

Job Description

PAEDIATRIC PHYSIOTHERAPIST - SENIOR I or II -Birchwood, Warrington, Cheshire Reporting to: Senior I Lead Therapist (Bobath trained)

JOB BACKGROUND

Since 1982, the national Charity Brainwave has been providing home based therapy Programmes. A full description of the Charity's approach can be found on its web site (www.brainwave.org.uk).

Brainwave currently has three permanent Centres, one in Birchwood, one in Essex and another in Somerset.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Senior Physiotherapist will work as part of a team of Physiotherapists and other therapists, thereby contributing to the strategic direction of the Charity, which is controlled by a Board of Trustee Directors.

Within this role, the Physiotherapist will support the positive outcomes of children attending the Brainwave Centre's South West Centre by contributing to the therapy programmes.

As a member of a multi disciplinary team, you will be responsible for the evaluation of each child to record change/muscle strengths, abnormal tone, persistent or primitive reflexes, joint range of movement, soft tissue changes, function abilities and disabilities in all physical developmental areas. You will oversee and prescribe each physical management programme (PMP) based on assessment of abilities and disabilities.

You will ensure that appropriate records are maintained to CSP standards and communicated to the child's local mainstream providers. Your team's findings will inform the exercise programme content in relation to the physical rehabilitation of each child. Other members of the team will provide their inputs, as appropriate. Teach PMP to acceptable level so that you feel confident that parents/carers are competent to complete the PMP at home. The full programme may address such areas as eye hand co-ordination, manipulation, speech and language, cognitive and personal interaction in play.

Appropriate therapy equipment such as wedges, rolls, physio balls etc are loaned to families. Home monitors are provided by Regional Co-ordinators, as directed by the line management, to provide support and guidance to families between their child's assessments at the Centre. Parents/carers are invited to return to the Centre with their child at intervals of four to six months for a one day reassessment.

General Responsibilities

- a) To be aware of all Brainwave policies, Health and Safety at Work Act, Childrens Act
- b) To participate in an ongoing in-service training programme and to attend team meetings as required by line management.

Remuneration

Grade and salary:	Agenda for Change Band 6/7
Hours of work:	37.5 hours per week
Annual leave:	25 days + 8 public holidays per annum

Pension:	The post-holder is entitled to a 3% employer contribution to a stakeholder pension
Performance Review	Overall performance will be formally assessed and reviewed regularly, with additional informal assessment taking place as necessary.
Equal Opportunities:	In Brainwave, we believe that all staff should be treated equally in employment. We will not discriminate against any member of staff, or job applicant, on grounds of age; gender or choice of sexual lifestyle; being married or not; race, colour or ethnic origin; religion or belief; disability; or Trade Union membership.
Disclosure checks:	We carry out criminal record checks on all new staff. You must look after the health and safety of yourself and anyone else who may be affected by what you do at work. You must also co-operate with us to make sure that we comply with legal and organisational safety regulations