

**Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells
NHS Trust**

Job Title: Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist

Grade: Band 6

Service: Therapy Services
Directorate: Diagnostics and Clinical Support Services

Base: Cross-site: Tunbridge Wells Hospital & Maidstone Hospital

Hours: 37.5 Hrs 1.00 WTE

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the expanding paediatric physiotherapy team at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW). This is a band 6 post however grading may be adjusted according to previous experience and skills. We would therefore encourage qualified therapists, with previous experience with adults or paediatrics at least at band 5 level, with a passion for working in paediatrics to apply for this post.

MTW is a forward-thinking trust and over recent years the trust has invested and expanded services in paediatrics and paediatric orthopaedics. Tunbridge Wells hospital provides specialist inpatient services for paediatric elective and trauma orthopaedics and well as inpatient care for a wide variety of general paediatric conditions. The paediatric physiotherapy team are involved in delivery inpatient physiotherapy to both of these patient groups. In addition, within both Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells hospitals the physiotherapy team provides paediatric day-case and outpatient services. As a team we have an excellent working relationship with other members of the multi-disciplinary team including consultants, specialist nursing staff (particularly in the areas of orthopaedics, respiratory and occasionally oncology), nursing staff, occupational therapists and health play specialists. MTW is committed to its PRIDE values and to delivering high quality patient care but also has a strong commitment to staff development and staff well-being.

The successful candidate will be required to provide physiotherapy for a varied caseload of patients aged 0-18 years. This will cover a number of specialist areas within paediatric physiotherapy including: respiratory, cystic fibrosis (inpatient care, clinic assessments and outreach home care), long-term ventilation, orthopaedics (both inpatients and outpatients), and musculoskeletal outpatients. The postholder may also have the opportunity to participate in specialist clinics including cystic fibrosis, Ponseti and DDH clinics.

Applicants must have sound respiratory skills as they will be required to participate in the paediatric respiratory on-call service. They must also have a broad skill set across orthopaedics, musculoskeletal outpatients, respiratory and neurology. Applicants must

be enthusiastic, dynamic and able to communicate effectively with children, parents/carers and other members of the MDT. They will also need to be adaptable to cover the service needs across both sites.

Our team has a strong commitment to CPD and evidence-based practice. As such, the successful applicant will receive regular supervision and teaching to enable them to further their knowledge and skills in all the varied aspects of this post. The trust is committed to staff development and funding can be applied for to support with training and development. In addition, there is a wide variety of specialist knowledge and skills within the paediatric physiotherapy team and the post-holder will be encouraged to make use of this fantastic resource and learn from other members of the team. The post-holder will also be encouraged to develop their own skills and experience as a band 6 through participating in audits, service development projects and the supervision of students.

In summary, we are keen to hear from you if you have a passion for delivering high-quality, patient-centred care to a wide variety of paediatric patients.

Closing Date for application via NHS Jobs:

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If you would like to find out more or arrange an informal visit please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine Bompfrey 01892 634499 Lorraine.Bompfrey1@nhs.net or Jennie Quilter 01892 63 Jennie.Quilter@nhs.net (Clinical Team Lead Paediatric Physiotherapists).