

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Academy Doctor
Department:	Academy
Reporting to:	Academy Head of Elite performance with dotted line into Club Head of Medical
Location:	Sheffield United Football Academy, Firhill Crescent, Shirecliffe, Sheffield, S4 7DJ
Contract type:	Part-time (20 hours per week)
Working pattern:	Minimum one day and one evening per week, with flexibility around Academy fixtures, Men's First Team home matches and other requirements outside typical working hours

MAIN FUNCTION OF JOB (Note: in addition to these functions employees are required to carry out such other duties as may reasonably be required)

To support the Academy MDT in the coordination and implementation of assessment, treatment, medical and orthopaedic screening, health and medical education programmes for all Academy players, alongside provision of education to the Sports Medicine team. The role will also support the wider Club doctor team by acting as tunnel doctor for Men's First Team home fixtures, with the 20 contracted hours flexed between First Team matchday duties and Academy provision according to the fixture schedule.

MAIN DUTIES (brief description)

Duties/Responsibilities	Level of responsibility direct or indirect (D/I):
- To provide dedicated Academy training ground clinical provision within the contracted 20 hours per week, with the working pattern flexed around the football schedule. - To provide pitch-side medical cover at U18 and U21 home fixtures as required. - To act as tunnel doctor for Men's First Team home fixtures as part of the contracted 20 hours per week, working alongside the First Team medical team and wider matchday personnel. - Where Men's First Team home match cover is not required, the relevant contracted hours will be utilised within the Academy programme. - To liaise with and manage appropriate pitch-side personnel during games, including Physiotherapists, Paramedics and opposition medical staff. - To be available and flexible for consultation via ad hoc phone calls outside of typical working hours. - To be responsible for the organisation of appropriate additional medical cover as and when required. - To be available to accompany players for surgery and consultations as required. - To organise and oversee referrals, investigations and Consultant review appointments in line with the agreed Club-wide scope.	All Direct

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• To manage Academy player injuries through consultation and collaboration with the Performance Manager and wider MDT. • To liaise with Club physiotherapists, allied staff, players and parents/guardians to ensure complete medical services are provided to the highest possible standard. • To maintain adequate stocks of appropriate medicines, appliances and equipment. • To maintain secure medical records and ensure completion of all appropriate paperwork. • To maintain own appropriate Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and provide additional CPD for Sports Medicine staff where appropriate. • To organise any annual influenza or other proactive vaccination programmes. • To organise and oversee any applicable FA Cardiac Screening programme for all new Academy Scholars. • To undertake annual medical testing for Academy players as appropriate (e.g. peak flow, chest/heart sounds, urine analysis). • To complete annual medical interviews, questionnaires and medical proformas for all Scholars, advising and directing any required medical intervention. • To undertake any appropriate additional duties as required and agreed with the Academy Manager and Performance Manager. • Any other reasonable requests as directed by management. • To adhere to all Sheffield United Football Club Safeguarding Policies and Procedures to foster an environment which protects from harm those defined as children and adults at risk. • To report any concerns of a safeguarding nature to the relevant parties and remain fully compliant with applicable safeguarding checks and due diligence, recognising responsibility to the Club's safeguarding agenda. • To report any concerns of discrimination to the relevant parties and promote a welcoming and inclusive Club environment for all. • To adhere to the Club's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policies, supporting the Club to create an environment which is inclusive and all-encompassing. • To carry out/take part in training requests as directed by the Club.	
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REQUIREMENTS TO CARRY OUT JOB

Essential or desirable requirement – please indicate against each heading	E	D
Qualifications or specialist training, skills and personal attributes required:		
Medical degree (MBBS, MBChB or equivalent)	E	
Full GMC registration with a current licence to practise in the UK and up-to-date appraisal/revalidation	E	
Postgraduate qualification in Sport & Exercise Medicine	E	
Current FA Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football (ATMMiF) qualification, or recognised equivalent	E	
Relevant clinical experience in General Practice, Sport & Exercise Medicine, Emergency Medicine or another appropriate speciality	E	
Experience working within sport or another high-performance multidisciplinary environment	E	
Strong understanding of clinical governance, confidentiality and medical record keeping	E	
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively with players, parents/guardians and multidisciplinary staff	E	
Enhanced DBS clearance / willingness to undertake an Enhanced DBS check and required safeguarding training	E	
Flexibility to work around the football schedule, including Academy fixtures, Men's First Team home matches and other requirements outside typical working hours	E	
Previous experience within professional football or an elite football academy		D
Experience providing medical care to children and adolescent athletes		D
Knowledge and understanding of EPPP medical requirements and professional academy medical governance		D
MRCGP or other relevant postgraduate membership		D
FA safeguarding qualification		D
Other:		
The post holder's duties must be carried out in compliance with all the Club's policies and procedures and also with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and subsequent Health and Safety Legislation To be responsible for your own behaviour and act in a manner that avoids and discourages any form of discrimination or harassment and to comply with the Club's Equal Opportunities Policy in line with the Equality Act 2010. All staff are required to work in line with the Club's safeguarding policies and procedures, and where applicable will be required to be checked via the disclosure and barring service.		

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SPECIAL TERMS

Special conditions e.g. working with hazardous substances, equipment, etc: Regular work within an elite professional football environment, including Academy and Men's First Team home matchday medical responsibilities.	
Working in different locations: Regular work across the Sheffield United Football Academy, Academy match venues and Bramall Lane for Men's First Team home fixtures, with travel to external medical appointments as required.	

I have read and understood my role and responsibilities as expected by the Club:

Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....