**Greater Peterborough Network GP Federation**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

## JOB TITLE: MUSCULOSKELETAL FIRST CONTACT PHYSIOTHERAPIST

**REPORTS TO: GP Lead (Clinically)**

**HOURS: 37.5 hours per week**

**Permanent Role**

**Salary****: £28,000-£37,000 (Dependent on Experience)**

**Closing Date: Friday 6th January 2020**

**Interviews: Week of 14th January 2020**

**Start Date: 1st March 2020**

**Job summary:**

1. Provide clinical expertise, acting as first-contact physiotherapist and making decisions about the best course of action for patients' care (including in relation to undifferentiated conditions). This will involve seeing patients, without prior contact with their GP, in order to establish a rapid and accurate diagnosis and management plan.

2. Progress and request investigations to facilitate diagnosis and choice of treatment regime, understanding the information limitations derived from these and the relative sensitivity and specificity of tests, diagnostic services such as x-rays and blood test, and interpret and act on results to aid diagnosis and the management plans of patients.

1. Deliver programmes of supported patient self-management, in ways that facilitate behavioural change, optimise individuals' physical activity, mobility, fulfilment of personal goals and independence, and that minimise the need for pharmacological interventions

**CORE RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Takes professional responsibility as a first-contact physiotherapist, with high-level decision-making and clinical-reasoning skills to assess, diagnose and triage patients across a defined group of GP Practices (Primary Care Network).
2. Supports patients with musculoskeletal issues by providing advice and information to enable self-help and referring them on to specialist services such as podiatry or further physiotherapy if appropriate.
3. Leads, manages and contribute to the design and implementation of an effective General Practice based service.

1. Accountable for decisions and actions via HCPC registration, supported by a professional culture of peer networking/review and engagement in evidence-based practice.
2. Streamlines pathway of care by providing a responsive service so that patients receive timely access to care
3. Ensures care is proactive, preventive in focus and population based, with an emphasis on early intervention
4. Provides care which is tailored to the individual needs. This would include, appraising the impact of individuals' clinical status on their general health, well-being, employment status (including in relation to function, physical activity, mobility and independence)
5. Supports patients to set their own goals and be confident in their approach to self-management
6. Communicates effectively and appropriately with patients and carers providing complex and sensitive information regarding diagnosis, pathology and prognosis.
7. Uses a range of clinical skills with Physiotherapists supported to develop skills in:

-non-medical independent prescribing

-joint / soft tissue injections

-joint aspirations

1. Provides learning opportunities for the whole multi professional team within primary care.
2. Works within a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to develop more effective and streamlined clinical pathways and services
3. Exercises professional judgement, making, justifying and taking responsibility for decisions in unpredictable situations, including in the context of incomplete/contradictory information
4. Manages interactions in complex situations, including with individuals with psychosocial and mental health needs and with colleagues across the primary care team, sectors and settings