



The James Cochrane Practice

Clinical Pharmacist, 37hours/week, Permanent Position.

The James Cochrane Practice (Kendal) and Queen Square Medical Practice (Lancaster) are seeking a bright, enthusiastic and proactive pharmacist to work across the two practices located within Morecambe Bay CCG as part of the NHS England programme for Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice

We are looking for an individual with good communication and interpersonal skills, one who is pro-active, has excellent clinical skills and is able to work both autonomously and as part of the practice teams.

Both practices employ senior clinical pharmacists and have a long history of engagement with the medicines optimisation agenda. You will also link to a wider team of experienced clinical pharmacists working in practices across Morecambe Bay CCG. In addition, further clinical supervision will be available from GPs and the wider multidisciplinary teams.

Within this patient facing role you will work to directly provide person-centred, coordinated care for our patients. You will support the practice medicines optimisation work and have input into the following areas:

- Acute prescribing for minor ailments and common illnesses
- Oversight of repeat prescribing requests and systems
- Management of medicines following admission and discharge to hospital
- Supervision of monitored dosage systems processes
- Conducting medication reviews and giving advice to patients
- Management and support of patients with long term illness
- Clinical reviews of care home patients.
- Polypharmacy medication reviews
- Provide primary support to practice staff for prescription and medication queries.

In addition, the post holder will be involved in encouraging the development of better understanding of the principles of medicines optimisation throughout the practice teams and with other stakeholders, and promoting good practice in line with therapeutic developments

It would be an advantage if you were an independent prescriber but training and support to become an independent prescriber will be available if required.

Access to transport is essential as the post will involve travelling between sites.

This post of 37 hours a week and is initially supported with funding available from the NHS programme and you will have access to the NHS Pension scheme.

Salary: £31,700 – £41,800 dependent on experience and qualifications.

The closing date for applications Thursday May 17th and should be made in writing including a current CV to Hazel Smith, The James Cochrane Practice, Helme Chase Surgery, Burton Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 7HR. It is anticipated that interviews will be held on Thursday May 24th at Helme Chase Surgery, Kendal.

If you are interested in the role and think you have the right experience and abilities, please contact Hazel Smith, Senior Clinical Pharmacist at the James Cochrane Practice (01539 718080) or David Rowlands, Senior Clinical Pharmacist at Queen Square Medical Practice (01524 843333) for an informal discussion.