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**Lymphoedema Therapist**

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| Job Title: | Lymphoedema Therapist |
| Department: | Lymphoedema Department |
| Location: | St Catherine’s Hospice |
| Responsible For: | Lymphoedema Support Assistant |
| Salary: | £37,412 per annum pro-rata |

Responsibilities

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

| Job Summary |
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The post holder will raise the profile of the service for adults with cancer and non-cancer related lymphoedema.

To contribute to providing a comprehensive management programme to treat patients with cancer and non-cancer related lymphoedema. Within St Catherine’s Hospice, designated health care settings of Preston; Chorley and South Ribble community. This may also include out of area health care establishments, currently across Southport and Formby and West Lancashire and the patients’ own home.

| Main Duties and Responsibilities |
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| * With guidance from a specialist practitioner, support specialist evidence based lymphoedema service from referral to discharge, participating in research, clinical audit and contributing to the development of guidelines and protocols that provide a comprehensive specialist service. * Ensure that accurate and complete data of service users is electronically recorded in line with governance procedures. * To develop an understanding and actively adhere to the allocated budget for the lymphoedema service. To order or facilitate the ordering and maintenance of stock of equipment and supplies. * To be able to self -manage, physically understanding limits and moving and handling and know when to seek assistance. Using appropriate judgement to identify emotionally challenging situations and productively managing such scenarios. * With guidance from a specialist practitioner, comprehensive assessment, planning, treatment, maintenance and evaluation of patients with lymphoedema in the context of a chronic condition with varying degrees of complexity. Offer support for relatives and carers that ensures informed choice and user involvement. * Undertake liaison and communication with members of medical, nursing, allied health professional and social services in all settings ensuring adequate dissemination of patient information when and where appropriate. * Maintain patient records and collect data where necessary using information technology systems for internal and external audit. * Maintain an appointment system allowing provision of patient follow-up and monitoring of waiting times. * Ensure knowledge and skill base is maintained to the level of a Lymphoedema therapist with regular skills and knowledge updates. Ensuring that patients receive the most up to date products and treatment. * Provide mentorship and support for students and learners within the Lymphoedema service. * Contribute towards the planning, delivery and evaluation of a lymphoedema education program for health care professionals in all settings. * Contribute towards the planning, delivery and evaluation of a Lymphoedema health promotion programme to the general public. * Supports and acts as a resource for other healthcare workers and oversees directly clinical activity of non-qualified staff. |

# VOLUNTEERS

The Hospice has the advantage of being supported by a number of volunteers.

If a volunteer is assigned to assist you at any time, you will still retain responsibility for the requirements of this job in terms of accuracy, efficiency and standards of completion. You will also ensure good communication and be mindful of your responsibility towards that volunteer in terms of Health and Safety.

# CONFIDENTIALITY

You should be aware of the confidential nature of the Hospice environment and/or your role. Any matters of a confidential nature, relating to patients, carers, relatives, staff or volunteers must not be divulged to any unauthorised person.

# DATA PROTECTION

You should make yourself aware of the requirements of the Data Protection Act and follow local codes of practice to ensure appropriate action is taken to safeguard confidential information.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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| ESSENTIAL | DESIRABLE |
| Qualifications | |
| * Registered Nurse on NMC register part 1 or 12 /Physiotherapist/Occupational therapist. * Willing to undertake Lymphoedema qualification. | * Teaching certificate * Qualification in Lymphoedema * MLD/CDT qualification with current accredited course (Foldi, Casley-Smith, Leduc or Vodder) * Member of British Lymphology Society, or willingness to become a member. * Level 3 safeguarding of Children or willingness to complete. |
| Relevant Experience | |
| * Some post-registration experience. | * Lymphoedema/ tissue viability management * Experience of working with users in service development * Worked in a Community and/ or Clinic setting. |
| Key Skills & Abilities | |
| * Patient assessment, treatment planning and evaluation. * Excellent verbal and written communication skills * The ability to motivate self and others. * Work without direct supervision and within time scale, using good organisational and time management skills. * Able to focus on tasks, measure progress and complete projects using good time management skills. * Excellent team working skills. * A passion to develop oneself in an area such as Lymphoedema | * Wound care. * Moving and handling. * Understand of contemporary medico-legal issues * Computer literate in Microsoft Word, Power Point, Outlook * Good understanding and application of the Mental Capacity Act. * Ability to use own initiative and make reasonable, confident decisions and support other members of the team in doing this. |
| **Other**   * Car driver and access to a vehicle. | |