

Transport First Line Manager

Core information

Location: Waitrose RDC	Lines of business or shared capability area: Waitrose Distribution	
Reports to: Transport Shift Manager		
People Management: Yes -		
Assignment Management: Yes -		
Partnership Level: Partnership level 8 -	Manager's Partnership level: Partnership level 7 -	
Number of direct reports: 20+	Partnership level(s) of direct reports: Partnership level 9 •	

About the John Lewis Partnership

The Partnership is the UK's largest employee-owned business and home to our two well-loved retail brands – John Lewis and Waitrose, as well as expanding into new areas beyond retail.

We aren't an ordinary business, though. The Partnership is different because everyone who works here isn't just an employee. We are Partners, with a shared responsibility for our success, and we share the rewards when we're successful.

Everything we do is powered by our unique Purpose: **Working in Partnership for a happier world.** Our Purpose inspires our principles, drives our decisions and acts as our guide, so that everything we do contributes to Happier People, Happier Business and a Happier World.

Critical purpose of the role

Responsible and accountable for managing Partners, Managers and Agency across the Transport operation within a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week operation. Ensuring achievement of productivity and agreed key customer service levels within cost targets through a motivated team. To ensure Health and Safety, EU Driving Regulations and all legislative and operational procedures are adhered to and Partners are treated fairly and with respect. To deputise for the Transport Shift Manager in their absence.

Primary Outcomes & Accountabilities	Measures of success
Managing a Transport operation delivering to Branches and	Key Performance Indicators are met.
other customers in line with the agreed service level.	All Branch and other customer service levels met.
Ensuring all Legal, Health and Safety, EU Driving Regulations and Operational procedures are adhered to at all times, ensuring the safety of self and others.	All aspects of Health and Safety, HACCP regulations, Employment policy and Operational procedures are adhered to
Support the delivery of the Business Plan - Setting and achieving specific measurable targets for the team.	Accidents and injuries are reported, recorded, investigated and any issues rectified.
To maximise productivity and manage the usage of overtime	Branch feedback, results and action plans.

JOHN LEWIS

Effectively communicating operational and business plans and	Partner Survey Results and action plans.
changes to all Partners. Pro-	Partnership principles and ethos adhered to all times, including
o	operating within and fully supporting the principles of the
To support a culture of Continuous Improvement across the	democratic framework.
department. Implement new projects that will improve the	All Direct Reports Personnel processes completed in a quality
efficiency of the operation and improve branch service. A	manner on time.
Ensuring all Personnel policies and procedures are followed	Risk Management processes in place to support RDC Risk
that enable Partners to be treated fairly and with respect in	Register.

Skills

- Proactive, results orientated and deadline driven
- Is a confident communicator in a team and one to one environment
- Capable of leading a team and developing others skills and capabilities
- Has strong organisational and planning skills
- PC and numerically literate

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP

• Has the ability to accept, adapt to and manage change

Qualifications & Experience (where applicable)

Essential

- CPC National, LGVI (C+E qualification on licence)
- Excellent Transport knowledge of current EU and Working Time regulations
- Experience of working in a management role in a Transport / Distribution environment
- A good understanding of Health and Safety legislation
- Experience of dealing with full disciplinary procedures according to ACAS guidelines

Desirable

Continuous Improvement Level I Business Excellence Training

Version	Created/updated by	Date
1	Tim Barker	April 2025

