

Senior Academy Physiotherapist

Job Description and Person Specification

Position Details

Position: Senior Academy Physiotherapist	Department: Academy	Reporting to: Academy Manager and Head of Sports Science and Medicine
Salary: 25-28,000 per annum	Contract: Permanent	Hours per week: 37.5

Overall Objective: To lead the Sports Science and Medicine service for the Milton Keynes Dons Academy.

Job Description

Main Objectives

- To operate the Academy's Sports Science and Medicine Department in keeping with Elite Player Performance Plan guidelines, best practice and the Club's ethos, vision and values.
- To organize the provision of a Sports Medicine service for Academy players and staff.
- To manage and support the Lead Academy Sports Scientist to ensure the provision of an Academy Sports Science programme.

Summary of Duties

- To provide a professional physiotherapy service to Academy players and staff. Including the assessment and diagnosis of injury and the formulation of appropriate goal orientated management plans.
- To manage the Academy Sports Medicine and Science Department Staff to ensure all objectives are achieved.
- To ensure a thorough medical and neuromusculoskeletal screening procedure is performed on all Academy players. Including appropriate reporting and the formulation and delivery of subsequent treatment, management and preventative strategies.
- To provide pitch side cover during training and matches. Including the provision of physiotherapy and emergency aid as required.
- To be responsible for reviewing and formulating clinical governance strategies.
- To ensure all Elite Player Performance Plan requirements are met.

Person Specification

Essential

- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy or equivalent.
- Full membership to the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- Health and Care Professions Council Registered.
- Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football (ATMMiF) qualification or equivalent (The Intermediate Trauma Medical Management in Football qualification will be accepted as a minimum).
- Previous experience of providing physiotherapy for young athletes within the framework of the Elite Player Performance Plan, ideally at Category 3 level or above.
- Extensive clinical assessment and treatment skills and a sound understanding of the rehabilitation and reconditioning process.
- Excellent communication skills with an ability to liaise with footballers, coaches, management, medical staff and such individuals in a personable and professional manner.
- Excellent and consistent leadership and management skills.
- Experience in managing and co-ordinating therapy staff in the delivery of injury diagnosis, treatment and prevention strategies.
- An ability to work in a high pressured environment with a flexible approach, in order to dedicate time to the programme as the schedule determines.
- A strong 'can do' attitude
- Ability to work under own initiative and as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Excellent organisational and time management skills with ability to meet stringent deadlines.
- Be able to adapt to different, changing and challenging situations.
- Have the drive and enthusiasm to set high standards, lead by example and achieve company objectives.

Job Description (continued)	Person Specification (continued)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist in the provision of a Sports Science and Medicine service for the U23's and first team squads, as directed by the Head of Sports Science and Medicine. • To cover U23 matches as required from a physiotherapy and first aid perspective • Lead and advise on the EPPP audit and re-categorisation process with regard to Academy Sports Science and Medicine. • Assist and advise on the new training complex development with regard to Academy Sports Science and Medicine. • To maintain appropriate medical and physiotherapy records in keeping with Club, FA, CSP and HCPC requirements. • To remain up-to-date with advances in the fields of physiotherapy and sports medicine through regular CPD activities. • To plan an appropriate CPD programme for the Club's Sports Science and Medicine Department. • To effectively manage the Academy Sports Science and Medicine Department budget and ensure medical equipment and stock is maintained. • To attend and report on any Inter-departmental/Academy Management Team meetings that are arranged. • To assist with any other reasonable duties as directed by management staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of company and governing body policies/procedures and regulations relating to your role. <p><u>Desirable</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a full clean driving license • MSc Sports and Exercise Medicine or equivalent or working towards. • FA Learning Safeguarding Children Certificate. <p>This role is subject to an enhanced DBS check.</p>