

Forest Heath PCN Practice-Based Clinical Pharmacist

JOB DESCRIPTION

Forest Heath PCN has an exciting opportunity for a Clinical Pharmacist to join our team and contribute to the enhancement of Primary Care services within our community. As the largest PCN in West Suffolk, we offer a dynamic environment where individuals are encouraged to develop their skills and focus on areas of health that align with their interests, ultimately benefiting the local community.

Forest Heath PCN is a collaboration comprising Brandon Medical Practice, Forest Surgery, The Surgery – Lakenheath, The Market Cross Surgery, Oakfield Surgery, Orchard House Surgery, The Reynard Surgery, and Rookery Medical Centre. Together, we serve a combined patient population of 74,000 across Newmarket, Mildenhall, Brandon, and surrounding villages.

About the Role:

We are seeking an experienced Clinical Pharmacist to conduct face-to-face and virtual clinics, providing medication reviews to patients. The successful candidate will play a key role in managing long-term conditions, ensuring effective medication management, and collaborating closely with GPs to monitor patient health. Additionally, the role involves conducting clinics for minor ailments and offering clinical advice and guidance.

Key Responsibilities:

- Conduct face-to-face clinics for patients with long-term conditions, such as COPD and asthma, focusing on medication optimisation and monitoring.
- Undertake clinical medication reviews with patients, providing recommendations to senior pharmacists, nurses, and/or GPs.
- Manage domiciliary clinical medication reviews and participate in multidisciplinary case conferences.
- Address common/minor/self-limiting ailments, within the scope of practice, and refer patients to appropriate healthcare professionals as necessary.
- Provide patient-facing clinics and telephone support for medication-related queries and concerns.
- Offer medicines information to practice staff, patients, and other healthcare teams, ensuring follow-up to monitor the impact of any changes.
- Review medicines associated with unplanned hospital admissions and implement strategies to reduce risks.
- Reconcile medicines post-discharge from hospitals, intermediate care, and care homes, ensuring continuity of supply for high-risk patient groups.
- Collaborate with other healthcare professionals, including GPs, community pharmacists, and hospital staff, to optimise patient care and support public health initiatives.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy and registration with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS).
- Minimum of 2 years' experience in a pharmacy setting, preferably within primary care.
- Knowledge of common acute and long-term health conditions encountered in general practice.
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written, with a commitment to patient confidentiality.
- Ability to work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team and liaise effectively with clinical staff.
- Valid driving licence, as travel between sites may be required.

This is a full-time or part-time permanent position, offering a competitive salary (Band 7 AfC) starting from £44,000 per year, dependent on experience. Benefits include a NHS pension scheme.

Please note that this role is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check in accordance with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exceptions Order) 1975.

If you are passionate about delivering high-quality patient care and making a positive impact within primary care, we encourage you to apply for this rewarding opportunity.

Job Types: Full-time, Part-time, Permanent

Part-time hours: 37.5 per week

Experience:

- Pharmacist: 2 years (preferred)