

Job description

Job title: Podiatrist

Reports to: Podiatry Team Leader / Podiatry Service Manager

Place of work: Various across Suffolk and South Norfolk.

Job Purpose

The post holder will provide a responsive podiatry service to patients within the area covered by the organisation. The post holder will work as a part of a highly motivated team, working under direction of a designated mentor in primary, secondary and community settings, providing a high standard of clinical care.

The post holder will assess, diagnose, develop, and implement patient care programmes for patients who will present with a wide range of symptoms.

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- To promote the development of good team-working relationships and professional practice with all colleagues and to deliver high quality clinical care.
- To be responsible for treating a caseload (50% under supervision), and to demonstrate good use of reflective practice in the care of patients as well as utilising service guidelines and evidence-based care models.
- To demonstrate motivation, flexibility, and to evidence good clinical, communication and team working skills.
- To carry out clinical work whilst developing skills through learning via clinical supervision and mentoring, CPD, and private study.
- To be mentored/supervised by a Band 6 Podiatrist for approximately 50% of a working week and where appropriate to complete the Band 6 Competency Programme, aiming for levels of clinical competency in line with B6 post.

Other duties & responsibilities

- To assess, diagnose, develop, and implement patient care programmes with the following symptoms
 - Acute infections
 - Chronic diseases and long-term conditions

- Gait problems due to foot deformity, trauma and/or joint malfunction.
 - Patients requiring local anaesthetic
 - Vascular problems
 - Wound management.
 - Ulcers and infected wounds.
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- To plan and manage own caseload under supervision, which will include providing specialist care for those with diabetes, and those requiring nail surgery.
 - To develop SystmOne skills within the role.
 - To work flexibly to meet the needs of the service.

Amending the job description: It is expected that as the organisation develops and changes it may be necessary to vary the tasks and/or the responsibilities of the post holder. This will be done in consultation with the post holder and it is hoped that agreement can be reached to any reasonable changes.

Confidentiality: The post holder must at all times maintain complete confidentiality of the material and information that they handle. Any matters of a confidential nature, or in particular, information relating to diagnoses and treatment of patients and individual staff records must not, under any circumstances, be divulged or passed on to any unauthorised person or persons. The post holder must respect patient named confidentiality in keeping with “Caldicott principles”.

Data Protection: The post holder must at all times respect the confidentiality of information in line with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. This includes, if required to do so, obtaining, processing and/or using information held on a computer in a fair and lawful way, holding data only for the specified registered purposes and using or disclosing data only to authorised persons or organisations as instructed.

Policies & Procedures: The post holder will be expected to comply with all statutory legislation, the organisations governance framework and approved national and local policy. All employees are expected to comply with all of the organisations Policies and Procedures.

General: The post holder will be expected to be responsible for his/her continuing professional development and to take a proactive approach to maintaining personal and professional effectiveness in an evolving role.

The duties and responsibilities described in this Job Description are intended to be indicative but not exhaustive of the responsibilities of the post holder. As the organisation develops, the requirements of the job may change and the post holder is expected to adapt to these changes.

Health & Safety: Employees must share responsibility for abiding by health and safety policies and regulations, infection prevention and control policies and act in accordance with the Risk Management Policy. This includes compliance with The Health Act 2006 Code of Practice for the prevention and control of healthcare associated infection. In addition, be aware of the responsibilities placed on them

by the Health & Safety at Work Act (1974) to ensure that the agreed safety procedure is carried out to maintain a safe environment for themselves, other employees and visitors.

Equal Opportunities Policy and Anti-Harassment: The post holder will immediately report to their line manager any breach or suspected breach of both equal opportunity and anti-harassment guidelines

Safeguarding: Everyone employed by the Organisation regardless of the work they do has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of vulnerable adults and children. When patients and/or their carers use our services, it is essential that all protection concerns are both recognised and acted on appropriately. You have a responsibility to ensure you are familiar with and follow relevant policies in relation to safeguarding vulnerable adults and children. To ensure you are equipped to carry out your duties effectively, you must also attend mandatory safeguarding training and updates at the competency level appropriate to the work you do

Organisation Structure Chart

