

## Clinical Pharmacist

We are actively looking for Clinical Pharmacists to work within the PCN

<b>Contract type</b>	Permanent
<b>Full-time equivalent (FTE)</b>	37.5
<b>Working pattern</b>	Full-time, Part-time
<b>Pay</b>	Depending on experience
<b>Location</b>	ARCH PCN Practices

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### Overview of your organisation

Amber Valley Health Limited is a company working with and for nine of the local NHS GP Surgeries in and around the market towns of Alfreton, Ripley, Crich and Heanor.

The framework of the new GP contract has created some exciting opportunities for staff working as part of the primary care team across several practices. We are looking for Clinical Pharmacists interested in working alongside the practices and Amber Valley Health in developing and providing a service to enhance and support the GP care already given.

There is a strong community focus and excellent working relationships within and between the practices. This role will be supported in personal and professional development with clear management and clinical supervision where required. The current Pharmacy team is supported by a Clinical Lead (retired GP) and a Lead Clinical Pharmacist.

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### Job summary

The post holder will be a pharmacist, who acts within their professional boundaries, supporting and working alongside a practice team in general practice. In this role they will receive appropriate clinical supervision.

The post holder will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team in a patient facing role. The post holder will take responsibility for areas of chronic disease management within the ARCH PCN practices and undertake clinical medication reviews to proactively manage patients with complex polypharmacy.

The post holder will provide primary support to general practice staff with regards to prescription and medication queries. They will help support the repeat prescriptions system, deal with acute prescription requests, and medicines reconciliation on transfer

of care and systems for safer prescribing, providing expertise in clinical medicines advice.

We will consider either full time or part time between 22.5 and 37.5 hours per week. There will be occasional evening and weekend working.

If you are a senior pharmacist, we would like to hear from you.

### **Main duties of the job**

- Have experience and awareness of the breadth of common acute and long-term conditions that are likely to be seen in a general medical practice.
- May hold an independent prescribing qualification or will be working towards an independent prescribing qualification.
- Have the ability to plan, manage, monitor, advise and review general pharmaceutical care programmes for patients across core areas, including disease states/long term conditions.
- Recognise priorities when problem-solving and identifies deviations from normal pattern and is able to refer to seniors or GPs when appropriate.
- Be able to follow legal, ethical, professional, and organisational policies/procedures and codes of conduct
- Involve patients in decisions about prescribed medicines and supporting adherence as per NICE guidelines.

### **Job description**

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- Actively work toward developing and maintaining effective working relationships both within and outside the practice and locality.
- Foster and maintain strong links with all services across locality.
- Explore the potential for collaborative working and takes opportunities to initiate and sustain such relationships.
- Demonstrate ability to integrate general practice with community and hospital pharmacy teams.
- Liaise with CCG colleagues; including CCG Pharmacist on prescribing related matters to ensure consistency of patient care and benefit.
- Liaise with CCG pharmacists and Heads of Medicines Management/Optimisation to benefit from peer support.

- Liaise with other GP Practices and staff as needed for the collective benefit of patients including but not limited to:
  - Patients
  - GP, nurses, and other practice staff
  - Other healthcare professionals including CCG pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, optometrists, dentists, health and social care teams and dieticians etc.
  - PCN GP prescribing lead
  - PCN clinical directors and Management Team
  - Community nurses and other allied health professionals
  - Community and hospital pharmacy teams
  - Hospital staff with responsibilities for prescribing and medicines optimisation
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## **Qualifications**

### **Essential criteria**

- Have completed an undergraduate degree in pharmacy and registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council. Have a minimum of 2 years' experience as a pharmacist, demonstrated within a practice portfolio. Have experience and awareness of the breadth of common acute and long-term conditions that are likely to be seen in a general medical practice.
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## **Experience**

### **Essential criteria**

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Demonstrate the ability to communicate complex and sensitive information in an understandable form to a variety of audiences (e.g., patients). Is able to plan, manage, monitor, advise and review general medicine optimisation issues in core areas for long term conditions. Good IT skills. Able to obtain and analyse complex technical information Recognises priorities when problem solving and identifies deviations from the normal pattern and is able to refer to seniors or GPs when appropriate. Able to work under pressure and to meet deadlines. Produce timely and informative reports. Gain acceptance for recommendations and influence/motivate/ persuade the audience to comply with the recommendations/ agreed course of action where there may be significant barriers.
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If you are interested in applying at ARCH PCN, please send a covering letter and CV to Liz Mellon, HR Administrator at [Elizabeth.mellon@nhs.net](mailto:Elizabeth.mellon@nhs.net)