

PODIATRY SERVICES

Job Description

Job Title:	Podiatrist
Responsible to:	Podiatry Team Leader
Locality	Podiatry Medway
Hours:	37.5 hours
Last updated:	October 2022
Base:	TBC
AFC Banding:	Band 5

Job Summary

This role is for a highly motivated and professional HCPC registered podiatrist with graduate clinical experience to provide high quality podiatric care for patients with pathological foot conditions and those individuals at risk of developing serious foot health complications.

The post holder is required to have excellent diagnostic and clinical skills to deliver a range of podiatry treatments including biomechanical interventions and wound care for patients in Kent.

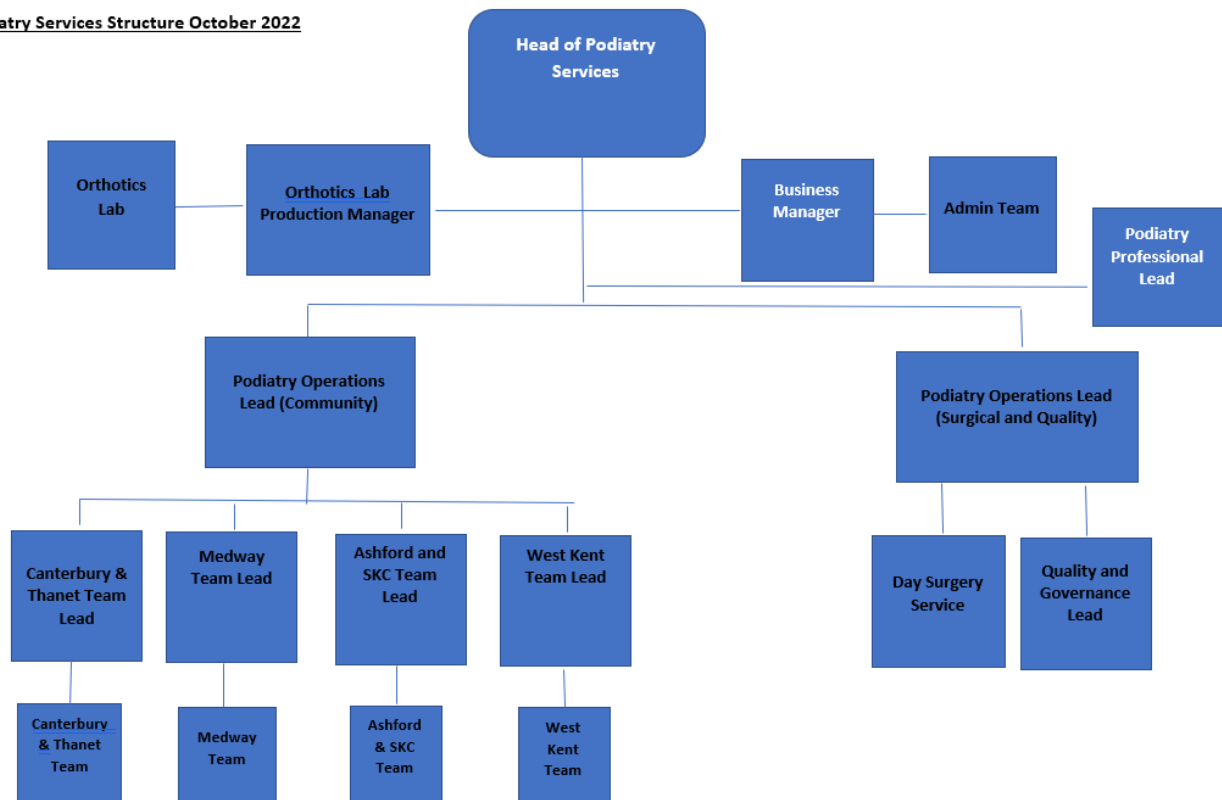
The clinician will effectively record all patient interventions, offer support, advice and guidance to Band 5 podiatrists, podiatry assistants, students and administration staff wherever they are working. The post holder must work effectively as part of the podiatry team/department and use good communication skills at all times.

This role will develop the clinician with the qualities required for treatment planning, assessment, diagnosis, implementation and evaluation of podiatric care to a variety of patients.

Supporting personal and people development by engaging in own supervision and appraisal process, demonstrating commitment to continuous professional development

Organisational Chart

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Dimensions

The department consists of 2 locality teams, a specialist orthotics manufacturing facility and a podiatric day surgery unit. Podiatry treatments are provided in clinics, hospitals sites, patients'/residential/nursing homes, mental health facilities and prisons within Kent. The service currently runs from Monday to Friday with some sites offering extended hours, early mornings and evenings.

