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| <b>Job Title &amp; Grade</b>      | Senior Physiotherapist roles in Paediatric Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedics/Rheumatology (inpatient, outpatient & specialist clinic settings)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Campaign Reference #</b>       | 101285                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Closing Date</b>               | Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 by 23:45 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Duration of Post</b>           | Current vacancies are specified purpose contracts (maternity leave covers etc)<br><br>Please note a panel will be created from which future suitable permanent and specified purpose contracts may be filled.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Advertisement Type</b>         | External                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Specific T&amp;C's of post</b> | <b>5/5</b><br><br>35 standard working week<br><br>Annual Leave: 30 days per annum<br><br>Remuneration is in accordance with the salary scale approved by the Department of Health: Current salary scale with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026: Grade Senior Physiotherapist, Code 3158, starting at Point 1 €65,197 and rising annually in increments: €66,587 68,021 69,442 70,864 72,358 73,935 75,506 76,767 |
| <b>Garda Vetting</b>              | Garda Vetting Required<br><br>Appointment to this post is subject to Garda Vetting and satisfactory reference check.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Location of post</b>           | There are current vacancies in all CHI sites – CHI at Crumlin (Rheumatology service), CHI at Temple Street & Crumlin (Orthopaedic Inpatient/OPD Service), CHI at Tallaght/Connolly (Musculoskeletal OPD)                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Reporting Arrangements</b>     | These posts will report to Cliona Blake, Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Portfolio Lead & Physiotherapy Manager, CHI at Temple Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Key Working Relationships</b>  | The post holder will work closely with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthopaedic / Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy colleagues across CHI</li> <li>• Orthopaedic Consultants in CHI, as well as other consultant specialties as appropriate.</li> <li>• Multidisciplinary teams throughout CHI</li> </ul>                                                                                                   |

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|                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wider Physiotherapy Department in CHI</li> <li>• Other clinical teams as appropriate</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note that this list is not exhaustive and key working relationships will change as the project moves from service development, construction completion, commissioning &amp; transitioning to steady state.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Purpose of the Role</b>                   | <p>The purpose of this post is to discharge the duties as outlined below.</p> <p><i>The successful candidate may be required to work across CHI sites and services in line with organisational requirements and the development of the new children's hospital and associated services.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Principal Duties and Responsibilities</b> | <p><b>Professional Duties and Responsibilities:</b></p> <p>The post holder will be expected to live CHI values and be child-centered, compassionate, progressive and will act with respect, excellence and integrity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide appropriate physiotherapeutic assessment and treatment in accordance with current best practice to infants and children referred to the Orthopaedic / Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy team. This will include designated patient cohorts (if inpatient – e.g.: General Trauma &amp; Elective Orthopedics', Limb Reconstruction and Spinal Surgery, If OPD – e.g.: Musculoskeletal/Orthopaedic Trauma / Elective/ /Rheumatology). Some roles may combine both inpatient and OPD caseloads.</li> <li>• A wider Orthopaedic / Musculoskeletal caseload incorporating the other specialties listed above will be allocated for the purposes of maintaining skillset. and expertise and for reasons of cross cover within the wider team.</li> <li>• Rotating priority caseloads may be considered for these purposes.</li> <li>• At the time of offer each role will be clearly identified as primarily inpatient based/primarily outpatient based/mixed - but a varied settings caseload may be required from time to time for purposes of cross cover and specialty clinic attendance</li> <li>• Attend MDT specialty clinics (e.g. DDH, Ponseti, Rare Bone, Rheumatology), ward rounds and multidisciplinary team meetings as appropriate.</li> <li>• Work in partnership with the multidisciplinary teams as appropriate.</li> <li>• Be responsible for the assessment, diagnosis, formulation of a problem list and treatment plan and discharge planning for each patient in the clinical caseload carried.</li> <li>• Ensure timely referral to a community setting with ongoing liaison as appropriate.</li> <li>• Ensure appropriate physiotherapy-related equipment provision to the clinical caseload carried linking with community services &amp; outside agencies as needed.</li> <li>• Lead out on service developments in collaboration with the Clinical Specialist Physiotherapists in Paediatric Orthopaedic / Musculoskeletal.</li> </ul> |

