

# **Clinical Pharmacist - Independent Prescriber- JOB DESCRIPTION**

POST: Clinical Pharmacist (independent prescriber)

**TERM:** Fixed term – 6 months **SALARY RANGE:** £39,000 – £44,500 pro rata

**HOURS:** Part-time 12 hours per week, 9.00am-5.30pm – flexible hours.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Relevant degree in pharmacy

Registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council

Independent prescriber qualification

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Medical Director / Senior Research Nurse

JOB SUMMARY: You will be part of a multi-disciplinary team (doctors, nurses and

psychologists) working across a range of clinical & research activities at ReMind UK. You will be working in a patient-facing role to support the memory clinic team with the prescribing of

appropriate medication for these patients.

#### **GENERAL**

ReMind UK is an independent charity and an internationally renowned centre for research, diagnosis and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. Our research aims to improve life for people with dementia and their families and carers, and to find drug and non-drug treatments for people with conditions such as Alzheimer's disease and other diseases predominantly affecting older people. Our contracted NHS Memory Clinic service, paid for memory assessments, and allied activities also provide support to patients, families and carers. We are currently in an ambitious phase of development to increase significantly our clinical and academic research programme. We work closely with the Universities of Bath, Bristol and other research institutions, both nationally and internationally, and with the Royal United Hospital.

# THE ROLE

The role will involve monitoring our patients with Alzheimer's disease or dementia with Lewy bodies who have been commenced on medication, to oversee medication titration and stabilization, and to provide advice regarding the choice of alternative medication where necessary. Based at ReMind UK, this will primarily be via telephone consultations with our varied patient group, who often also have polypharmacy and significant comorbidity. You will be liaising with patients, their carers and their community health care team. You will be supported by our friendly team of medical and nursing experts.

# **CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Undertake medication reviews for patients who have been commenced on dementia medication and are requesting repeat prescriptions
- Oversee medication titration and stabilization before handing prescribing over to the primary healthcare team according to ReMind UK protocols
- Answer patient queries and concerns about their medication and any possible side effects, including changing the prescription where necessary

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- Prescribing in a cost-effective manner
- Advising the primary healthcare teams on options for deprescribing or substitution recommendations if there are medications affecting their cognition
- Liaising with the primary healthcare teams regarding patient contacts and any other changes to medication dose
- Maintaining excellent medical records.

# **PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Abide by all legal and statutory regulations relating to practice
- Comply with the legal requirements and rights of the individual according to Mental Health legislation
- Maintain standards in accordance with the General Pharmaceutical Council
- Be familiar with all ReMind UK policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and comply with these at all times, and assist in ensuring the SOPs are kept up to date
- Help to ensure that patients and carers are as fully informed as possible about their illnesses and benefits to which they are entitled
- Willingness to help with and give presentations at support courses
- Promote the work of ReMind UK to visitors, including other health professionals and members of the public, and represent ReMind UK at external functions
- Take responsibility for on-going personal development and education
- Share skills and contribute to training new nursing, medical and other staff
- Contribute to educational sessions, eg Journal Club

# **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- All staff are required to carry out other such duties as may reasonably be required for the smooth running of ReMind UK
- All ReMind UK staff must be eligible to work in the United Kingdom
- All staff are required to undergo DBS checks, and to sign a confidentiality agreement

# PERSON SPECIFICATION

## **ESSENTIAL**

Qualifications and Experience

- Relevant Pharmaceutical degree (MPharma)
- Registration as a pharmacist with the General Pharmaceutical Council
- Independent prescriber qualification (GPhC)

#### Patient Care

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Proven empathetic and caring approach to patients and relatives, and assured patient confidentiality, dignity and respect at all times
- · Ability to prioritise own busy workload and to work under own initiative within boundaries
- Demonstrate awareness and importance of flexibility and working as part of a team
- Knowledge of the structure and workings of the primary healthcare team

#### Professional Development

- Commitment to professional development and annual revalidation
- Ability to help educate and train others

### Communication

- Strong verbal and written communication across different audiences, e.g. staff, patients and relatives
- Excellent ability to accurately and clearly document decisions and actions with attention to detail
- Good basic IT skills

# **DESIRABLE**

- Experience of working with people with dementia and with patients in the older age group
- Experience in medical reviews for complex older patients including deprescribing
- Experience of telephone consulting

### **CLOSING DATE AND INTERVIEWS**

Closing Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Interview Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025