



QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

JOB TITLE:	Physiotherapist
REPORTING LINE:	Lead Physiotherapist
DEPARTMENT:	Medical
LOCATIONS:	Lochinch Sports Pavilion / Lesser Hampden
CONTRACT:	Permanent, Full Time

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the oldest club in Scottish Football; Queen's Park FC. Regarded as one of the founders of the game that we know now as modern football. Queen's Park FC are looking to resettle in Europe as a leading football club, with an innovative program, methodology and culture, whilst looking to challenge and disrupt the status quo.

THE ROLE

Queen's Park's Medical, Sports Science and Lifestyle Department is currently seeking a committed, knowledgeable, and motivated Physiotherapist to work primarily with the club's Development squad, as well as assisting the 1st team and academy as necessary.

The position is full-time and will be based between Lochinch Sports Pavilion and Lesser Hampden. As well as providing physiotherapy cover for training, there will also be a requirement to provide match cover for the Development Squad's home and away fixtures.

The focus of the Medical, Sports Science and Lifestyle Department is to develop players with exceptional athletic ability, and a high level of availability, who are robust enough to play at the intensity required to perform at the highest level of European football.

The successful candidate will, therefore, have the skills, knowledge, competencies, and personality to achieve this and work effectively within the elite football environment.

Under the supervision of the Lead Physiotherapist, the successful candidate will be involved in the comprehensive assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of players within the Development squad, ensuring injured players return to play as quickly, and as safely, as possible, with minimal loss of performance. They will implement appropriate, evidence-based interventions to address areas identified at high risk of injury, reducing the incidence of injury, and ensuring player availability remains at the highest possible level.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure players under your care receive comprehensive, evidence-based physiotherapy assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- Demonstrate excellent clinical reasoning skills when assessing and treating players under your care.
- Provide first aid and pitch side emergency cover for training and games (home and away).
- Maintain a detailed, comprehensive, and up-to-date medical profile for each player under your care to assist in identifying areas at high risk of injury.
- Work within a multi-disciplinary team to design and deliver individualised injury reduction interventions for development squad players, appropriate to the age and developmental stage of the individual.
- Liaise daily with the Lead Physiotherapist and other members of the Medical, Sports Science, and Lifestyle Department, as well as coaching staff, to provide updates on the injury and treatment status for players under your duty of care.
- Maintain an up-to-date and comprehensive continual professional development portfolio.
- Be involved in the entire process of injury management in the football context, transitioning players from gym-based to pitch-based rehabilitation.
- Contribute to the development of injury management strategies to create standardised injury rehabilitation and return to play protocols.
- Work together with fellow physiotherapists and other members of the Medical, Sports Science and Lifestyle Department to review the efficacy of services and adapt practices, accordingly; ensuring a high-performance environment is always maintained.
- Ensure all medical records are maintained and updated to a Health Care Professional Council (HCPC) standard and according to club guidelines and procedures.
- Undertake the continuous audit and re-audit of player training and match injury trends.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Ability to work irregular and unsociable hours as required, with evenings and weekends expected.
- Understand that, on occasions, working hours may be subject to change with less than 24 hours' notice.
- Overnight travel may be required for match cover at away venues.
- Ability to travel abroad with teams if required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications (Essential):

- BSc Hons / MSc Physiotherapy.
- Health Care Professional Council (HCPC) registered.
- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) registered.
- Current up to date Advanced Trauma Care Course e.g. ATMIFF, Sport Promote.
- Eligibility to work in the UK.

Qualifications (Desirable):

- Relevant Masters Level Qualification in Sport and Exercise Medicine and/or Manual Therapy, or working towards this.
- Minimum of two years' experience working in a similar role within elite sport.

Characteristics (Essential)

- Ambitious, passionate, and enthusiastic.
- Curious and eager to learn.
- Versatile and resilient.
- Genuine team player but can also work independently.
- Possess the soft skills to communicate effectively and develop positive relationships with players, other members of staff, and key stakeholders (both internal and external).
- Committed to ongoing personal development.

HOW TO APPLY

If you can add value to our team, please email your CV and cover letter to Euan.Duffy@queensparkfc.co.uk

The closing date for applications is **Friday 19th August 2022**