

ABOUT WRIGHTINGTON, WIGAN AND LEIGH TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is a major acute trust serving the people of Wigan and Leigh. Innovative and forward thinking, the trust is dedicated to providing the best possible healthcare for the local population in the Wigan Borough and surrounding areas



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BENEFITS OF JOINING OUR TEAM



Rotations: We have an excellent rotation consisting of twelve clinical areas. You will have the opportunity to rotate across these areas to develop a wide range of clinical skills. The rotations are six monthly, working across our hospital sites.

Band 5 development programme: All newly appointed band 5's complete a comprehensive preceptorship training programme to ensure they have the necessary skills to become a successful physiotherapist. You will have a dedicated Preceptor with regular supervision and 1:1 meetings.

Continued Professional Development (CPD): On each rotation you will be encouraged to participate in your own professional development. There will be opportunities to attend in-service training and join internal/external courses.

Job Progression: We have lots of opportunities to progress and your colleagues will support you with the transition to band 5-6. As an experienced Band 5 there will be an opportunity to apply for the band 5-6 Development Pathway. At Band 6 there are static and rotational posts and development into non clinical roles.

Research: As a Trust, we are very keen to develop and support research activity. We have a research department and many physiotherapy staff who are actively involved in research. We are looking for graduates who have an enquiring mind and would like to be involved in research studies.

Health and Wellbeing: The health and wellbeing of our colleagues is a major priority. The Steps4Wellness team and our wellbeing strategy raises awareness of wellbeing activities. Promoting healthy lifestyles and positive mental health. We have a Wellness lounge where staff can rest, relax and chat with colleagues. We have bike facilities to encourage more active travel.

Staff Benefits: Our staff are very much valued, and this is why we offer an extensive range of employee benefits such as Birthday day off, maternity and paternity leave, adoption leave, careers breaks, study leave, compassionate leave, career leave and annual leave. If possible, we can accommodate flexible working opportunities including parttime working, Job sharing and compressed hours. Whilst waiting your HCPC registration you will be employed as a Band 4.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAND 5 PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

OUR SERVICES

Wrightington Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is spread across a number of sites.

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (RAEI)

Is located north of Wigan city centre. The hospital contains over 500 beds, an A&E department and various services from trauma orthopaedics to cancer services. The hospital covers both adult and paediatric services.

Wrightington Hospital

This is our elective site containing two active inpatient wards, one private ward and various day case wards. The hospital and the services form a centre of excellence in orthopaedics, and we complete a wide range of surgeries from routine joint replacements to complex upper and lower limb surgeries. Within the hospital there is a specialist hand team, a wide range of outpatient clinics and a large outpatient physiotherapy department.

Leigh Infirmary

Provides day case surgery, diagnostic services, outpatient clinics, endoscopy. There is a large outpatient physiotherapy department based in the health centre.

Thomas Linacre Centre

This site is used for outpatient clinics from general surgery to paediatric services.

BAND 5 ROTATIONS

Medicine Specialities

Acute Stroke: Based at RAEI you will have the opportunity to work alongside specialist stroke and neuro Therapists. You will have the opportunity to see patients through their whole journey from admission to discharge. Within the stroke unit you will see a varying degree of stroke severity and develop specialist handling and treatment skills.

Acute medicine: The team cover all the acute medical wards including cardiology, respiratory, gastro and care of the elderly at RAEI. This rotation is important for discharge process and pathways. You will be provided with extensive support and guidance to develop your understanding of discharge.

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and general surgery: Our ICU and high dependency unit rotation at RAEI will allow you to work with highly skilled respiratory specialist physiotherapists. You will see a wide range of conditions and spend a considerable amount of time with the medical multidisciplinary team. This rotation will give you the necessary skills to become on call competent. This rotation is heavily focused on teaching and learning. There are extensive competencies and development opportunities within this rotation.

Community

Intermediate care / Rehabilitation: We offer a rotation in on intermediate care bed setting in the local community. During this rotation you will develop your treatment and progression skills with patients. This facility takes patients from the acute setting with various pathologies and goals. You will work closely with social work teams and community teams to establish plans and discharges. This will give you the opportunity to work with sub-acute patients with a clear pathway to get them home or back to their baseline.

