

Job Title:	Therapy Technician
Reports to (job title):	Team Lead
Line Manager to:	

Job purpose

To hold a supervised caseload of patients undergoing rehabilitation in their own homes or in rehabilitation beds, implementing treatment programmes, monitoring progress and ordering equipment

To provide general advice to patients and carers in a variety of settings

To undertake related administrative duties

Key responsibilities

- To contribute as part of the Intermediate Care Rehabilitation Team in the provision of rehabilitation for clients in this group.
- To acquire core skills in physiotherapy, occupational therapy and administration, this includes knowledge of equipment.
- To use these core skills to implement the rehabilitation plans prescribed by qualified members of the team including the appropriate ordering of equipment.
- As experience and competencies develop, to carry out initial assessment and set patient oriented goals in conjunction with patients, delivering appropriate rehabilitation interventions.
- Holding a small caseload of patients
- To record all assessments and intervention given in the agreed Care Pathway. To feedback to qualified staff and contribute to team decisions regarding patient needs, progress and goals.
- To report any areas of concern relating to the patient to the appropriate professional responsible for the patient or to the Team Leader.
- To liaise with other health professionals, Social Services, GPs, hospital staff and other agencies involved in the care of each patient as required.
- To communicate appropriately to patients and their carers.
- To maintain patient confidentiality.
- To contribute to the development of the team to enable the team to provide appropriate rehabilitation in the patient's home or rehabilitation beds.
- To review progress and discharge patients.
- To support other staff and students within the team where appropriate.

- To carry out administration and clerical tasks relating to the team's activities as required.
- To participate in project work or pilot studies where appropriate.
- To input accurate and timely data in relation to all contacts and other activities into the confidential clinical record system.
- To ensure effective use of time by organising own caseload and prioritising daily appointments.
- To participate in supervision.

Key relationships

Internal:

- Team Leads
- Therapists
- Admin Staff

External:

- Hospital Staff
- Adult Social Care Social workers
- Reablement
- Care agencies
- Voluntary Organisations

Our values

Our values are our moral compass and core to our DNA. They underpin the way we deliver our services and treat those who use our services.

To many organisations values are just words which don't translate into reality of the day to day but our values flow through everything that we do, they define who we are, what we stand for and set the expectations of our colleagues, communities, customers and partners. They have been defined by our colleagues and have been integral to our journey so far and will be integral to our future as well.

We have three values which help us stand out from the crowd, not just because there's only three, but because they are unique to who we are. We care, we think, and we do.

Care

- Inspire
- Understand
- Communicate

Think

- Challenge
- Improve
- Learn

Do

- Accountability
- Involve
- Resilience

Confidentiality and Information Security

As our employee you will be required to uphold the confidentiality of all records held by the company, whether patients/service records or corporate information. This duty lasts indefinitely and will continue after you leave the company's employment.

All information which identifies living individuals in whatever form (paper/pictures, electronic data/images or voice) is covered by the 2018 Data Protection Act and should be managed in accordance with this legislation. This and all other information must be held in line with NHS national standards including the Records Management: NHS Code of Practice, NHS Constitution and HSCIC Code of Practice on Confidential Information and should only be accessed or disclosed lawfully. Monitoring of compliance will be undertaken by the Company. Failure to adhere to Information Governance policies and procedures may result in disciplinary action and, where applicable, criminal prosecution.

Information governance responsibilities

You are responsible for the following key aspects of Information Governance (not an exhaustive list):

- Completion of annual information governance training
- Reading applicable policies and procedures
- Understanding key responsibilities outlined in the Information Governance acceptable usage policies and procedures including NHS mandated encryption requirements
- Ensuring the security and confidentiality of all records and personal information assets
- Maintaining timely and accurate record keeping and where appropriate, in accordance with professional guidelines
- Only using email accounts authorised by us. These should be used in accordance with the Sending and Transferring Information Securely Procedures and Acceptable Use Policies.
- Reporting information governance incidents and near misses on CIRIS or to the appropriate person e.g. line manager, Head of Information Governance, Information Security Lead
- Adherence to the clear desk/screen policy
- Only using approved equipment for conducting business

Governance

Clinical governance is a framework through which organisations delivering health and care services are accountable to continuously improving the quality of their services and safeguarding high standards of care by creating an environment in which clinical and other forms of care flourishes. Employees must be aware that clinical governance places a duty on all staff to ensure that the level of care services they deliver to patients is safe and high quality, and that they follow/comply with our policies and procedures.

Registered Health Professional

All staff who are a member of a professional body must comply with standards of professional practice/conduct. It is the post holder's responsibility to ensure they are both familiar with and adhere to these requirements.

Risk Management/Health & Safety

The post holder has a responsibility to themselves and others in relation to managing risk, health and safety and will be required to work within the policies and procedures laid down by the company. Staff are required to observe the Hygiene Code and demonstrate good infection control and hand hygiene.

Employees must be aware of the responsibilities placed on them by the Health & Safety at Work Act (1974) to ensure that the agreed safety procedures are carried out to maintain a safe environment for other employees, patients and visitors. It is essential to observe strict fire and security precautions at all times.

All staff must report accidents, incidents and near misses so that the company can learn from them and improve safety.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Responsibility

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk of harm and expects all employees to share this commitment.

Medicines Management Responsibility

Nursing or registered healthcare professionals

Undertake all aspects of medicines management related activities in accordance within the company's medicines policies to ensure the safe, legal and appropriate use of medicines.

Skilled non-registered staff

Undertake all aspects of medicines management related activities in accordance with the company's medicines policy where appropriate training has been given and competencies have been achieved.

Policies and Procedures

All colleagues must comply with the Company Policies and Procedures which can be found on the company intranet.

General

We are committed to serving our community. We aim to make our services exemplary in both clinical and operational aspects. We will show leadership in identifying healthcare needs to which we can respond and in determining the most cost-effective way of doing so.

We recruit competent staff that we support in maintaining and extending their skills in accordance with the needs of the people we serve. We will recognise the commitment from our staff to meeting the needs of our patients.

The company recognises a “non-smoking” policy. Employees are not able to smoke anywhere within the premises or when outside on official business.

Equal Opportunities

It is the company’s intention to be an employer of choice and ensure that no job applicants or employees are unfairly disadvantaged on the grounds of gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, colour, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, trade union membership or any other factors that are not relevant to their capability or potential. To this end, the company has an Equality and Diversity policy and it is the responsibility of each employee to contribute to its success.

Flexibility Statement

This job description is not exhaustive and may change as the post develops or changes to align with service needs. Any such changes will be discussed directly between the post holder and their line manager.

Personal Specification

Experience

- To have an understanding of rehabilitation
- To have some experience working in health or social care
- To have a knowledge of delivery of care in the community
- To have experience in working with people to develop and support their independence
- To understand function and activities of daily living.

Skills

- To have effective verbal and written communication skills
- To have basic IT skills e.g. WORD, internet, e-mail
- To have the ability to follow set rehabilitation programmes and identify need for change
- To be able to deal with distressing situations with empathy and professionalism
- To be able to work as an effective team member
- To be able to use initiative

Ability to prioritise and organise own workload

Other

- Has a realistic knowledge of personal strengths and areas for development
- Can demonstrate flexibility of approach
- Clearance from Disclosure and Barring Service
- Current valid UK driving license with availability of car to use for work
- Flexibility to work over 7 days
- Demonstrate recent development of one's own knowledge and practice
- A knowledge of pathological conditions
- A knowledge of local health, social care, leisure and voluntary resources
- Working knowledge of relevant equipment used to support independence.

Job Description

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Manager signature
