

Job Advert - Wirral University Teaching Hospitals - Senior Orthotist



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| Job Title | Senior Orthotist |
| Department | Orthotics |
| Division | Clinical Support, AHP Directorate |
| Band | 6 |
| Reporting To | Lead Orthotist |
| Job Reference | J2840 |

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Role

- Provide a high standard of care to patients who require orthotic treatment under the trust's framework for best patient experience and best clinical outcome, using specialist orthotic knowledge and skills. Ensure that the treatment provided is the best value money. Actively play a role within an evidence based ethos, undertaking projects, audits and CPD abiding by Trust Policy as being the best place to work and learn.

Key Responsibilities

- To manage own clinical caseload including more complex cases.
- To attend clinics, including externally to the Trust, as required or as delegated by senior colleagues.
- Responsible for referral and liaison to other disciplines to provide optimum patient care. Recognising where alternative interventions may be appropriate and ensuring inclusion of members from multidisciplinary teams where complex treatment plans or patient pathways are required.
- To communicate effectively with patients, carers and families, GPs, Consultants and AHP's with regard to clinical care both in direct contact and through clinical letters and reports within a duty of care.
- To maintain a current knowledge of relevant clinical pathologies to be able to devise the most appropriate prescriptions.
- Responsible for keeping up to date with relevant clinical research, best practice and professional guidelines.
- Responsible for own continued professional development and providing feedback and training to colleagues through reflective practice, clinical meetings, supervision and mentorship.

- Responsible for contributing towards patient or departmental information and best practice guidance.
- Assist with the teaching and training of students, technical staff and other professionals as required.
- To contribute to audit projects as appropriate in line with local standards and best practice or to participate in research projects as appropriate and in liaison with a lead researcher.
- Instigate and lead training and education of other medical and healthcare professionals at all levels within the trust in relation to Orthotics.
- Be able to successfully fit all types of orthoses to a high standard and arranging follow-up appointments where appropriate, to re-assess clinical outcomes and effectiveness.
- Use a range of verbal and non-verbal communication methods to communicate effectively with patients and carers.
- Be legally and professionally responsible for all aspects of your own work, including the management of patients in your care as an autonomous practitioner.

Duties and Key Tasks

- Responsible for the safe provision of Orthotic equipment and specification of bespoke devices including materials, design and componentary. Ensure all risks are minimised and documented appropriately.
- Responsible for accurate recording of clinical findings and maintaining records in confidential and sensitive manner in line with HPC, Caldicott regulations and Trust Policy.
- Responsible for ensuring prescription decisions are made within best clinical judgement in a cost effective manner to provide high quality, best value Orthotic clinical care and authorised signatory for payments of up to £1000.
- To provide Orthotic treatment and where necessary liaise with other healthcare professionals to ensure clinical continuity.
- <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/C9408-25-0208?searchFormType=main&keyword=orthotist&language=en>

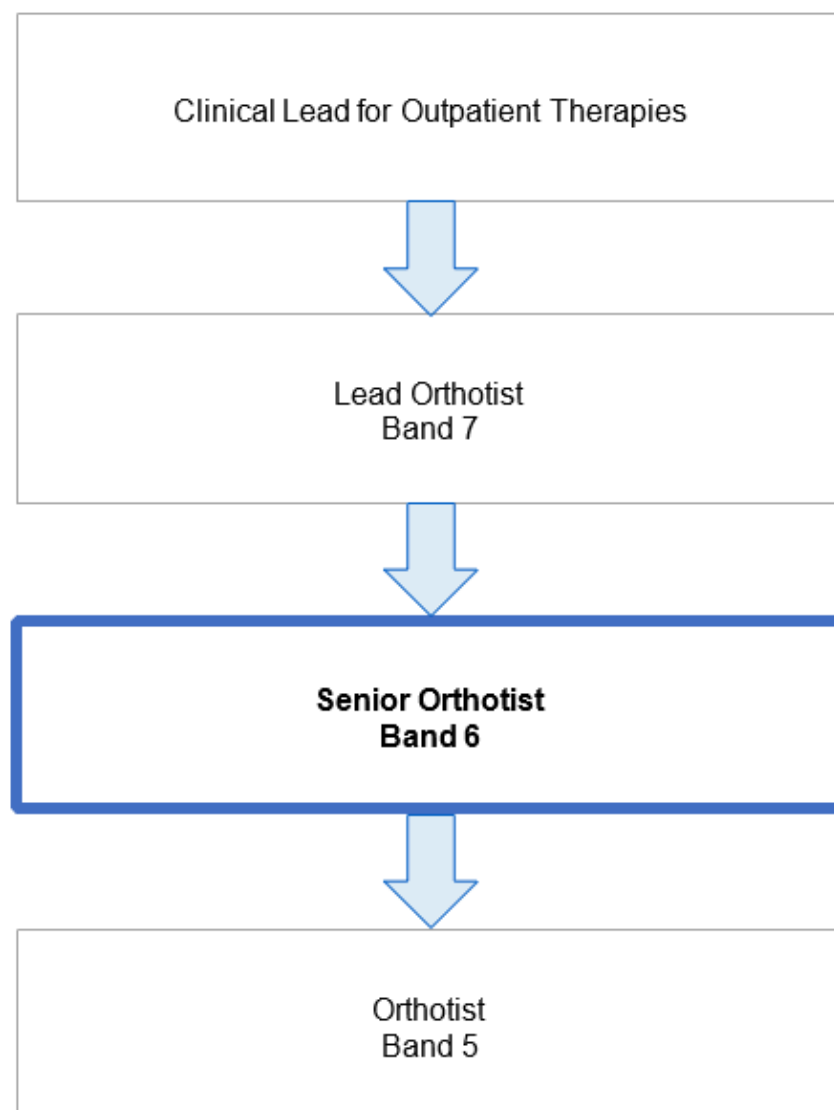
The closing date is 18 March 2025

Person Specification

| Qualifications, Specific Experience & Training | Essential | Desirable | Measure |
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| • BSc (Hons) in Prosthetics and Orthotics or equivalent qualification | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Application Form |
| • Registration as an Orthotist with HCPC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Application Form |
| • Post graduate clinical experience | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Application Form |

| Knowledge and Skills | Essential | Desirable | Measure |
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| • Experience and further evidence of CPD via a portfolio | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Application Form |
| • Ability to plan and manage own clinical caseload. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Interview |
| • Ability to work on own initiative when required. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Interview |
| • Must be able to demonstrate ability to work effectively and efficiently within a team. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Interview |
| • Preferably registration of BAPO | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Application Form |

Organisation Chart





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