

Staff Grade Physiotherapist to work with People with Multiple Sclerosis



Galway



Job Title: Staff Grade Physiotherapist to work with People with Multiple Sclerosis

Location: Galway

Reporting to: Services Development Manager

ROLE PURPOSE:

To provide a quality physiotherapy service in line with standards of physiotherapy practice and statutory registration. To provide quality physiotherapy assessment and treatment to people with MS.

Annual Leave Entitlements: 25 days per year (pro-rata)

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- 1.To assist PwMS optimise their full potential by providing a structured and directed physiotherapy programme. This may also involve families, formal and informal carers and physiotherapy assistants.
- 2.Work within the CORU Physiotherapy Code of Professional Conduct and ethics.
- 3.Maintain and improve standards of practice through participation in continuing professional development opportunities within and outside MS Ireland. Keep current knowledge of developments in the field of neurological physiotherapy up-to-date.

4.Ensure that a high standard of physiotherapy assessment and treatment is provided for all patients under his/her care.

5.To deliver the FETAC level 5 Physiotherapy Assistant training course

6.To supervise MS Ireland physiotherapy assistants in the delivery of programmes for people with MS

7.Work on production of appropriate educational material

8.Liaise with relevant HSE clinical staff, staff of MS Ireland, other professionals and any key stakeholders to ensure that effective communication and reporting takes place at all times.

9.Maintain adequate records and case notes, providing statistics as required.

10.Work within statutory health and safety guidelines and within the health and safety policies of MS Ireland to ensure a safe working environment for patients and staff at all times.

11.Carry out clinical audit of the physiotherapy service and provide reports where required.

12.Undertake other responsibilities as are consistent with the nature of the work in the post including programmes of research and development as appropriate.

13. Adhere to budgetary requirements.

14. Other duties as assigned by Manager.

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

Experience and Educational Requirements:

1.Candidates must provide evidence of registration on the CORU Physiotherapy register

2.Candidates should have minimum two years post qualification experience in physiotherapy with a minimum of 6 months of neurology experience.

Knowledge and Skills:

1.Candidates will be client focused with excellent interpersonal skills.

2.Excellent oral and written communication skills.

3.Proficient IT skills.

4.Have use of own car and possess a full clean driver's license.

5.Possess and understanding and knowledge of the ethos and operation of MS Ireland.

6.Ability to demonstrate respect and empathy for clients and their carers and the ability to maintain confidentiality.

7.Ability to work on one's own initiative, set goals and implement programmes to achieve set targets.

8.Working knowledge of person-centred care and case management systems.

Application details

To apply for the position please send the following documents by email to mylesm@MS-Society.ie:

Cover letter, outlining your experience and suitability (by way of specific examples) for the post and your reason for applying, full CV and contact information.

Please ensure the Job Title is referenced in the subject of the email.

Closing date: 22nd October

Please note, the assistance of Recruitment Agencies is not required at this time

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About the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland (MS Ireland)

MS Ireland is the only national organisation working solely on behalf of people living with Multiple Sclerosis and the many thousands of people who share their lives. The aim of MS Ireland is to enable people living with MS to live their lives to their fullest potential, to participate in all aspects of society and to foster research on a national and international basis to identify a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

The objectives of the Society are to:

- Facilitate People with Multiple Sclerosis (PwMS) to control their lives and environment, to live with dignity and participate in the community.
- Provide support for the families and carers of PwMS.
- Exchange and disseminate information relating to MS.
- Co-operate with the Medical, Scientific, Social and Caring professions.
- Promote scientific research into the causes of, cure for and management of MS.
- Provide and identify focal points by developing an efficient, effective and caring organisation to serve the needs of PwMS.

A wide range of services and programmes have been developed and implemented by MS Ireland. These services and programmes are designed specifically to meet the needs of the MS community and to ensure that the fundamental aims of MS Ireland are achieved on behalf of the MS community. Such services include:

- National MS Information Line
- MS news magazine
- Information booklets
- MS Care Centre
- Funds for MS research in Ireland
- National and Regional conferences on MS
- Regional offices with professional staff in each HSE area
- 34 branches nationwide
- Online physio therapy programme

Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple Sclerosis is a serious condition, which damages the central nervous system-the brain and the spinal cord. MS occurs as a result of scarring the myelin sheath that insulates cells in the nervous system. This distorts the passage of nerve impulses between the brain and other parts of the body. It interferes with the brain's ability to control such functions as seeing, walking, talking etc. It's called multiple because many scattered areas of the brain and spinal cord may be affected and symptoms can be mild or severe and come and go unpredictably.

Multiple Sclerosis is the most common neurological disabling disease affecting young adults throughout Europe. More than 9,000 people in Ireland are living with MS and in some parts of Ireland the rate is 1 in 400. The prevalence is higher in Northern Ireland and Scotland. There is yet no conclusive reason for this although intensive research has been carried out.

The typical age of diagnosis is the late twenties to mid-forties, when family and career are usually the priorities. Twice as many women as men have MS. There is as yet no known cure.

There is no typical MS, it is individual to each person, the progress is unpredictable so one general description or prognosis is not possible. This leads to other problems, not only do people with MS have to learn to cope with the disease, there will also be pressure on members of the family to take on the role of carer. Symptoms of MS include impaired mobility, severe fatigue and cognitive difficulties.

For more information about Multiple Sclerosis and the MS Ireland please see www.mssociety.ie