

## APPRENTICE PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSISTANT - JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE:	APPRENTICE PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSISTANT
LOCATION:	Manchester City centre
HOURS:	40 hours per week
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	Physiotherapist
CONTACT INFORMATION:	0161 883 0077

## JOB SUMMARY

- To work as a massage therapist providing assessments and treatments to own designated caseload of patients.
- To maintain up to date massage therapy patient records.
- To use evidence based practise and specialist skills to assess, plan, implement and evaluate treatments.
- To liaise with other health care professionals to deliver optimal patient care.
- To perform administration duties including; diary management, telephone answering, dealing with enquires, taking payments.
- To participate in activities to further develop own development and other service developments.
- To research into different musculoskeletal conditions and assist with the writing of content for websites.

*Please note that this list is not exhaustive and you may be required to undertake additional duties of a similar responsibility level as and when required.*

## Values

- To put patients first in everything you do and put each patient's needs at the centre of all decisions. To accept that some people need more help, and that not all goals will be realised, however, to strive to achieve the best possible results for each of your patients in all circumstances.
- To value each person as an individual, respect their aspirations, beliefs, commitments, and seek to understand their priorities, needs, abilities and limitations. To take what others have to say seriously. To be honest about your point of view and what you can and cannot do.
- To strive to improve health and well-being and people's experiences of massage therapy. To value excellence and professionalism wherever you find it – in the everyday things that make people's lives better as much as in clinical practice, service improvements and innovation.
- To earn the trust placed in you by insisting on quality and striving to get the basics right every time: safety, confidentiality, good communication, professionalism and dependable service. To welcome feedback, learn from your mistakes and build on your successes.
- To respond with kindness to each person's needs, anxieties, pain, and desires. To search for the things you can do, however small, to increase each person's quality of life.

## **Responsibility**

- To provide massage therapy input to a variety of clients.
- To have an understanding of a variety of musculoskeletal and other conditions.
- To monitor, evaluate and modify treatment in order to measure progress and ensure effectiveness of intervention.
- To provide massage therapy input into comprehensive interdisciplinary assessment / treatment / discharge.
- To discuss services and treatment options to potential clients.
- To provide comprehensive assessments.
- To provide support, consultation and advice on relevant massage therapy issues to patients.
- To adapt practice to meet individual patients' circumstances, including due regard for cultural, social, and linguistic differences in addition to their cognitive and physical disabilities.
- To contribute to patients' care and delivery of service by developing skills beyond one's own professional training.
- Work as a lone practitioner with support available from a senior therapist if required.

## **Communication**

- To use appropriate methods of communication with patients and carers to maximise rehabilitation potential and their understanding of the condition. Communication skills of persuasion, motivation, explanation and gaining informed consent will be used with a wide variety of patients.
- To communicate effectively and collaboratively with all health and social care sectors to ensure delivery of a co-ordinated service. This will include case conferences, joint sessions and documentation.

## **Research, Development and Services Improvement**

- To advise senior physiotherapists on issues of service delivery
- Highlight areas that could be improved to co-workers.
- Conduct research and gathering of data and relevant information as needed to develop successful business proposals.
- Assist with managing client relationships to ensure revenue growth.

## **Teaching, Training and Professional Development**

- To participate in the teaching and training of team members as agreed.
- Take an active role in your own development.
- Complete all college coursework on time.

## **Professional**

- Act professional at all times.
- Where appropriate, participate in the appraisal system as appraisee, and intermittently as appraiser and be responsible for fulfilling agreed objectives and personal development plan.

## **Organisational**

- To demonstrate effective time management and organisational skills during management of own workload and to be able to adapt to an unpredictable work pattern on a daily basis.
- To contribute to service developments.

**This job description is not meant to be exhaustive and reflects only the current and anticipated responsibilities of the post. The successful applicant will be expected to work flexibly in order to meet the overall needs of the position.**

**If you have any questions regarding the job description please contact 0161 883 0077.**