Advanced Practice Physiotherapist

## Advanced Practitioner

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| Job title: | Advanced Practice Physiotherapist |
| Department: | NHS MSK |
| Location: | South London Clinics/Remote |
| Reporting to:  (job title only) | NHS MSK Clinical Lead/Senior Team Lead |
| Direct reports:  (job title only) | n/a |
| Accountable to:  (where applicable) | NHS MSK Service Lead |
| Responsible to:  (where applicable) |  |
| Job purpose: | To carry out MCATs clinics across Vita Health Groups South London NHS MSK contracts. Clinical responsibilities will include paper and virtual triage, MDT working, Health Coaching for shared decision making and making every contact count, requesting diagnostics, injecting and prescribing as appropriate. The Advanced Practice Physiotherapist would work under the direct supervision of the NHS MSK Clinical Lead. |
| Role and Responsibilities: | Ensure appropriate consents to treat and to report are obtained  • Carry out paper and virtual triage assessments of patients in line with NICE guidance and local practice  • Use outcome measures to demonstrate treatment effect  • Provide evidence-based assessment, treatment and management of patients to optimize care aiming for achieving rapid return to function and work  • Maintain records in line with CSP core standards and Vita Health standards  • Communicate with GPs and clients in line with Vita Health procedures  • Follow procedures and ensure data is logged on the clinical systems to VHG expected standards  • Actively participate in in-service training and group supervision  • Liaise with colleagues including Sport and Exercise Medicine consultants, physiotherapists and the admin team as well as external stakeholder in local trusts, community services and GP practices.  • Keep up to date with evidence-based practice/guidelines  • Log data and audit outcomes of programmes  • Maintain evidence of continual professional development  • Other duties as may be required from time to time |
| Clinical Governance:  (where applicable) |  |
| Training and supervision: |  |
| Additional information: | Some travel including occasional overnight stays may be required, so a full clean driving licence is desired. |

## Person specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | * A degree in physiotherapy is essential along with HCPC and CSP membership. | MSc Physiotherapy |
| **Experience** | * Previous experience within an MCATs service delivering MSK FCP/APP clinics * Able to demonstrate experience of working in a triage clinic, delivering excellent assessment and management plans for a diverse and complex MSK caseload * Experience with MDT working and making direct referrals to secondary care services including Trauma & Orthopaedics, Rheumatology. * Possess a sound working knowledge of imaging, investigations, and blood tests | Injection therapy, Ultrasonography (PG cert or equivalent), Independent prescribing |
| **Skills/knowledge** | IT literate – intermediate level minimum |  |
| **Specialist training** |  | Injection therapy, Ultrasonography (PG cert or equivalent), Independent prescribing |
| **Personal competencies and qualities** | Excellent verbal and written communication skills including shared decision making  High level of enthusiasm and motivation  Ability to work individually or within a team and foster good working relationships  Ability to work under pressure  Excellent time management skills |  |

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