JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB INFORMATION	
Job Title:	Head of Medical/Senior Academy Physiotherapist
Department:	Academy Sport Science and Medicine
Site:	Based at SWFC Training Grounds with travel required e.g. away games
Working Hours:	40 hours a week, 7 days flexible including evenings/weekends
POSITION IN THE ORGANISATION	
Reports to:	Academy Manager
Responsible for:	U21 players, Academy Physiotherapists, Therapists
OVERALL, PURPOSE OF JOB	
To provide an elite level of physiotherapy service to the Academy and the U21 squad and lead the academy medical provision at Sheffield Wednesday Football Club. They will lead the overall medical management of the PDP and schoolboy programmes. The successful candidate will be responsible for the delivery of physiotherapy to U21 players and support the transition to senior football.	
GENERAL DESCRIPTION – TASK RELATED	

Main Duties

- Lead on the assessment, rehabilitation and pitch-side first aid of the U21 squad.
- Provide line management to the Academy Physiotherapists and Therapists and take overall responsibility for department management duties.
- Maintain all professional certifications required for your job role i.e. ATMMiF, HCPC and CSP registrations.
- Lead on department management duties including; maintaining up to date audit documentation, ensuring compliance with cardiac screening requirements, arranging diagnostic imaging, arranging specialist appointments, insurance pre-authorisation, medical supply ordering, ensuring appropriate medical provision is in place for PDP fixtures (doctor / paramedic)
- To maintain a professional manner while representing the club and adhere to professional confidentiality. Maintain confidentiality on all medical matters only sharing this with appropriate staff.
- To lead regular departmental medical staff meetings and CPD for the department and wider academy.

- To assist and assess with the Club Doctor on all PDP players regarding fitness and injury status.
- To order and maintain the appropriate medical equipment as necessary. To keep within the outlined budget and make a case for any purchases required over and above the designated budget.
- Provide the appropriate range and quality of treatments befitting an elite environment.
- Keep up to date with current Sport Science and Medicine literature.
- Work with coaches and other medical staff to assess fitness and decide on players readiness to train.
- Coordinate/provide medical education to players regarding recovery and doping matters.
- Arrange and undertake appropriate medical examinations of players including pre-signing medicals and return to play assessments.
- Inform medical insurance when additional medical investigations are required.
- Provide excellent pitch side first aid to all players in the club where necessary.
- Provide monthly phase specific injury audits and highlight any trends or concerns that may appear.
- Maintain the Football Intelligence Platform (FIP) to high standard daily and ensure all information entered is correct and up to date.
- To support any gaps in provision across the phases as and when required i.e. academy training sessions and games

<u>Other Responsibilities</u>

- To be aware of the EPPP rules and requirements relating to the Medical Department and Academy as a whole.
- Maintain on contemporary, legible and appropriate medical records, audits, registers and their confidential storage using FIP and any other systems used within the club where needed.
- To attend staff meetings as required.
- To attend games as required
- To be aware of current trends and best practice in Youth Development.
- To continually look for ways to develop personally and improve the provision of medical services to the Academy Players.
- To deliver a diverse culture that supports fairness in line with the Clubs Values and behaviours and best practice
- To adhere to SWFC policies and procedure i.e. H&S, Code of Conduct, ICT social media.
- To ensure and lead on the implementation of SWFC safeguarding practices and procedure, reporting all concerns to the Academy Safeguarding lead.
- Any other reasonable instructions as requested by your Line Manager and or Academy Manager.

EXPERIENCE:

- Working in an elite sporting environment (Essential)
- Working with young athletes (Essential)
- Previous experience of managing people (Desirable)
- Working in a professional football academy or at club level (Desirable)

QUALIFICATIONS:
• BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy (Essential) • Membership of Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (Essential) • HCPC Registered (Essential) • FA Level 5 ATMMiF (Essential) • Appropriate DBS Certification (Essential) • MSc Physiotherapy or Equivalent (Desirable) • UK Full, Clean Driving License (Desirable) • Massage qualification (Desirable) • Acupuncture qualification (Desirable)

Sheffield Wednesday Football Club (SWFC) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. This post may be subject to a criminal record check or an enhanced DBS check.

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