

TEAM THERAPIST - ROLE DESCRIPTION



Why Do We Need You?

The Physiotherapist / Sports Therapist is an important performance support role within the England Touch Association (ETA) Performance Programme.

They are responsible for providing physiotherapy/sports therapy support to ETA players during training camps and international tournaments, ensuring athletes receive high quality assessment, treatment, rehabilitation and pitch-side care to support performance and athlete availability. They are proactive, athlete-centred and collaborative, working closely with the Lead Physiotherapist, coaches and wider performance support services team to deliver effective medical support within the performance environment.

In summary, an England Physio/Sports Therapist will:

- Provide physiotherapy and sports therapy support for ETA athletes during training camps and international tournaments; and
- Work collaboratively with the Lead Physiotherapist, coaches and wider performance support team to deliver injury management, rehabilitation and player welfare strategies that support performance and athlete wellbeing in line with ETA's performance model.

Role Details

Department	Pathways and Performance, Performance Support Services
Supported by	Lead Physiotherapist / Head of Performance Support Services
Supporting	ETA athletes and wider performance support team
Hours	Non-regular hours, including attendance at 2 training camps across the adult and youth programme.
Contract Type	Volunteer and part time for the length of the campaign (i.e. for one month after the tour, allowing for review periods)
Remuneration	£90 / day for training camps
Location	Remote working with travel to training camps and competitions as required (pre-approved expenses reimbursed via standard ETA process)

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What You'll Do

1. Management of Players

- a. Assess, diagnose and treat player's musculoskeletal injuries through effective clinical reasoning and evidence-based practise.
- b. Provide rehabilitation, recovery, and injury prevention support to athletes during training camps and tournaments.
- c. Assist with assessing players' fitness to train and compete including return to play processes where appropriate.
- d. Provide on-pitch and pitch-side first aid and trauma care during matches and training sessions.
- e. Provide guidance to players and coaches regarding injury management and preventative care strategies.

2. Collaboration & Programme Delivery

- a. Work closely with the Lead Physiotherapist, Head of Performance Support Services, Coaches and wider performance support team to support athlete health and performance.
- b. Communicate effectively regarding player injury status, rehabilitation process, and availability while maintaining appropriate confidentiality.
- c. Assist in ensuring continuity of care for injured players in-between camps and during tournaments.
- d. Support the delivery of rehabilitation and recovery strategies in line with ETA Performance support objectives.
- e. Contribute positively to the wider multidisciplinary team environment.

3. Monitoring & Clinical Administration

- a. Maintain accurate and confidential clinical records, including injury reports, treatment notes, rehab plans, and injury surveillance, including ETA Systems.
- b. Complete injury surveillance and reporting requirements as directed by the Head of Performance Support Services.
- c. Adhere to and uphold ETA policies, professional standards and scope of practise requirements relevant to the role.
- d. Maintain appropriate professional indemnity insurance and professional registration requirements.
- e. Actively participate in CPD opportunities both within ETA and externally.

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Who You Are

Essential Qualifications / Skills / Experience:

- Degree qualification in physiotherapy or sports therapy.
- Current HCPC and CSP registration as a physiotherapist or appropriate sports therapy professional membership accreditation.
- Experience working with team sport athletes.
- Strong musculoskeletal assessment and treatment.
- Knowledge of injury rehabilitation, recovery and return to play principles.
- Ability to communicate and collaborate effectively within the multidisciplinary performance environment.
- Current first aid/advanced trauma medical management qualification suitable for pitch-side sport coverage (or willingness to obtain).
- Ability to work independently within an organised team environment.

Desirable:

- Experience working within high performance or representative sporting environments.
- Experience supporting athletes in training camp and tournament settings.
- Experience using athlete management or clinical record systems.
- Knowledge of athlete monitoring and injury surveillance processes.

Attributes:

- High performance mindset with a commitment to excellence.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Highly organised, proactive, and detail orientated.
- Confident working independently and as part of an integrated team.
- Adaptable and resilient within high performance sport environments.
- Commitment to the ETA's values: inclusivity, transparency, ambition, unity and respect.