The post holder has a responsibility to ensure their continued professional development and mandatory training is maintained in date, and they have received appropriate training for any equipment used as part of their role. There is a requirement to ensure any equipment is maintained and any faults reported to the appropriate department.

Key Result Areas

This role provides clinical assessment, diagnosis, treatment and discharge plans for podiatry patients with complex, acute and chronic pathological foot needs including ischemia, neuropathy, arthritic conditions, musculoskeletal disorders, developmental abnormalities and pressure ulcers/tissue viability needs.

All patient interventions and evaluations of treatment should be clearly documented according to the department and Record Keeping/Information Governance guidelines. Clinicians working at this

level will be expected to evaluate their outcomes, review non-responding cases either with their peers or clinical specialists and refer on as appropriate using documented clinical reasoning. The post holder must be aware of the commissioning priorities in their locality.

All staff must provide prompt statistical information in line with podiatry service statutory requirements. The post holder is responsible for adhering to Trust and department policies. Any incidents or near misses must be reported on the Trust system.

Job Summary

Band 5 Registered Healthcare Professionals works closely with all users of our services and their families, friends and carers who all play an invaluable contribution in how our users experience our services. Band 5 Registered Healthcare Professionals are expected to be kind and responsive but professional and informative and contribute to the quality of the services provided across the health economy by:

- Keeping the people who use our services as safe as possible through the use of sound clinical skills and effective risk assessments
- Ensuring the best possible clinical outcomes by using up-to-date skills and adhering to evidence based policies and procedures
- Ensuring the people using our services have a good experience by respecting, empowering and working in partnership with people throughout the care planning process

Registered Healthcare Professionals who work in all these services require a range of core skills as follows:

- Assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of holistic care linked to packages of prescribed care
- The development of integrated care programmes in partnership with the patient
- To support in the supervision and development of all junior staff including Health Care Support Workers and Students
- To actively work as a member of the multi-professional team to provide high quality care to patients
- To undertake a range of competent clinical interventions to support the outcomes of both individual and group therapy
- Manage a caseload of patients on a daily basis consisting of patients with complex needs associated within a specific speciality.

Dimensions

- To participate in rotational programmes across health economy (where relevant)
- To ensure that resources are used effectively, planning workload to meet the priorities of patient care by the most efficient use of time, equipment and manpower and other resources (medicines, medical devices)
- To comply with professional codes of conduct, relevant organisational policies and procedures.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience Required

- Registered First Level Healthcare Professional (NMC or HCPC)
- Evidence of degree or Level 6 equivalent study
- Awareness of National Service Frameworks relevant to care setting and its application across health care services
- Be responsible for maintaining own competency to practice through continued professional development activities and maintain relevant professional registration.
- Maintain a portfolio / professional diary that reflects personal development and practically demonstrates theory learned.

Value	Value description
Compassionate	This is about putting our patients and service users at the heart of everything we do so that the way we deliver our services empowers them, meets their expectations and caters for their needs. It is characterised by having a positive attitude, being kind and polite, understanding diversity and demonstrating respect, patience and tolerance. It is equally about making staff feel truly valued so they feel cared for and are engaged with our vision and values and display these values to each other, whatever their role in the trust.
Aspirational	This is about empowering and being aspirational for ourselves and our patients and service users. It is seeking and supporting continuous improvement, a focus on research, generating ideas and innovations and being adaptable to change. Sharing information, resources and ideas to deliver excellent outcomes. It is characterised by openness, transparency, and thinking creatively.
Responsive	This is about listening and acting and is characterised by effective relationships, communicating clearly, doing what we say we will when we say we will, asking and taking account of opinions, planning with patients and service users and working across organisational boundaries. It is about working with and being responsive to our commissioners and stakeholders and designing services with them. It is also about effective working relationships within teams and across internal boundaries to deliver outcomes that improve our patients' experience. It is equally about applying these principles every day, working with staff so they feel valued and empowered.
Excellent	This is about striving to deliver the best care we can. It is about providing high quality services and wanting the best for our patients. It is also about leading by example and supporting and growing a culture of excellence in our teams. It is characterised by challenging complacency, tackling inappropriate and challenging behaviour and striving for continuous improvement.

Key Result Areas

All staff are committed to providing safe, effective services and providing patients and families with a positive experience.

