



## Job Advert

<b>Job title:</b>	U9-U16 Academy Physiotherapist
<b>Employer:</b>	<b>Reading Football Club</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Training Ground RG41 5DB
<b>Contract:</b>	Full time, permanent
<b>Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	£25,000 per annum <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paid day off to celebrate your birthday</li><li>• Employee Assistance Programme with free access to help, advice, and support</li><li>• Complementary home match ticket</li><li>• 25% off full priced Reading FC merchandise</li><li>• Auto-enrolment into the Club's pension scheme (depending on eligibility)</li><li>• Group Life Assurance benefit (death in service cover)</li></ul>
<b>Hours of work:</b>	37½ hrs per week on a flexible basis, to include evening & weekend working
<b>Department:</b>	Academy
<b>Reporting to:</b>	Head of Academy Sports Science & Medicine

### Job purpose

To have the responsibility with the Academy Physiotherapy team to deliver a high quality evidence based medical support service to all players in the Academy.  
To provide medical services to the Full-time and Hybrid programs at various Reading FC training venues.

## Main duties

- To liaise effectively with the academy coaching staff on a daily basis in order to keep them informed of player's availability for academy matches and training.
- To provide and assist with the delivery of an injury risk reduction program to U9-U16 squads in alignment with current evidence and departmental principles, in both group and individual settings.
- To support and assist with the Academy Injury Clinic under the guidance of the Head of Academy Physiotherapy and the Academy Physiotherapist team.
- To provide pitch-side trauma cover for all weekend fixtures and festivals and any other game as required.
- To implement and follow clubs player screening and monitoring protocols on daily, weekly and yearly basis, e.g medical screening and squeezes
- To assist with medical provisions to the Pro-Phase Squad and beyond, when appropriate, as directed by Head of Academy Physiotherapy
- To provide accurate assessment and diagnoses of all academy injuries
- To provide, log and develop high quality evidence based treatment and rehabilitation of Academy players.
- To provide and maintain up to date records of Screening Protocols as directed by Head of Academy Physiotherapy and in conjunction with EPPP requirements.
- To maintain accurate records of injuries and medical interventions on Club PMA.
- To maintain and deliver up to date, comprehensive and accurate age specific (throughout the academy as directed by Head of Academy Physiotherapy) injury audits at 6-weekly intervals.
- To maintain and update qualifications and CPD by both contributing to the clubs medical department in-service program and attending external course, in liaison with the Head of Academy Physiotherapy
- To using effective communication to liaise with all appropriate staff in relation to the above listed responsibilities.
- To respond to all enquires within Reading Football Club Charter guidelines.
- To adhere to a strict code of confidentiality in respect of any information relating to Reading Football Club and its operation
- To be presentable at all times when working and demonstrate that you can represent the face of the club in the manner expected
- To maintain Reading Football Club's Safeguarding (Child Protection), Health, Safety and Equal Opportunity procedures and practice
- To act in a manner that supports the Club's Vision and Values at all times

## Person specification

	Essential	Desirable
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BSc Hons Physiotherapy</li> <li>● HCPC Registered</li> <li>● CSP Registered</li> <li>● Up to date ITMMiF pitch side Qualification as a minimum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MSc in Physiotherapy or related studies</li> <li>● ATMMiF Pitch side qualification</li> </ul>

<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 years' experience of working in Elite Sport, preferably a Team sport and within an Academy football environment.</li> </ul>	•
<b>Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An understanding of the EPPP process</li> </ul>	•
<b>Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer literacy, Including MS Office and Excel</li> <li>• Encourage, maintain and manage elite footballers</li> </ul>	•
<b>Attitude</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An understanding and commitment to equal opportunities in employment and sport.</li> <li>• Strong commitment to developing elite athletes</li> <li>• Ability to work irregular and unsocial hours as required involving work outside normal office hours, at evenings, weekends and bank holidays</li> </ul>	

**Due to this post being in regulated activity, the potential employee will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check at the appropriate level. It is a criminal offence for a barred person to attempt to engage with vulnerable group**

<b>Closing date for applications:</b>	<b>Please send your CV and a covering letter to reach us by the closing date of: 12 noon Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:recruitment@readingfc.co.uk">recruitment@readingfc.co.uk</a>

**\*Please note, we reserve the right to interview shortlisted candidates prior to the closing date**