



Job Advert

Job title:	U9-U16 Lead Academy Physiotherapist
Employer:	Reading Football Club
Location:	Training Ground RG41 5DB
Contract:	Full time, permanent
Salary & Benefits	£27,516 per annum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paid day off to celebrate your birthday• Employee Assistance Programme with free access to help, advice, and support• Complementary home match ticket• 25% off full priced Reading FC merchandise• Auto-enrolment into the Club's pension scheme (depending on eligibility)• Group Life Assurance benefit (death in service cover)
Hours of work:	37½ hrs per week on a flexible basis, to include evening & weekend working
Department:	Academy
Reporting to:	Head of Academy Sports Science & Medicine

Job purpose

To have the responsibility to deliver a high-quality evidence based medical support service to all players in the Academy, primarily focused on U15-U16 Players.
To provide medical services to the Full-time and Hybrid programs at various Reading FC training venues.

Main duties

- To provide physiotherapy services to all players in the full-time program at the Forest School and the hybrid program at various Reading FC training sites and Lead U9-U16 medical program, in conjunction with the Head of Academy Sports Science & Medicine and the Academy Medical Department
- 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 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 Clinics under the guidance of HAP.
- To provide pitch side trauma cover for any games as required.
- To assist with medical provisions to the U18 squad and beyond as directed, when appropriate
- 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 Senior Academy Physiotherapist 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 HAP) 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 courses
- To liaise with all appropriate staff in relation to the above listed responsibilities.
- To perform any other duties as requested by Senior Management Team
- 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
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BSc Hons Physiotherapy ● HCPC Registered ● CSP Registered ● Up to date ATMMiF pitch side Qualification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MSc in Physiotherapy or related studies

Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 years' experience of working in Elite Sport, preferably a Team sport and with a minimum of 1 years Full Time work with an Academy within a football environment. 	•
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the EPPP process 	•
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer literacy, Including MS Office and Excel • Encourage, maintain and manage elite footballers 	•
Attitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding and commitment to equal opportunities in employment and sport. • Strong commitment to developing elite athletes • Ability to work irregular and unsocial hours as required involving work outside normal office hours, at evenings, weekends and bank holidays 	

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

Closing date for applications:	Please send your CV and covering letter to reach us by the closing date of : 12 noon on Wednesday 13th January 2021
Contact:	recruitment@readingfc.co.uk

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