Patient Safety

Band 5 Healthcare Professionals contribute to the provision of safe and reliable services by:

- Using their clinical judgement and risk assessments to keep the people using our services as safe as possible
- Safeguarding people by recognising and responding when an adult or child might be at risk from abuse but also recognising their own limits and asking for help and escalating concerns when necessary
- Escalating safety concerns and by doing so acting as effective advocates for those who use our services
- Being open and transparent about their own practice
- Supervising the work of others
- Reflecting on everyday practice to identify areas where improvements in safety or quality can be made
- Working with others to create a culture of continuous improvement
- Maintaining accurate, legible, comprehensive records and undertaking regular audits of compliance
- Maintaining compliance with their mandatory training requirements.
- Maintaining professional registration and demonstrate adherence to the Code of Conducts in line with relevant professional bodies (NMC (Nursing and Midwifery Council) and HCPC (Health and Care Profession Council)
- Integrating best practice and identification of areas where improvement in practice is required.
- Utilising effective communication skills in the building of trusting partnerships with patients
- Being responsive when delegating interventions to junior staff.

Clinical Outcomes

Band 5 Healthcare Professionals contribute to the effective delivery of services by:

- Providing skilled, evidence based care which adheres to agreed policies and procedures
- Working with patients and families to negotiate and agree a personalised care plan including assessing risks and needs
- Acting as patient advocates in the multi-disciplinary team and overseeing the work of others to ensure that they are also responding to the needs of patients and providing clinically effective care
- Working as autonomous practitioners and taking responsibility for the care they give to patients but within their own limits of competency and confidence
- Contributing to creating and maintaining high performing teams by:
 - communicating well with all members of the team
 - understanding their role in the team and how they help the team achieve its' objectives
 - reflecting on their own practice regularly and encouraging the whole team to reflect on their practices in handovers and team meetings
 - Identifying how care could be improved.

Patient Experience

Band 5 Healthcare Professionals contribute to the people using our services feeling respected and empowered to make decisions about their health and wellbeing by:

- Working in partnership with patients and their families and carers
- Gaining consent and, as far as possible, involving people in all decision making
- Signposting patients and carers to alternative services to support behaviour changes with improving current and potential health states
- Reassuring people by being professional, responsive, knowledgeable and confident in order to convey sensitive information around their care
- Responding to complaints or concerns effectively and quickly in line with the service's policy.

Supporting yourself and others

Engaged staff are more productive and Band 5 Registered Healthcare Professionals play a role in engaging fellow health professional peers and the work we do by:

- Participating constructively in their own supervision and annual appraisal processes
- Demonstrating commitment to optimising their continuation of clinical learning whilst undertaking and maintaining clinical caseloads in different healthcare settings
- Developing mentorship skills to support students and junior staff
- Reviewing and reflecting on own competence and performance through effective use of operational supervision and appraisal and identifying any personal training needs.

Physical skills:

Standard IT skills

Ability to travel across the health economy, in a timely manner to ensure completion of role

Manual dexterity required for the role.

Freedom to Act:

The post holder is required to be accountable for his/her own actions, to act on his/her initiative and to be aware of the impact on others

In accordance with Trust policies provide care to patients in the community, adapting to a changing workload throughout the course of a shift

The post holder will be expected to work unsupervised under the leadership of the Team Leader, liaising when necessary. They will act independently within appropriate service guidance, policies and standards

Physical Effort

There will be a requirement for a combination of sitting, standing, bending, stooping, walking and driving

There may be some requirement for physical effort in relation to patient care, in regards to frequent use of aids to support moving people

Use of computer equipment.

Mental Effort

Predictable work pattern, necessitating an ability to adapt to a changing workload in the course of a day

Periods of concentration are required on a daily basis, especially when undertaking assessments.

Emotional Effort

Regular requirement to deal with emotional or distressing situations, including working with terminally ill patients and dealing with difficult family situations.

Working Conditions

Occasional exposure to bodily fluids, smells, noise and violent or aggressive behaviour.

Corporate Accountabilities

Standards of Business conduct

The post-holder will be required to comply with the Trust's Standing Orders and Standing Financial Instructions, and at all times deal honestly with the Trust, with colleagues and all those who have dealings with the Trust, including patients, relatives and suppliers.

All Trust staff may be involved directly or indirectly with people who are receiving a health service. Therefore, the Trust is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) and this post may be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.

It should also be stated here if the post holder is expected to adhere to any professional guidelines or codes of conduct, for example the Nursing and Midwifery Council Code of Professional conduct.

