



## **Full/ Part time Spinal Cord Injury/ Neurological Physiotherapist**

**Start Date:** Immediate      **Contract:** Full Time/Part Time.

**Location:** Winchester, Hampshire.

Hobbs Rehabilitation provides specialist assessment and treatment of brain and spinal cord injuries for adults and children. A team of over 100 therapists provide an interdisciplinary patient centred neuro rehabilitation service including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language therapy and Psychology. In 2005, neuro physiotherapist Helen Hobbs and Nicky Ellis setup Hobbs Rehabilitation and since then it has expanded rapidly offering an exceptional level of personalised skill and expertise. Now operating from 11 locations, Hobbs Rehabilitation provides a full range of rehabilitation services for neurological conditions, including Spinal cord injury, where the individual is placed at the centre of care.

### **The Role**

The successful applicant will work as an integrated member of the multidisciplinary team in the Intensive Spinal Cord Injury rehabilitation Service. Delivering high quality, holistic rehabilitation to individuals who have sustained a spinal cord injury, both recent injuries and those who have lived with their injury for many years. The role will be based in our Winchester clinic and will include community based visits, including travel to other Hobbs sites and working in the Hydrotherapy pool at Winchester Leisure Centre.

We are looking for an individual who is passionate about rehabilitation in spinal cord injury and is able to take a holistic approach to rehabilitation. The spinal cord injury team pride themselves on looking at all aspects of spinal cord injury rehabilitation, not just the physical and any applicant needs to be able to demonstrate similar principles. The spinal cord injury team has developed strong links with external healthcare professionals, charities and wheelchair companies and we expect these relationships to be maintained and expanded by anyone joining the team.

You will benefit from working within an MDT including OT/SALT/Neuropsychology. With excellent clinical and service development opportunities, you will work with cutting edge neurotechnology and research projects. We will offer support to allow you to follow your clinical passions.

### **Responsibilities:**

- . To be an autonomous practitioner providing high quality, holistic assessment and rehabilitation to individuals who have sustained a spinal cord injury.
- . To treat individuals in an outpatient setting, community setting, in patients own homes/ interim placements and a Hydrotherapy pool

- . To plan and attend MDT meetings with case managers and external healthcare professionals and providers.
- . To use neurotechnology as an adjunct to treatment where appropriate and using evidence based practise and clear clinical reasoning to explain the benefits of its use
- . To have a clear understanding of the complexity of spinal cord injury and a holistic approach to treatment and rehabilitation.

**The Person:**

**Essential Skills and Experience:**

- . Experience in neurological rehabilitation with a special interest in spinal cord injury and experience of working with individuals with a spinal cord injury
- . An understanding of the complexity of a spinal cord injury
- . Experience of working in a multi disciplinary team
- . Minimum 5 years experience with at least 2 years working within neurological speciality
- . Experience of working in a Hydrotherapy pool with complex neurological injuries
- . Excellent communication skills and ability to work as part of a team
- . Excellent organisational skills
- . Ability to be a flexible worker to meet the demands of the service
- . Full drivers licence

**Desirable experience**

- . Experience of working with wheelchair users and postural/ seating management
- . Foundation level Aquatic Physiotherapy Qualification
- . Experience of working with neurotechnology – for example FES

**Essential Qualifications**

- . Recognised Physiotherapy degree qualification
- . HCPC registration
- . Member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

**We Offer:**

- . A supportive, friendly and experienced clinical team who are passionate about rehabilitation.
- . Development of clinical skills through 1:1 and group supervision, training and networking opportunities across the company including support to access external training and CPD events
- . Development of CPD through an extensive programme of internal CPD activities, in-service training and service development projects
- . A strong rehabilitation research culture within the company

- . Attending regular team meetings and becoming part of the experienced company wide Physiotherapy Team with a range of varied specialisms.
- . Annual appraisal with individualised and personal CPD objectives
- . Belonging to a dynamic, growing company with opportunities to attend Hobbs wide meetings

**For further information please contact**

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