

# Lead Psychologist



Touch is one of the fastest growing sports in England, played by people of all ages and skill levels. England Touch is the national governing body for Touch in England and is responsible for the governance and development of the sport. Your role as Lead Psychologist is to support elite Touch players in their preparation for international competition.

## Job Purpose

To lead and manage a team of sport psychologists to ensure a consistent high quality support for elite touch athletes.

## Job Time Line 2017

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| - Closing date for application        | October 31 <sup>st</sup>                       |
| - 2 days interviews – TBC             | November 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| - Planning Meeting – TBC              | November 24 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup>  |
| - All Squad Training Camp             | April - TBC                                    |
| - European Championships – Nottingham | July 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>       |

## Principles and Responsibilities

Include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Develop a holistic approach, underpinned by evidence-based practice, to support both athletes and coaching staff in their preparation for, and during, international competition
- Liaise with elite coaching staff, Head of Medical Services and Lead Sport Scientist to ensure the on-going development of England Touch elite athletes.

## Knowledge and Experience Required

- Experience in leading people in an elite sport environment with proven skills in providing psychological support
- You will have evidence of successfully integrating sport psychology into an established coaching structure
- You will have shown the ability to plan and deliver a flexible approach to working with demanding groups in sport and responding to the changing environment of high performance teams
- Experience working in a multi-disciplinary team.

## Essential

- Degree accredited by BPS (Essential)
- BPS - Accredited MSc in Sport Psychology
- Successful DBS

**Hours required:** Non-regular; this can include weekends.

**Reporting to:** Head of Medical Services

If you are interested in applying for the role please forward a covering letter and CV with relevant experience to: [Medical@englandtouch.org.uk](mailto:Medical@englandtouch.org.uk)

**CLOSING DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**