**Physiotherapist or Sports Therapist**

Essex County Football Association, have proudly delivered the FA’s Regional Talent Club (RTC) programme for the last nine seasons and more recently have been rewarded an extension to continue operate the programme until the end of the 2022/23. This extension falls in line with The FA’s ongoing review of the current pathway and provision for talented female players.

The FA Girls Regional Talent Club programme is to identify and support the development of elite female players within a technical and educational programme to enable them to fulfil their sporting potential.

To ensure that we can continue to meet the programme’s purpose and the licence requirements outlined by The FA, we are seeking a **Physiotherapist or Sports Therapist** to join our medical team to help promote safe football participation, provision of advice, and adaptation of rehabilitation and training interventions during training sessions and matches.

They will have an overview and understanding of the need for collaborative working with other staff within the programme to support player development both internally and within the elite player pathway.

The successful candidate will be required to have the following qualifications in place;

* A Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered Physiotherapist OR a graduate Sports Therapist with full membership of the Society of Sports Therapy (SST) (Essential)
* Appropriate indemnity insurance (Essential)
* Hold a minimum of the FA Emergency First Aid qualification which should be at least The FA Level 3 Emergency Medical First Aid in Football (EMFAiF) (Desirable)

To apply for this exciting opportunity within the elite female pathway, please send in your CV and covering letter to centre manager Dani Warnes ([essexrtc@essexfa.com](mailto:essexrtc@essexfa.com)). The application window closes at midnight on **Wednesday 24th August July 2022.** A provisional interview period has been set for the week commencing the **29th August 2022,** on either the Monday evening 18:00 – 20:00 or the Wednesday 18:30 – 20:00 taking place in Colchester, Essex, CO2 9BG.

**Please note this role is part-time, will require an immediate start and is fixed for one season 2022/23 season.**

Essex County Football Association promotes inclusion and diversity, and welcomes applications from everyone. If you have any particular requirements in respect of the recruitment or interview process please mention this in your covering letter.

**Role Profile**

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| **Job Title:** | Physiotherapist or Sports Therapist |
| **Department:** | Girl’s Regional Talent Club |
| **Based at:** | Colchester, Essex   * Shrub End Community and Sports Centre |
| **Reports to:** | Technical Director & Club Manager |
| **Responsible for:** | All player across our three age groups; U12s, U14s & U16s |
| **Hours of work:** | * Mondays (from 18:00 onwards) – Training * Saturday (from 09:30 onwards) – Match Day (flexible rota) |
| **Rate of Pay** | * Training - £25.00 per hour * Match Day - fixed rate |
| **Contractual status:** | Paid - Casual/Seasonal Contract |
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| **Purpose** | |
| * To help promote safe football participation, provision of advice, and adaptation of rehabilitation and training interventions during training sessions and matches. | |
| **Duties and responsibilities** | |
| * To provide first class assessment, effective treatment and rehabilitation to all injured players at the club; * To ensure the management of injuries effectively meets the commitment and duty of care of the RTC towards the players; * To liaise with external medics where necessary to ensure the correct assessment and management of all injuries; * To lead preventative rehabilitation strategies in close liaison with the RTC coaching staff; * To monitor the load of players in close collaboration with the coaching and performance staff in an attempt to reduce injury risk; * To ensure optimisation of fitness for all fit players through provision of corrective exercise sessions and pre training routines; * Audit the effect of all injury. Maintaining and updating the injury audit database; * To provide pitch side first aid support to the teams at both home fixtures and away fixtures; * To organise and implement the medical provision for all training sessions; * To ensure all medical equipment and procedures are regularly reviewed and maintained; * To deliver medical assessments and practices in line with Covid-19 measures. | |
| **Skills required** | |
| * Essential = A Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered Physiotherapist OR a graduate Sports Therapist with full membership of the Society of Sports Therapy (SST) * Essential = Appropriate indemnity insurance (Essential) * Essential = Full clean driving licence; * Essential = Proficient therapy, rehabilitation delivery and planning skills; * Essential = Applied knowledge of contemporary practice in therapy & rehabilitation; * Desirable = Hold a minimum of the FA Emergency First Aid qualification which should be at least The FA Level 3 Emergency Medical First Aid in Football (EMFAiF) (Desirable) * Desirable = Experience of providing first aid, pitch side support and injury assessment, treatment and rehabilitation in a sports environment; | |
| **Knowledge and experience required** | |
| * Desirable = experience supporting elite athletes * Desirable = knowledge of the England Lioness Talent pathway * Desirable - Experience of supporting elite female players | |
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| **Qualifications required:** | * Essential = A Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered Physiotherapist OR a graduate Sports Therapist with full membership of the Society of Sports Therapy (SST) * In date FA DBS * In date - FA Safeguarding Children Workshop * In date – FA Level 1 Introduction to First Aid In Football * Desirable = Hold a minimum of the FA Emergency First Aid qualification which should be at least The FA Level 3 Emergency Medical First Aid in Football (EMFAiF) |
| **Working Pattern** | * Must be in attendance at all training sessions which include;   + Monday evenings (Colchester based)   + Saturdays (flexible rota available) |
| **DBS check required:** | * Yes |
| **Other:** | * A clean driving licence and access to own vehicle is essential |