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**Position Description**

Community Respiratory Physiotherapist |

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| **Reports to**  Integrated Services Programme Manager | **Business Area**  Community Respiratory Service  General Practice & Patient Services |

**Position Purpose:**

The Integrated Respiratory Service, Te Whatu Ora Waitaha, Christchurch Hospital and General Practice Teams work together to improve access to Better Breathing Pulmonary Rehabilitation programmes for Canterbury residents with chronic respiratory illness such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and asthma. This is a key component of the COPD pathway to support patients to stay well in their own home and community.

This role contributes to the achievement of the vision of the Integrated Respiratory Service. This is done through:

* Delivering the physiotherapy component of the Better Breathing Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR) Programme
* Supporting the community exercise classes
* Maintaining physiotherapy qualifications through regular in-service training and professional development.

**Dimensions**

Direct reports: None

Budget responsibility: Not applicable

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| **Key Relationships**  **Internal:**  Director of Nursing and Allied Health  Respiratory Specialist Nursing Service (CRISS, CanBreathe, Community Respiratory team)  Integrated Services Programme Manager  Community Respiratory Service  Community Respiratory Physicians  Pegasus Health Charitable Ltd staff  Te Kahui O Papaki ka Tai  Pacific Reference Group  CALD Health Advisory Group | **External:**  Patients and their family/whānau  Community exercise groups  Volunteers/Consumers  Better Breathing PR Working Group  Hospital and Outpatients Physiotherapy Department team leader and staff  Integrated Respiratory Service Development Group (IRSDG)  Respiratory Specialist Services  Canterbury Primary Health Organisations  General Practice Teams  Community groups  Allied Health Professionals  Community professionals (such as physiotherapists and exercise providers)  Tertiary institutions (e.g. Ara, University of Otago) |

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| **Key Responsibilities** |
| To provide the Physiotherapy component of the community-based Better Breathing Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programmes and community based respiratory exercise classes in a partnership model with health professionals. | * Expert clinical knowledge and leadership is provided for people referred to the Better Breathing PR programme and general practice and hospital services are collaborated with to progress the participants’ care. * Awareness is raised of the programme within the community through developing and delivering on the marketing strategy resulting in increased referrals to the programmes. | |
| To participate in strategic planning and integrated respiratory service design. | * Physiotherapy perspective is contributed at:   Better Breathing PR Working Group  Budget discussions  Work plans | |
| Collect data using agreed outcome measures for all Better Breathing PR programme participants. | * Data and outcomes are recorded and reported in an approved format after each programme as required. | |
| Develops own professional growth and supports the growth of others through contributing to professional development activities and through participating in regular in-service development with other respiratory physiotherapists. | * Takes responsibility for personal development and continually develops own professional expertise. * In-service training, workshops, courses, journal club or similar peer support are attended, developed and/or led. * Collaboration is demonstrated with multi-discipline and/or multi-agency teams. * Links are made with local hospital-based physio teams. | |
| Ensure physiotherapy service provision is of a high standard based on current available evidence. | * Clinical services are delivered according to evidence-based approaches. * Ensure all work, processes and systems are continually assessed and developed from a continuous improvement perspective. | |
| Provides input into quality initiatives and contributes to the evaluation and development of physiotherapy practice including PR service delivery. | * Quality initiatives are supported. * Outcomes are monitored. * Community exercise and related classes are developed and supported to help people increase and maintain fitness before and after a Better Breathing PR programme. | |
| Commitment to Equity | * Demonstrates a commitment and understanding of our obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi * Understands the barriers of access for some of our communities and can demonstrate a commitment to contributing to Pegasus Health’s Equity Strategy. | | |
| Information Security | * Understand and comply with Pegasus Health’s information security policies. * Support continuous improvement to our information security policies and procedures. |
| Health and Safety | * Comply with responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. | | |
| The tasks defined above are indicative and may change from time to time as the needs, priorities and objectives of the company change. Accordingly, the position will undertake any other tasks and duties as agreed from time to time with your manager subject to provision of appropriate training. | | | |

**Qualifications and Technical Skills:**

Essential

* A registered physiotherapist with a current APC

Desirable

* Relevant post graduate qualifications, e.g., PC Dip, PG Cert or Masters

**Experience:**

Essential

* Minimum of 3 years’ clinical experience (inclusive of community and secondary care settings)
* Experience providing adult teaching and knowledge of the principles of adult learning
* Leadership and teamwork (both physiotherapy specific and within a multi-disciplinary team)
* Respiratory rehabilitation techniques

Desirable

* Previous experience running pulmonary rehabilitation programmes
* NZ health care experience
* Clinical triage and prioritisation
* Older Persons’ Health
* Electronic practice management systems

**Personal Attributes:**

* Teamwork
* Commitment to clinical excellence
* Excellent customer service
* Initiative and self-motivation
* Excellent communication skills
* Flexibility and adaptability
* Understanding of and commitment to patient confidentiality

**Te Tiriti O Waitangi**

Pegasus Health is committed to our obligations under Te Tiriti O Waitangi and the implementations of its principles and intent.

**Our Purpose**

That all people living in Canterbury lead healthy lives

**Our Role**

Together making Canterbury the best place to receive and provide primary care

**Pegasus Values**

Our values guide how we interact with people within and outside of Pegasus. Our people, purpose, values and culture ensure we work successfully with communities, partners and each other and make us Pegasus Health. **Manaakitanga** underpins everything we do.

* We are **inclusive** every voice is important to us
* We act with **integrity** doing what is right
* We **connect,** together we succeed
* We **strive** for better everyday