



ROCHDALE AFC ACADEMY

JOB ADVERTISEMENT - ACADEMY HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE AND MEDICINE (FTE)

Rochdale AFC have previously been ranked the number 1 Academy for productivity at Category 3 for 2 years in succession. This means that over the 3 year period the Academy produced more home grown players to play 1st team football than any other club in the country at Category 3, 2nd highest in the English Football League and 3rd highest across the country including the Premier League. (Source: The Premier League)

Role Profile

Rochdale AFC Academy are looking to recruit a Chartered Physiotherapist as the Academy Head of Sports Science and Medicine who will be able to deliver the Club & Academy Sports Science and Medicine Programme, to all Academy Players ages 7-21.

This is an exciting opportunity exists for a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to lead and be a member of the Sports Science and Medicine department at Rochdale AFC Academy. The successful candidate will contribute to the maintenance and development of a high performance environment at the Academy. The role will work with other key stakeholders including Talent ID and Coaching colleagues covering all aspects of player performance.

Reporting to: Academy Manager

The role:

To be responsible for managing and delivering the sports science and medicine programme for all Academy players registered with the club.

Specific Responsibilities:

- A member of the Academy Management Team
- To deliver up to date information at least monthly to every Academy Management Team Meeting around their departmental targets.

- Develop, Define & Monitor the Sports Science and Medicine Department in line with the Academy Performance Plan on a day to day basis
- Manage the SS&M transition of Academy Players through each stage of the Performance Pathway
- To support and implement the process of Setting departmental Target and budgets
- To support the Academy Human Resource process where appropriate
- Ensure day-to-day running of scientific support department occurs with a high, professional standard.
- Implementation of systems and processes to measure and monitor aspects of wellness, fitness and performance of players and staff in line with Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP)
- Manage and oversee the treatment and rehabilitation of injured Academy players.
- Participate in the Senior Management Team, including the Academy Manager, Head of Coaching, Head of Education and Welfare, and Head of Recruitment.
- Maintain an appropriate communication network with the Club Doctor and relevant specialists/consultants in order to ensure players receive the relevant care, treatment and rehabilitation programmes required to aid a full recovery from injury.
- Manage and develop the Assistant Academy Physiotherapist and Academy Sport Scientist.
- Ensure continuity in all aspects of sports science and medicine are carried through to the Academy.
- Ensure that the Club are compliant with all doping regulations and that players are well educated as to these regulations.
- Check training/conditioning equipment inventory regularly and oversee system for use of equipment outside of club facilities.
- Maintain a record of all PDP injuries and when necessary, provide a detailed injury audit.
- Coordinate PDP players' cardiac screening programme, and where appropriate liaise with specialised consultant.
- Ensure all Academy players' medical questionnaires are completed, evaluated and screened.
- Ensure that individualised injury prevention and rehabilitation training programmes are adhered to.
- Attend all, wherever possible, daily and weekly medical meetings.
- Contribute to ongoing education.

- Where appropriate, ensure own continuous education and personal development.
- To lead the maintenance and cleaning of all conditioning areas at training facilities.
- Undertake CPD sourced by the Club or individual
- Attend an Academy evening training session at least once a month to discuss Academy medical progress.
- Cover Academy Sports Rehabilitator as and when required

The successful applicants shall be either:

- A registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council; or
- A registered medical practitioner licensed to practise by the General Medical Council (and shall comply with the General Medical Council's requirements concerning annual appraisal, scope of practice, indemnity and revalidation of doctors) with a diploma in Sport and Exercise Medicine or equivalent or higher qualification; or
- The holder of at least a master's degree in sports science (or other relevant discipline) from a recognised university and have or be working towards British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences accreditation; and
- Shall have recent and relevant professional experience in a sports performance environment.

The successful applicants will need:

- To be a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council or a registered medical practitioner
- A current Football Association Advanced Resuscitation and Emergency Aid certificate, Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football
- IFAS / ITMMiF

Knowledge and Experience

- Background within football
- Knowledge of the Elite Player Performance Plan

Personal Specification

- A desire to pursue a career in the football industry.
- Committed, enthusiastic and highly motivated.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- A positive and professional attitude and the ability to work with a range of individuals.
- Computer literate.

- Successful applicants will be subject to enhanced DBS clearance prior to taking the job role.

Salary: £28,000 pa dependant on experience.

Hours: 35 per week. Will include evenings and weekends.

If you meet the qualification criteria and feel you have the relevant experience and evidence to meet the role profile and person specification, then please complete and return the attached application form along with full CV to:

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Closing Date: 18th June 2023.