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Recruitment open day for therapists

Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists are being offered a chance to see how their skills are applied in a community and mental health trust as part of a recruitment open day.

There will be a chance to visit areas where therapists treat patients, including the outpatients' clinic and the ward at Loughborough Hospital. There will also be an opportunity to speak to managers, clinical leads and those who have recently joined LPT about working in other settings including in patients' own homes. Some posts have rotations which include building experience in all these environments.

The open day takes place from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday February 9, at Loughborough Hospital, off at A6004 Epinal Way, Loughborough.



Although the event is in Loughborough, managers will be looking to fill vacancies in

community teams and community hospitals across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Suraiya Hassan, professional lead for physiotherapy at LPT, said: “New recruits are often surprised at the skills they develop with us, as we are providing care for patients whose conditions are increasing in complexity.”

Tom Haynes joined the Trust as a Band 5 physiotherapist, and within 18 months was promoted to become a senior physiotherapist (Band 6).

He said: “I feel that the rate of my progression wouldn’t have happened without the support of the senior staff and from the management around me.

“LPT looks after its staff brilliantly. They are extremely good at supervising junior staff and ensuring that they develop to the best of their potential.”

Sandy Marcus-Smith is another senior, working as an occupational therapist. She said: “It’s a fantastic place to work, it’s one of the best places I have ever worked. We have brilliantly supportive teams, my colleagues are equally supportive and they are really interested in developing you as a therapist and seeing you reach your potential.

“You can push yourself as far as you want to go, and LPT will support you to do that.”

Fay Lem, a clinical specialist team lead physiotherapist, said: “Previous graduate physios have developed hugely in their first year. When they start, a lot are quite nervous and are wondering what the expectations may be of them, but with the support that we provide and the regular training they find that they develop a lot and are amazed at what they have learnt and how they have developed.”

To register an interest in attending, please email: Gemma.Wooster@leicspart.nhs.uk

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You can hear more about working in therapy at LPT by watching this video:

<https://youtu.be/tfOd5ljCsTQ> .

To browse all our vacancies, visit: <http://bit.ly/2qynelr> .

NOTES TO EDITORS

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