out safe procedures and practices at all times, following appropriate reporting arrangements as required. • To maintain a clean working environment in the kitchen, cold room and stores, cleaning down work areas and items of equipment used during the day in line with cleaning rota requirements. • To operate catering equipment safely and in compliance with manufactures instructions at all times. • To work within the required Care Quality Commission (CQC) standards and Ben policies and procedures at all times. • To follow current infection control guidelines to minimise risk to customers, visitors, colleagues and Ben. • To comply with Ben’s Safeguarding guidelines and reporting procedures. • To comply with Ben’s protocols and requirements on maintaining confidentiality. <p><u>Communication</u></p>	

- To communicate effectively and appropriately with customers, their relatives and visitors to the Centre.
- To liaise with Head Chef/Chef, Housekeeping Team Leader and Facilities Manager to ensure the cleanliness and safe environment of the kitchen, reporting any risks or hazards to the Head Chef/Chef.
- To report immediately or as soon as reasonably practical any complaints, accidents or incidents involving colleagues, customers or visitors to the Head Chef/Chef.

Managing Performance

- To participate in the assessment and evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of catering services provided to customers and contribute to the development and implementation of service/standard improvement plans as required.
- To support and assist new staff, under the supervision of the Head Chef/Chef and act as a mentor to new starters as required.

Stakeholder Relationships

- Represent BEN and the Centre in a positive manner.

Achieving Customer Service Excellence

- To support the delivery of high quality and consistent food and catering services to customers, visitors to the Centre and colleagues, ensuring that nutritious and appetising food options are available at all times.
- To recognise customers' individual rights to dignity, privacy, choice and confidentiality.

Additional Duties

- To attend meetings and training sessions as required to support continuous learning and development and performance improvement.
- To undertake any other duties specified from time to time by the Head Chef\Chef or RM or their designated representative.

This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of responsibilities and will be regularly reviewed and amended as necessary after consultation.

Deliverables – Key Measures:

Planning and Organising

- To contribute to the provision of a quality catering service to customers at the Centre which delivers a variety of appetising food options produced to the highest standards of food hygiene and which maintains customer choice in meeting their nutritional needs.
- To participate , as required in audits and quality assurance programmes to evaluate standards of service delivered to customers.

Business Focus



- To assist in maintaining a safe working environment within catering services at all times
- To ensure that all aspects of the regulatory and organisational policy/procedure frameworks are met.
- Problems are avoided due to policies and procedures being followed.

Communication

- Customers, their relatives and visitors to the Centre are engaged in a professional and appropriate manner, ensuring the Centre is viewed in a positive way.
- To assist in maintaining a clean and safe environment in respect of food preparation and service to customers in the Centre which minimises the risk of food related illness.
- To contribute to ensuring that complaints, concerns or incidents relating to catering services at the Centre are dealt with promptly, promoting a positive customer experience.

Managing Performance

- To support the delivery of agreed service/quality improvements for catering services within agreed timescales.
- New colleagues receive dedicated assistance and mentoring from a more experienced colleague to improve their induction experience within their role and to address issues\concerns in a timely manner.

Stakeholder Relationships

- Stakeholders experience professional, positive and helpful interactions with Ben colleagues.

Achieving Customer Service Excellence

- To contribute to the delivery of a consistent level of catering services to customer, their relatives, friends and colleagues, which maintains high standards of food hygiene, customer choice and affordability, ensuring the Centre is viewed in a positive way.

Additional Duties

- Accept ad hoc tasks/duties as required.

PRIDE values

To embody and deliver the role of Food Assistant in line with our values:-

Passionate
Respectful
Inclusive
Driven
Empowered

Experience required:

Technical Knowledge:



<p>Experience of working in a catering operation in a care or similar setting is desirable, although not essential.</p>	<p>A food handling qualification is desirable, although not essential.</p>
<p>Other significant role requirements Demonstrate the Core Behavioural Competencies for the role (see Behavioural Competencies document) on appointment or following successful completion of induction\ probationary period where new to the role. Basic cookery and food preparation skills. Basic numeracy and literacy skills to read and understand procedures, instructions and to undertake as required routine administration tasks accurately. Ability to maintain high levels of hygiene standards in a catering environment. Ability to carry out and complete routine work quickly and effectively. Able to deal with customers sensitively and with consideration at all times and in a manner that respects their dignity, independence and choice. Ability to maintain all aspects of confidentiality and to comply with all legislative requirements in relation to customers and colleagues.</p>	
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