



# Advanced Physiotherapist Practitioner

## Job description

### Duties and responsibilities

- To abide by HCPC and CSP Codes of Professional Conduct, and work in line with all areas of CSP Core Standards of Practice, as well as our policies and procedural framework.
- To work independently and autonomously in managing your own complex clinical caseload of patients.
- Undertake the advanced assessment and treatment of patients using advanced theoretical and practical knowledge, who may have complex and/or chronic presentation, and to determine clinical diagnosis and formulate individualised management and treatment plans. These may include: advice and discharge, referral to physiotherapy or other professions for management, request further investigations and diagnostic procedures (MRI, X-rays, blood tests) and interpret these in order to appropriately lead the assessment and direction of the patient's pathway of care.
- To fully understand the wider integrated MSK service and local MSK pathways across primary care, secondary care and the voluntary sector, including in depth knowledge of referral criteria and scope of services.
- Develop strong links with secondary care to enable fast track referral to consultants for those patients who may need secondary care intervention.
- Act as a source of expertise in the management of musculoskeletal problems and provide an advisory service to patients, physiotherapists, other healthcare professionals, GPs and consultants.
- Maintain up to date patient records on our systems in a timely manner, whilst abiding by our internal procedures and Service Level Agreements.
- Attend regular and relevant courses both internally and externally, as well as keeping an up to date file of your CPD achievements in line with CSP and HCPC guidelines.
- With the support of your local management team, identify and manage any risks that may affect the quality of care, and to advise on any issues regarding service delivery.
- Communicate effectively with all stakeholders (including patients, clinical colleagues, administrative colleagues, receptionists and external allied healthcare professionals) in line with our procedures, to ensure effective patient management.

- Utilise our internal platforms such as the staff newsletter and intranet to keep up to date with relevant business, regional and team news.
- Any other duties as may be required from time to time.

### **Person specification**

#### **Education and qualifications**

- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy recognised Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy.
- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered.
- Post-registration qualification in Orthopaedic Medicine or equivalent qualification.
- MSc Module in Injection Therapy or Diploma in Injection Therapy (or working towards).
- IRMER trained.
- Extensive post registration experience working at a senior level within speciality area (at least five years in MSK field).
- Demonstrable experience in ordering and interpreting diagnostics and histology results.
- An up to date CPD folder which demonstrates your commitment to professional development.

#### **Skills and competencies**

- Demonstrates an understanding of patient/client rights and consent; putting the person at the centre of practice.
- Demonstrates ethical, legal and culturally sensitive practice.
- Excellent IT skills.
- Proven ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with a wide range of people and to build rapport quickly.
- Awareness of current initiatives within the Local and National health economy.
- Displays effective communication skills, communicating complex, sensitive and contentious information to patients, carers and colleagues.
- Performs treatment interventions appropriately for this advanced level of clinical care.

- Identifies adverse events/near misses and minimises risk associated with assessment and intervention.
- Is a proficient user of the English language including understanding through listening and reading, good spoken English in terms of interactions and production, and written English is clear, well-structured text able to convey complexity.