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The executive nurse provides local leadership and usually holds operational responsibility for assuring the quality and safety of services in a local area from a commissioner perspective, providing checks and balances on the decision-making process and acting as a conduit for longer-term quality monitoring across the system.

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Driving cross-organisational relationships

Executive nurses have strong links with hospital and community providers, general practice, care homes and the third sector, which is vital in planning and delivering health and care holistically across organisational boundaries.

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Through developed professional and frontline knowledge, executive nurses ensure appropriate services are commissioned to deliver effective patient care.

Across the country clinical commissioning groups have recognised the value that the executive nurse brings to local decision-making and populations. As the NHS system evolves and new structures are established, they bring considerable value to strategic place-based planning and provide professional leadership in a changing commissioning environment.

For more information on the role of the executive commissioning nurse and case studies about how this works in practice please visit www.nhscc.org/nurses or email office@nhscc.org