



Role Profile Academy Therapist (Part-Time)

Role Reports To: Head of Academy Sport Science and Medicine with a dotted line into Lead Foundation/Youth Development Phase Physiotherapist

Role Purpose: Contribute towards the Academy Sport Science and Medical Department's vision of optimising player availability and performance through an elite evidence-based sports medicine provision, specifically assisting the Assistant and Lead Foundation/Youth Development Phase Physiotherapists in providing pitch side medical care for Academy players both in competitive and training environments (Pre-Academy -16 squads)

Main Responsibilities and Accountabilities

- Provide pitch side immediate care and management for foundation and youth development phase players during training and fixtures (Pre-Academy -16 squads), ensuring the relevant Academy Medical Emergency Action Plan (MEAP) is adhered to at all times
- Responsible for pre and post-session medical equipment and personnel checks to ensure that Academy MEAPs can be implemented as per club operating procedures
- Document and conveying information in an effective and efficient manor to the Lead Foundation/Youth Development phase Physiotherapist, the player and their parents/guardian, and other members of the multidisciplinary team when an injury or illness is experienced by an academy player
- Utilise the PMA system for accurate record keeping in line with professional regulations
- Report and reflect on any significant medical incidents via academy procedures and policies
- Assist in the delivery of bespoke pre-training athletic development sessions/warm ups to assigned squads and individual players (where indicated) under the guidance of Academy Medical and Sport Science Staff
- Support the Assistant and Lead Foundation/Youth Development phase Physiotherapists with injured player rehabilitation clinics where required
- Actively participate and assist the Lead Developmental Academy Physiotherapist and the Head of Academy Sport Science and Medicine with any reasonable duties and responsibilities given
- Take personal responsibility for continued professional development (CPD), ensuring an up-to-date portfolio is maintained. This includes mandatory attendance to inhouse Academy CPD sessions and appraisals
- Comply with professional codes of conduct, standards and guidelines
- Ensure actions and behaviours are always consistent with and comply with AVFC policies and procedures
- Demonstrate commitment to Safeguarding by adhering to relevant policies, procedures and values relating to safeguarding children and adults at risk
- Support the Club's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion

Qualifications, Key Skills & Experience

Essential

- BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy or BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy
- Knowledge of applied anatomy and in specific paediatric injuries
- Ability to demonstrate clear and structured injury assessments that accumulate in injury diagnosis
- A clear, concise and accurate communicator
- Proven ability to liaise and build successful relationships with a range of colleagues
- Proven experience of working autonomously and as part of a wider interdisciplinary team
- Ability to work flexibly predominantly evening and weekends

Desirable

- FA Level 4 Intermediate Trauma Medical Management in Football (ITMMiF) qualification
- Experience of working within interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary teams
- Previous experience of working with young athletes in a sporting environment
- Knowledge of the Elite Player Performance Plan (expectations of a Category 1 academy)

- Registration with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
- Membership to the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP)
- Membership to the Society of Sports Therapist or Sports Therapy Association

Disclosure and Barring Service Check Requirement

- This role will be subject to an enhanced disclosure including a barred list check

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