

Maximising the power of sport to change lives

Sports Physician

The Sport NI Sports Institute does not employ a Sports Physician and uses part-time staff to provide service equating to, on average, the equivalent of two days per week. This application is to be on the list of providers from which this service will be provided. There is no minimum guaranteed number of hours of work per month as service demand will be variable.

Overall purpose of the role:

The overall purpose of the Sports Physician role is to develop and deliver medical support services to positively impact on performances to enable more Northern Ireland athletes to win at the highest level and increase the number of sporting winners in the process. There are four key areas of sports medicine delivered: Injury/Illness Risk Mitigation, Acute Intervention, Rehabilitation and Performance Enhancement. The role works as part of a multi-disciplinary team to deliver a high-quality service to athletes and seeks to continuously improve the culture of high performance amongst sports and their athletes.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Delivery of Sports Medicine services to SNISI supported athletes
- Work with other support staff as part of a multidisciplinary support team
- Provide a fast-track referral system to service providers and facilities within the healthcare facility and manage the onward referral of athletes, where necessary, to other tertiary centres
- Create and maintain records of service provision, including appointments, as instructed.
- Provide information and reports on service delivery as requested.
- Contribute to service and clinical governance development, including attendance at clinical team meetings

The Sports Physician will be required to:

- Agree to abide by the Home County Sports Institute's (HCSI) professional code for Sports Science and Sports Medicine.
- Have a thorough and up to date understanding of the doping rules and regulations in sport.
- Have an understanding of the FSEM Code of Conduct.
- Have excellent presentation, communication and people skills that can motivate behavioural change to have a positive impact on performance.
- Effectively communicate clinical information and complex data in terms that are easily understood by a wide range of audiences.
- Have a committed, dynamic and productive attitude with excellent organisational, problem solving and decision-making skills.
- Build and maintain productive relationships with high performance staff within national governing bodies of sport.
- Have an interest in Sport and recognition of the importance of promoting and supporting equality, safeguarding and anti-doping within Sport.

Qualifications and Experience

The Sports Physician must have the following:

- Full registration with the GMC
- Registered General Practitioner and/or higher specialist training in either Sport and Exercise Medicine or Rheumatology and Rehabilitation or be within 6 months of Specialist registration.
- Postgraduate qualification in Sports (and Exercise) Medicine (PG Diploma/MSc), with verifiable clinical training in Sports Medicine.
- Medical defence (MDU, MPS, MDDUS) or suitable other.
- Membership or Fellowship of Faculty of Sport and Exercise Membership UK or Ireland (FSEM).
- Current Pitchside Trauma Care Certificate or Equivalent.
- A minimum of three years full-time equivalent demonstrable experience working in high performance sport
- A post-graduate qualification and/or demonstrable experience of using MSK Ultrasound in a Sports Medicine setting

This may involve working with athletes under 18; therefore, an Access NI check may be required.

Payment

The daily rate for the Sports Physician is £500. Sport NI will provide payment to the Sports Physician directly on a monthly basis, in arrears, and will be made upon receipt of a valid invoice. As a HMRC requirement, the Sports Physician will be responsible for their own income tax and National Insurance payments.

Conflict of Interest

It is acknowledged by SNISI, due to the part time nature of this role, that applicants for the Sports Physician post will potentially have other employment and/or business activities. In the interest of ensuring that there is no conflict of interest with SNISI, real or perceived, it is imperative that all other Sports Medical related employment and business involvements are declared.

Applications

Please send CV and supporting letter, clearly outlining how you meet the role specification, to medicaladmin@sportni.net.

Applicants that meet the criteria will be contacted to discuss the next stage of the application process.