- Take part in collaborative planning and continued development of integrated cross-site services across all Children's Health Ireland locations.
- Maintain an up-to-date knowledge of research findings and new practices within the area of Paediatric Orthopaedic / Musculoskeletal/Rheumatology and apply this knowledge to improve practice and progress service development.
- Carry out the appropriate physiotherapy treatment of each patient under his/her care with due regard to the CORU Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Physiotherapists.
- Maintaining own CORU mandated professional development and competency.
- Undertake clinical supervision with the Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist in Orthopaedic / Musculoskeletal/Rheumatology as appropriate.
- Engage in performance appraisal and personal development planning with the Physiotherapy Manager.
- Be responsible for caseload management, including the maintenance of clinical records and statistical information, as per departmental guidelines.
- Maintain appropriate and up to date data bases of clients as appropriate.
- Be responsible for the education and supervision of staff grade physiotherapists, physiotherapy assistants, students and other professional and ancillary staff as required
- Keep abreast of current best practise by attending appropriate post-graduate courses/conferences, reviewing published material and carrying out research, clinical audit & quality improvement in the area to maintain a high standard of service.
- Participate in mandatory and in-service training programmes and share specialised knowledge with colleagues.
- Always ensure a safe working environment for patients and staff and report any accident either to staff or patient as per hospital policies.
- Read and act upon all issued hospital and departmental staff policies.
- Participate in the hospital "out of hours" physiotherapy service.
- Undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the Physiotherapy Manager or his/her Deputy.

*The above is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to them from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.*

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| <b>Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience etc</b>                        | <p><b><u>Essential Criteria:</u></b></p> <p>Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition have the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be registered on the Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU (applicants must state CORU registration number on their application.<br/> <b>And</b></li> <li>• Have three years full time (or an aggregate of three years full time) years post-qualification clinical experience of which one year is in Paediatrics.<br/> <b>And</b></li> <li>• Have the requisite knowledge &amp; ability (including a high standard of suitability &amp; professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.<br/> <b>And</b></li> <li>• Provide Proof of Registration on the Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU <u>before a contract of employment can be issued.</u></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Desirable Criteria</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous experience &amp; strong clinical background in Paediatric Orthopaedics / Musculoskeletal/Rheumatology</li> <li>• Demonstrate evidence of recent formal continuing professional development relevant to the required area of specialism, in the form of post-graduate qualifications or relevant courses</li> <li>• Recent acute hospital experience, including participation in on call physiotherapy service</li> </ul> |
| <b>Annual Registration</b>                                                                        | <p>On appointment practitioners must maintain annual registration on the Physiotherapists Register maintained by the Physiotherapists Registration Board at CORU and submit same to manager annually.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Competition Specific Selection Process</b><br><br><b>How to Apply &amp; Informal Enquiries</b> | <p>Applications for this post <u>must be accompanied by a cover letter</u>, setting out relevant experience that illustrates how the essential criteria listed above are met.</p> <p>The criterion for short listing is based on the requirements of the post, as outlined in the eligibility criteria.</p> <p><b>* Please note that you must submit a cover letter with your CV, this forms part of your application and CV's will not be accepted without a detailed cover letter.</b></p> <p>The closing date for submissions of CVs and cover letter is <b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026 by 23:45 pm.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

Applications must be completed through the advertised post on **CHI.jobs** by clicking 'Apply for Job'.

**Applications will not be accepted through direct email or any other method!**

For informal enquiries for this specialty/department, please contact Cliona Blake, Physiotherapy Manager on 018784561 or [cliona.blake@childrenshealthireland.ie](mailto:cliona.blake@childrenshealthireland.ie)

For other queries relating to this recruitment process, please contact Talent Acquisition Specialist Victoria Gsamelova [Victoria.Gsamelova@childrenshealthireland.ie](mailto:Victoria.Gsamelova@childrenshealthireland.ie)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

CHI has transitioned to a process of a one commencement day per month for all new employees and Secondments. This update to our Onboarding process is aligned to changes in our monthly/fortnightly payroll and with the corporate induction program. This process enhancement ensures that we can thoroughly prepare for your arrival and facilitate a smooth transition in your onboarding journey.

**It is important for you to note that if you do not have your pre-employments and mandatory training completed in time, your commencement date will be deferred to the next available date.**

Below, you'll find the list of **commencement dates for 2026** for your information.

- 5<sup>th</sup> October (internal only)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- 7<sup>th</sup> December
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**Information on "Non-European Economic Area Applicants" is available from <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/>**

Children's Health Ireland is legally required to verify that all staff **have the right to work in Ireland before they begin employment**, regardless of nationality or immigration status. This right-to-work check is also necessary when an individual re-joins CHI or when their immigration permission or employment permit is due to expire.

Permit holders can change their permit employer to CHI after a period of nine months has passed since commencing their first employment permit in the State. The change of employer applies to the [General Employment Permit \(GEP\)](#) and to the [Critical Skills Employment Permit \(CSEP\)](#). The change is required to be completed as part of pre-employment clearance.

All Permits and Change of Employer applications are processed on the [Employment Permits Online](#).

Some recruitment campaigns may be open to candidates who are not citizens of the EEA, Switzerland, or United Kingdom. You can consult the [Critical Skills Occupational List](#) see if your profession is currently eligible under this route.

The programme outlined for Children's Health Ireland may impact on this role and as structures change the job description may be reviewed.

Children's Health Ireland is an equal opportunities employer.