**JOB DESCRIPTION – PHYSIOTHERAPIST (working with GB Boccia)**

**Salary Scales**: £27,577 - £34,860 pa.

**Grade:** Level 2 (Physio) 0.5 FTE

**Hours of Work:** A part time 0.5 FTE role (18.5hrs) to be programmed around the sports camp and competition programme. There will be an expectation of flexibility within the role to meet the demands of the programme and this may include working irregular days or extended periods of travel. The role may include working outside normal office hours at evenings and weekends and on Public Holidays.

**Location:** The current place of work will be based at the EIS Performance Centre, Sheffield, however the sport will require you to travel to and work at other sites and competition venues both nationally and internationally.

**ROLE SUMMARY**

The successful applicant will provide and develop physiotherapy support services to Paralympic World Class Programme athletes including performance transition and foundation athletes. Working collaboratively with the interdisciplinary athlete support team, this position will underpin strategies to optimise athlete health and wellbeing to minimise time-loss and maximise performance in training and competition.

**MAIN TASKS AND ACTIVITIES**

Work with the Lead Boccia Physiotherapist, Technical Lead Physiotherapist, Head of Sport Science and Sports Medicine / Athlete Health Lead, EIS and national governing body (NGB) support staff to improve performance through implementing, evaluating and developing physiotherapy services.

* Contribute to the development and delivery of athlete health strategies in Boccia to optimise performance.
* Deliver physiotherapy services to Boccia athletes.
* Identify and deliver individualised athlete management and rehabilitation programmes and targeted injury risk management strategies to enhance performance in collaboration with the interdisciplinary athlete support team, coaches and athletes.
* Ensure that the delivery of the physiotherapy and soft tissue therapy services effectively meet their commitments to athletes, coaches and National Governing Bodies across the programme and Home Country institutes.
* Utilise the electronic medical records system (PDMS) for accurate record keeping and injury surveillance analysis to inform athlete health decision making.
* Participate in the delivery of project work or applied research within Boccia and across the organisation as appropriate.
* Assist in the player classification process and confirmation at national and international levels for identified GB athletes. To include assisting in the preparation and compilation of classification profiles.
* Lead on the advice, guidance and implementation of UKAD guidelines.
* Within the rules of professional confidentiality liaise with athletes, parents, coaches and other support staff as appropriate.
* Comply with Professional Codes of Conduct, standards and guidelines.
* Contribute to knowledge sharing and development across the organisation to support the development of world class physiotherapy services.

**This job description is not to be regarded as exclusive or exhaustive. It is intended as an outline indication of the areas of activity and will be amended in the light of the changing needs of the organisation.**

**PERSON SPECIFICATION – PHYSIOTHERAPIST LEVEL 2**

| **COMPETENCY AREA** | **ESSENTIAL / DESIRABLE** | **ASSESSED BY** |
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| **Qualifications** |  |  |
| Degree in Physiotherapy | Essential | Sight of certificates |
| Membership of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (MCSP) and registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) | Essential | Sight of membership |
| Higher degree (or equivalent) specialising in Sports Physiotherapy / Sport and Exercise Medicine / Sports Rehabilitation  | Desirable  | Sight of Certificate |
| **Experience**  |  |  |
| Experience in the provision of physiotherapy services to Paralympic athletes and coaches to improve performance. This should include work with high performance teams or squads. | Essential | Application Interview |
| Experience of developing and implementing innovative ideas and putting them into practice. | Essential | Application Interview |
| Experience of the application of technical and non-technical skills to deliver injury management and rehabilitation strategies within a Paralympic sports environment. | Essential | ApplicationInterview |
| Experience of developing and delivering strategies to manage injury risk and optimise performance in collaboration with coaches and support staff.  | Essential | Application Interview |
| Experience of working within a multi-disciplinary team in the delivery of physiotherapy support in a Paralympic high performance sport environment. | Essential | ApplicationInterview |
| Experience of working as a first responder for acute trauma management in sport. | Desirable | Application |
| Have travelled with a team(s) to a national competition or training camp. | Desirable | Application |
| Experience of dealing with national performance programmes within National Governing Bodies of sport. | Desirable | ApplicationInterview |
| **Knowledge and Skills**  |  |  |
| An understanding of the performance demands and needs of elite wheelchair athletes and their coaches. | Essential | Interview |
| Detailed knowledge of applied functional anatomy/pathoanatomy to inform assessment, clinical reasoning and classification eligibility. | Essential | InterviewPractical Task |
| Knowledge of technical skills underpinning the delivery of physiotherapy and rehabilitation in the Paralympic sporting environment. | Essential | InterviewPractical Task |
| Knowledge of recent advances in applied musculoskeletal medicine (encompassing assessment, clinical reasoning, best practice rehabilitation, return to play and injury risk management). | Essential | InterviewPractical Task |
| A sound understanding of the various sports science and sports medicine disciplines. | Essential | Interview |
| Excellent presentation and communication skills that can motivate behavioural change to have a positive impact on performance. | Essential | Practical taskInterview |
| Ability to communicate complex data in terms that are easily understood by a wide range of audiences. | Essential | Practical taskInterview |
| An interest in sport and recognition of the importance of promoting and supporting equality, safeguarding and anti-doping within sport. | Essential | Interview |
| Skilled in building and maintaining productive relationships with high performance staff within national governing bodies of sport. | Essential | Interview |
| Can demonstrate knowledge and awareness of Athlete Support Personnel roles and responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Code. | Desirable | Interview |
| Having the willingness to engage with and support continuous professional development in anti-doping, i.e. UKAD Accredited Advisor Certification. | Essential | Interview |
| **May be required to work with athletes under 18 (DBS check required)** | Yes |  |

**There is a practical task and assessment process involved in the selection of this role. Further details will be provided to shortlisted candidates.**