Community Therapy: We offer a community /domiciliary based Adult Rehabilitation Rotation with a strong emphasis on multidisciplinary working operating out of three locality hubs in Wigan, Hindley, and Leigh. We accept referrals from multiple sources such as social care and GP practices and other health professionals. We receive referrals as part of the discharge to assess process of facilitated hospital discharges and from Intermediate care facilities to continue rehabilitation at home. We support the Community React Team with hospital admission prevention. We work actively to implement falls prevention strategies and have strong links with the Falls Clinic service and community partnerships to promote healthy ageing. You will have the opportunity to assess and treat a wide variety of conditions including fractures, post operative orthopaedic and surgical rehabilitation, falls prevention work, gait re-education and balance rehabilitation and treating some neurological conditions to mention a few.

Paediatrics: The paediatric Therapy Service is a community service based across two health centres in Wigan and Leigh. The service covers the age ranges of 0-19 years old. We provide assessments and treatments for a wide range of areas such as: congenital abnormalities, developmental delay, neurology, musculoskeletal, gait anomalies, cystic fibrosis. and oncology. We also offer specialist clinics such as tone management, Lycra, CPIP and hydrotherapy. We cover a wide footprint across the borough in health centres, community clinics, education settings and patient's homes.

BAND 5 ROTATIONS: MSK

Trauma Orthopaedics

This rotation will allow you to work with patients following traumatic fractures and is based at RAEI. The trauma unit will cover a wide variety of fractures excluding spinal fractures. You will get the opportunity to work closely with orthopaedic surgeons as part of the multidisciplinary team to discuss fracture management, surgical processes and post op-rehabilitation. You will be able to take patients through their whole inpatient journey from admission to discharge. You will be supported by specialist trauma staff who will guide you through a competency framework and provide support for your on-going development. This rotation will also give you the ability to view and develop your X-ray reading skills and there is a strong link with frailty and elderly patient care.

Elective Orthopaedics

Based at Wrightington we work with a team of more than 50 consultants specialising foot, ankle, hip, knee, elbow, wrist and hand. This rotation will allow you to develop your skills in assessment, treatment and management of a variation of orthopaedic surgeries. You will be offered the chance to attend surgery if its something you feel relevant to your development. We have a range of specialist clinicians that will provide formal and informal supervision throughout your rotation. Within this rotation you will cover a late shift which will develop your ability to work autonomously.

Outpatient physiotherapy - Wrightington

The physiotherapy outpatients department is designed to offer advice and treatments to patients with a variety of injuries and conditions. The physiotherapists see individuals following post-operative orthopaedic surgeries, however we also treat a number of soft tissue and joint based pathologies. The team is comprised of rotational physiotherapists and speciality physiotherapists who offer expert care for those with lower limb, upper limb, rheumatology and women's health conditions. We utilise a number of interventions such as one-to-one appointments, group based rehabilitation and adjuncts such as Hydrotherapy and use of our Anti-Gravity Treadmill. Our close proximity and collaboration with world renowned orthopaedic surgeons allows for a service which is both beneficial to patient care and to develop expert clinicians within our team.

Outpatient physiotherapy - Community

Our other Outpatient teams are spread over multiple community sites. We accept referrals from a number of different sources and treat a wide range of patients ranging from orthopaedic postoperative through to more chronic conditions. We work closely with our colleagues in MSK Clinical assessment and treatment service (CATS), Orthopaedic consultants and specialist physiotherapists to ensure on effective patient journey and to maximise our learning opportunities. We have access to a gym at each of our main sites and two hydrotherapy pools.

Hand Therapy

A dedicated hand unit based at Wrightington sees patients with a variety of hand and wrist conditions. Within the unit we have a group of specialist physiotherapists and occupational therapists focusing on recovery and rehabilitation. With this rotation you will see a wide range of very specialist surgeries and work closely with the consultant teams to design and implement recovery plans and protocols.

