



Paediatric Physiotherapists in the Independent and Private Sectors Committee

APCP Information Leaflet

Working as a Physiotherapist in Industry

As some physiotherapists may work in more than one area e.g. private work and in industry, please refer to each guidance sheet for specific information. There will be some crossover between areas, but also key differences.

Patient funding

This is variable depending on the area you are working in and the type of company, industry funding can therefore be self funding, insurance or can be paid for by company, charities etc.

Advantages

This depends if you are employed or self employed and the area of industry that you are working in. But some advantages are:

- ◇ You get to travel to different parts of UK and other countries in Europe or further afield
- ◇ Meet lots of different people: therapists, children and families, business people, other professions .
- ◇ Work is very varied.
- ◇ You can be at the forefront of new developments and new equipment.
- ◇ Often in charge of your own diary.
- ◇ Not constrained by NHS red tape
- ◇ Dynamic

Challenges

The challenges will depend on the area of industry and type of company that you are working in but some of the challenges are:

- ◇ Sometimes work can be pro bono or low paid if in a not for profit organisation
- ◇ Travel in itself can be a challenge, lots of commuting, driving, traffic
- ◇ Keeping up to date with new equipment.
- ◇ Maintaining CPD
- ◇ CPD may need to be self financed or your company may provide this or contribute to costs
- ◇ Can be isolating
- ◇ If it is your own company then it may not be possible to cover sick leave



Insurance

- ◇ In order to be a member of the HPCP you must have appropriate indemnity as a condition of your registration.
- ◇ If you are a member of CSP you will be part of the Public Liability Scheme which covers you for working within all roles of industry as long as you are working within your scope of practice
- ◇ If employed, your employer is likely to have Employers Liability insurance.
- ◇ If it is your own clinic or own business, you may need extra Public Liability Insurance
- ◇ Enhanced car business insurance
- ◇ Although not specifically insurance, you will need an enhanced DBS check that will need renewing 2 yearly if working with children

Training (Mandatory / Statutory)

As with most areas, moving and handling, data protection, child protection, specific equipment training, health and safety, COSHH, RIDDOR, infection control, basic life support, lone working

If you are working in occupational health, specific training for the role is likely to be needed. This could be return to work training, ergonomics, work station assessment

Record Keeping

- ◇ Mostly SOAP notes
- ◇ At other times may include joint records
- ◇ Formats can be set by companies
- ◇ You must adhere to the CSP guidelines with regards to record keeping
- ◇ You must adhere to the HCPC standards with regards to record keeping
- ◇ Notes need to be stored correctly and safely and also when being transferred when travelling, if using paper copies
- ◇ If there are online records, then you must be a registrant of the Information Commissioners Office
- ◇ Online records may be kept on an internal software system

Terms and Conditions

Will depend on whether you are self employed or employed, please refer to HR or to contract terms and conditions specific to your job with regards to maternity pay, pension, holiday pay etc.

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