## University Hospitals Dorset

## **Person Specification**

Job Title:Band 6 Occupational Therapist – Stroke and Neuro service Accountable to: Therapy lead – Stroke and Neurotherapy

Criteria	Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Qualifications	<ul> <li>State Registered (HCPC)</li> <li>BSc (Hons), MSc or Equivalent in Occupational Therapy</li> <li>Evidence of C.P.D.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Member of RCOT and RCOT SS Neurological Practice</li> <li>Completion of Neuro-therapy specific course</li> </ul>
Experience	<ul> <li>Minimum of 18-24 months of postgraduate experience across core areas         <ul> <li>Neurology</li> <li>Older Peoples Services</li> <li>Orthopaedics</li> </ul> </li> <li>Experience of working within an acute hospital setting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Previous experience with supervision of assistants</li> <li>Previous experience in band 5 and student clinical supervision</li> <li>Involvement in audit</li> </ul>



Technical Skills Competencies	<ul> <li>Ability to assess, manage &amp; treat neurological conditions and patients with complex multi pathologies at specialist level</li> <li>Ability to teach &amp; supervise band 5 staff &amp; assistants</li> <li>Skills in goal setting &amp; evaluating outcome measures</li> <li>Problem solving skills</li> <li>Reflective practitioner</li> <li>Ability to produce clear written documentation of intervention &amp; reports</li> <li>Therapeutic moving &amp; handling skills at specialist level</li> <li>Ability to prioritise clinical workload</li> <li>Ability to learn and develop own clinical skills with neurological patient group</li> </ul>	
Knowledge	<ul> <li>Sound understanding of the pathology of neurological conditions</li> <li>Basic understanding of Neuroplasticity and theoretical rationale behind neurotherapy interventions</li> <li>Understanding of National service frameworks, NICE guidance and National strategy documents.</li> <li>Knowledge of the clinical pathway for neurological patients from acute care to long term management</li> <li>Understanding of Clinical Governance and its relevance to clinical situations.</li> <li>Ability to critique evidence base and apply to clinical practice.</li> <li>Knowledge and understanding of the Discharge to Assess pathways</li> </ul>	



Other requirements specific to the role	<ul> <li>Ability to drive and hold a clean drivers licence and access to a car for work purposes</li> <li>Good IT skills with the ability to utilise number of basic computer programmes competently (i.e. outlook, word, excel, databases)</li> <li>Ability to move and handle patients and equipment using approved techniques and work in confined spaces</li> <li>Ability to utilise specialist equipment relevant for patient group</li> <li>Ability to use tools to adjust equipment &amp; furniture.</li> </ul>	
Personal Attributes	<ul> <li>Self motivated</li> <li>Good time management</li> <li>Ability to work under pressure</li> <li>Flexibility to respond to urgent requests, changes to plans etc;</li> <li>Initiative</li> <li>Maintain high level of professional standard at all times</li> </ul>	
Language requirement	<ul> <li>Able to speak English as necessary to undertake the role</li> </ul>	

