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



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



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