Risk Management

The post-holder will ensure compliance with the Trust's risk management policies and procedures. These describe the Trust's commitment to risk management, the recognition that our aim is to protect patients, staff and visitors from harm, and stress that all staff have a responsibility to minimise risk.

Governance Standards

Comply with the relevant governance standards applicable to the Trust as communicated to the post-holder from time to time.

Data Protection

To comply with Trust Policies and the Data Protection Act in all respects, with particular relevance to the protection and use of patient information.

Confidentiality

Trust employees are required to ensure that information about patients and staff is safeguarded to maintain confidentiality and is kept securely in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA18), the Caldicott Principles 1998 and the National Data Guardian Data Security Standards. The trust's Data Security and Protection policy

and the Cyber, Network and Information Systems policy provide guidance on how this can be achieved.

Child / Adult Safeguarding

All staff must be familiar with and adhere to Trust child / adult safeguarding procedures and guidelines, in conjunction with Kent Safeguarding Children / Vulnerable Adults Board procedures and supporting policies / guidelines. All staff are required to attend child / adult safeguarding basic awareness training and additional training regarding child /adult safeguarding, commensurate to their position and role.

Records Management

To maintain Trust and patient records (both paper and electronic) in accordance with Trust policies to facilitate clinical care and effective administration.

Freedom of Information

To provide advice and assistance to all persons who propose to make, or have made requests for information, and to ensure all requests for information are managed appropriately in accordance with Trust Freedom of Information procedures.

Security

To comply with Trust policies to ensure there is a safe and secure environment that protects patients, staff and visitors and their property, and the physical assets and the information of the organisation.

Infection Control

The post holder will ensure compliance with the Trust's Infection Prevention and Control policies and procedures and the Health Act 2006, ensuring that the risk of healthcare associated infection to service users and staff is minimised.

Whistleblowing

The post holder has responsibility for patient and staff welfare and should raise any concerns relating to a breach of NHS policies and procedures with their manager or refer to the Whistleblowing Policy for alternative options.

Environmental Impact

The post-holder will ensure compliance with the Trust's environmental management policies and procedures. These describe the Trust's commitment to climate change and carbon management, the recognition that our aim is to protect the environment and the use of natural resources that all staff have a responsibility towards.

Performance review

This Job Description will be used as a basis for individual performance review between the post holder and the manager.

The Job Description covers only the key result areas and, as such, does not intend to provide a comprehensive list of objectives. Specific objectives will be reviewed each April, and may develop to meet the changing needs of the service. The postholder will need to take due account, in the way they achieve the key result areas, of Trust policies and procedures.

Equality and Diversity

The Trust aims to maintain the goodwill and confidence of its own staff, service and users and the general public. To assist in achieving the objective it is essential that at all times employees carry

out their duties in a courteous and sympathetic manner. The post holder will carry out their duties in accordance with the Trust's Equal Opportunities Policy respecting the differing backgrounds of colleagues and clients.

Job description agreement

Job holder's name	
Job holder's signature:	
Date:	
Line managers name and title	
Line managers signature	
Date	

Person Specification

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
QUALIFICATIONS	<p><i>Degree or equivalent in Podiatric Medicine</i></p> <p><i>HCPC registration</i></p> <p><i>Diabetic Foot Module or willingness to successfully complete.</i></p> <p><i>Completion of post-graduate 'induction' training</i></p> <p><i>Evidence of Continuing Professional Development (CPD)</i></p>	
EXPERIENCE	<p><i>Proven record of providing high quality podiatric care for high risk patients and using biomechanical skills to provide effective chair side and prescribed orthotics</i></p>	
KNOWLEDGE	<p><i>Clinical Governance and professional standards</i></p> <p><i>Health & Safety roles and responsibilities for clinical practice</i></p>	
SKILLS & ABILITIES	<p><i>Highly developed manual dexterity and clinical skills</i></p> <p><i>Ability to provide clear, concise written and verbal information to colleagues, patients and external contacts</i></p> <p><i>Interpersonal skills to work effectively within a team</i></p> <p><i>Computer literacy to enable use of email/inputting accurate patient records at speed</i></p> <p><i>Ability to work alone and under pressure if required</i></p>	
PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES	<p><i>Self-motivated</i></p> <p><i>Reliability and commitment to work</i></p> <p><i>Flexible in dealing with different personalities to enable patient</i></p>	

	<i>compliance with treatment plans Able to be assertive when giving unwelcome information Good attention to detail</i>	
ABILITY TO MANAGE	<i>Excellent time management Good planning skills Able to take responsibility for own workload on a day to day basis and work autonomously Able to travel to a variety of sites at short notice</i>	