

PERSON SPECIFICATION

JOB TITLE:	Advanced Specialist Pharmacist – Acute Medicine
JOB BAND:	8a

Qualifications & Education	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
MPharm or equivalent academic qualification	Essential
Registration with General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)	Essential
Postgraduate Diploma in clinical pharmacy or equivalent experience/qualification	Essential
Postgraduate Masters or doctorate in relevant subject or discipline	Desirable
Evidence of commitment to continued professional development (CPD)	Essential
Independent prescriber and registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) or willing to work towards after appointment	Essential
Member of the Faculty of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain or working towards	Desirable
Management qualification relevant to the NHS	Desirable

Knowledge and Training	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
Significant experience post registration and postgraduate experience in hospital Pharmacy	Essential
Broad knowledge base of a wide range of clinical areas	Essential
An understanding of the role and its application to patient care	Essential
An understanding of clinical governance, safety and risk management and its application to patient care	Essential
Able to train in and instil good prescribing practise and good clinical practice to members of the multi- disciplinary team including doctors, nurses and pharmacists	Essential
Experience	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
Experience of delivering clinical pharmacy service and advice relating to the safe use of medicines	Essential
Experience of training and education of both pharmacy staff and other healthcare professionals	Essential
Some experience of excellent leadership and management skills	Essential

Experience of developing and implementing medicines and service related policies for a specialty	Desirable
Publication of audit/research/clinical work	Desirable
Evidence of incorporating innovative and 'best practice' into current practice.	Desirable

Communication & Relationship Skills	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
Enthusiastic, self-motivated, self-directed and able to	Essential
work autonomously	
Empathetic and patient	Essential
Professional, credible, accountable, responsible and	Essential
confident	
Friendly, supportive and able to motivate others	Essential
Excellent interpersonal and presentation skills, both	Essential
verbal and written to communicate highly complex	
drug or medicine related information.	
Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team	Essential
Ability to influence and negotiate with relevant senior	Essential
clinicians, managers and stakeholders	
Able to optimise the use of medicines for patients	Essential
Able to communicate with patients and their relatives	Essential
regarding complex prescribed medications providing	
both verbal and written communication and to	
motivate and reassure patients regarding their	
treatment	
Able to identify barriers to communication (e.g.	Essential
hearing, non-English speaking) and implement	
solutions to overcome said barriers	
Confident and assertive; able to defend opinions in a	Essential
constructive manner when challenged.	

Analytical & Judgement Skills	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
Able to critically appraise and evaluate information	Essential
and communicate the findings clearly in simple terms	
Positive thinker, problem solver, ability to think Essential	
laterally to develop new ideas	
Ensure clinical practice is evidence based	Essential
Experience in making judgements involving highly	Essential
complex facts, which require analysis, interpretation	
and options appraisal e.g. drug expenditure	
Experience in monitoring adherence to Trust	Desirable
formularies and policies	
Able to manage budgets and deliver on cost	Desirable
improvement projects	
IT literacy including the ability to use a range of	Essential
Microsoft 365 packages, Power Point, email and use of	

the internet to research evidence-based medicine and	
to utilise medical databases.	

Planning & Organisational Skills	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
Evidence of planning, implementing and monitoring outcomes in research, quality improvement or audit	Essential
Able to meet deadlines and manage time/set priorities	Essential
Excellent organisational skills, manage time effectively and ability to prioritise workload	Essential
Able to respond under pressure to interruptions inEssentialwork pattern to deal with urgent enquiries	
Ability to identify own training and development needs.	Essential

Physical Skills	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
Ability to maintain effectiveness and prolonged	Essential
concentration under pressure	
Ability to work in a challenging and emotive	Essential
environment	
Ability to work alone and make decisions within	Essential
agreed parameters and appropriate referral/	
escalation as necessary	
Experience of providing 'out of hours' pharmaceutical	Desirable
services	
Able to work during the normal working week,	Essential
extended hours, weekends and bank holidays	

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Trust Values	Weighting (Essential or Desirable)
Able to provide safe, caring, and effective services	Essential
Values and behaviours that reflect the Trust values of Care, Respect and Responsibility	Essential
Commitment to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace that is free from discrimination and where people feel they belong and their contribution is valued	Essential

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