Job Title: Kitchen Assistant
Reporting to: Chef

About the role

The Kitchen Assistants in our Homes play a key role in ensuring the smooth and safe operation of the kitchen, guaranteeing that our residents receive high-quality meals and person-centred dining experiences.

Working as part of the Kitchen team and reporting to the Chef, this role is about a lot more than preparing and serving meals – the Kitchen Assistant will support with ensuring the dietary needs of our residents are met in addition to contributing to a safe and positive working environment.

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Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist with food preparation tasks including cleaning, chopping and portioning ingredients and assembling menu items under direction from the Cook and/ or Chef, ensuring the dietary and nutritional requirements of the residents are met.
- Maintain cleanliness and hygiene standards in the kitchen and dining areas including washing dishes, sanitising surfaces, and disposing of food waste in accordance with food safety regulations.
- Assist with meal service activities such as setting tables, serving meals and assisting residents with dietary needs or mobility challenges.
- Ensure that all kitchen stock and equipment is correctly stored and accounted for in accordance with the Food Standards Agency's Safe Catering policies and guidelines.
- Work with the kitchen team to maintain a clean and organised workspace including storage areas, refrigerators and cooking equipment to facilitate efficient workflow and minimise hazards.
- Follow all health and safety policies and procedures, adhering to hygiene best practice and infection control measures.
- Support the Cook and/ or Chef in maintaining appropriate records and data in line with regulatory requirements.
- Undertake any other duties that may be reasonably required as designated by the Home Manager.

About you

- Right to work in the UK
- A good standard of both verbal and written English.
- Previous catering, kitchen or food preparation experience.
- A flexible approach to work.
- An excellent team player.
- Experience in a care home or healthcare environment is desirable but not essential as full training will be provided.
- Good knowledge of food safety and hygiene practices.

Additional information

- Disclosure and Barring Service - you will need to complete an Enhanced Access NI. Access NI is a branch in the Department of Justice. Its role is to process applications from members of the public who require a criminal record check for employment purposes. Healthcare Ireland require 3 forms of ID to process this check.