

Phlebotomist Candidate Pack



Job Summary

This summary has been generated using AI to provide a clear and accessible overview of the role. It is intended to support candidates who may find the full job description harder to read, such as those who are neurodiverse, have learning disabilities or lower literacy levels. Our goal is to make the application process more accessible and inclusive for everyone.

- Collects blood samples from adults and children safely and accurately as part of daily clinical work
- Labels, records and delivers samples to the laboratory using different hospital systems
- Follows health and safety rules and keeps the work area clean to protect patients and staff
- Works different shifts, including weekends and holidays, as part of a shared team rota
- Communicates well with patients, staff and the wider team to keep work running smoothly
- Keeps skills up to date through training and supports others as part of ongoing development

Job Description

Job title:	Phlebotomist
Grade:	2
Site:	The Princess Royal Hospital with cross site working at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Whitchurch Community Hospital and the Community diagnostics Centre Telford)
Accountable to:	Phlebotomy Services Manager
DBS required:	Yes – Enhanced

Main Duties

- Collection of blood samples by venepuncture from adults in community, wards, and outpatient setting.
- Collection of blood samples by venepuncture from children aged 12 months to 18 Years
- Recording and labelling of samples
- Collection of relevant statistics
- Delivery of samples to the laboratory by hand, via the hospital vacuum air tube system, by portering staff and transport systems
- Understand and apply health and safety, clinical risk management and quality control responsibilities, as these relate to the performance of your duties.
- Maintain a clean and tidy working environment.

- Midday, morning, or afternoon shifts- including weekends and Bank/Public holidays are allocated on a rota basis across the whole team.
- There is occasional expectation to cover periods of absence by other members of the team.
- Through appraisal and liaison with the phlebotomy trainers, continually maintain and update skills, maintaining a personal record of achievement.

SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

- Vacuum, butterfly, needle, and syringe system of venepuncture.
- Lancet system of capillary blood sampling
- Use of the centrifuge
- Aerocom vacuum delivery system on wards
- Community based computerised booking system
- Other bases communication request system
- Phlebotomy chairs and Trolleys
- Tourniquets, PPE, and cleaning products
- Datix system
- SAS Database
- Teletrack system

Financial And Physical Resources

- Uses resources efficiently and cost effectively.

Communication And Relationships

- Liaise with ward, GP and clinic staff, laboratory staff patients, relatives, and visitors,
- Each member of this team is expected to establish and maintain positive interpersonal mutual respect, consistent and visible support, and open and honest communication.
- The post holder will ensure that there is effective communication throughout the Phlebotomy team and the wider community.
- The post holder will encourage and motivate members of the team.
- The post holder will support newly trained staff.
- The post holder will communicate effectively with senior and clinical colleagues within the trust and community.
- Prioritise and plan workload and communicate own work priorities within the team. Demonstrate flexibility in performing own work priorities within the team context.

Physical, Mental And Emotional Demands Of The Post

- Requires speed, accuracy, dexterity, and concentration for prolonged periods.

Working Conditions

- Occasional requirement to work in a confined space.

Freedom To Act

- Follows broad occupational policies, protocols, and regulations (including relevant national guidelines). Asks advice as necessary but works independently,
- Works under the general supervision of supervisors, Deputy Manager or Phlebotomy services manager directly or by telephone, organising your own workload.

Personal /Professional Development

- To attend statutory and mandatory training as required. MOBILITY Whilst the post holder may be based at a particular Trust location, this does not preclude movement to another work base which may be necessary as a result of development or reorganisation of the Trust's services

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	• Evidence of a good level of general education including GCSEs in Maths, English and Science at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). • •Phlebotomy competency certificate	• First Aid at Work certificate • NVQ
Experience and Knowledge	• Experience in a general phlebotomy department • Experience of paediatric venepuncture • Experience working in a hospital	

Skills	• Good written and verbal skills • Good level of interpersonal skills with all age groups • Attention to detail	•
Other	• Flexibility around shift patterns • Able to meet travel requirements	

General conditions

As they undertake their duties, all our people are required to uphold and demonstrate the Trust's core values of: Partnering, Ambitious, Caring and Trusted. Collaboration and partnership are also central to our approach in delivering our fundamental activities of patient care, teaching, and research.

Health & Safety

As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to:

- take reasonable care of your own Health and Safety and that of any other person who may be affected by your acts or omissions at work;
- co-operate with the Trust in ensuring that statutory regulations, codes of practice, local policies and departmental health and safety rules are adhered to;
- not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health and safety.

Infection Prevention and Control

The prevention and management of acquired infection is a key priority for the Trust. Any breach of infection control policies is a serious matter which may result in disciplinary action. As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to:

- ensure that your work methods are compliant with the Trust's agreed policies and procedures and do not endanger other people or yourself;

- be aware of infection prevention and control policies, practices and guidelines appropriate for your duties and you must follow these at all times to maintain a safe environment for patients, visitors and staff;
- maintain an up to date knowledge of infection prevention and control, policies, practices and procedures through attendance at annual mandatory updates and ongoing continuing professional development;
- challenge poor infection prevention and control practices of others and to report any breaches, using appropriate Trust mechanisms (e.g. incident reporting policy).

Information Governance

The Trust is committed to compliance with Information Governance standards to ensure that all information is handled legally, securely, efficiently and effectively. You are required to comply with the Trust's Information Governance policies and standards. Failure to do so may result in action being taken in accordance with the Trust's Disciplinary Procedure.

- **Confidentiality and Security** - Your attention is drawn to the confidential and sensitive nature of information collected within the NHS. Whilst you are employed by the Trust you will come into contact with confidential information and data relating to the work of the Trust, its patients or employees. You are bound by your conditions of service to respect the confidentiality of any information you may come into contact with which identifies patients, employees or other Trust personnel, or business information of the Trust. You also have a duty to ensure that all confidential information is held securely at all times, both on and off site.
- **Disclosure of Information** - The unauthorised use or disclosure of information relating to the Trust's activities or affairs, the treatment of patients or the personal details of an employee, will normally be considered a serious disciplinary offence which could result in dismissal. Upon leaving the Trust's employment and at any time thereafter you must not take advantage of or disclose confidential information that you learnt in the course of your employment. Unauthorised disclosure of any of this information may be deemed as a criminal offence. If you are found to have permitted the unauthorised disclosure of any such information, you and the Trust may face legal action.
- **Information Quality and Records Management** - You must ensure that all information handled by you is accurate and kept up-to-date and you must comply with the Trust's recording, monitoring, validation and improvement schemes and processes.

Professional Standards and Performance Review

As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to:

- participate in statutory and mandatory training as appropriate for the post; and
- maintain consistently high personal and professional standards and act in accordance with the relevant professional code of conduct;
- take responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of personal and professional competence and to encourage that of colleagues and subordinates;
- participate in the Trust's appraisal processes including identifying performance standards for the post, personal objective setting and the creation of a personal development plan in line with the KSF outline for the post.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

We all have a personal and a professional responsibility within the Trust to identify and report abuse. This may be known, suspected, witnessed or have raised concerns. Early recognition is vital to ensuring the patient is safeguarded; other people (children and vulnerable adults) may be at risk. The Trust's procedures must be implemented, working in partnership with the relevant authorities. The Sharing of Information no matter how small is of prime importance in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

- As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to ensure that:
 - you are familiar with and adhere to the Trusts Safeguarding Children procedures and guidelines.
 - you attend safeguarding awareness training and undertake any additional training in relation to safeguarding relevant to your role.

NHS Sexual Safety Charter

The Trust is committed to ensuring that all employees work in an environment that is safe, inclusive, and free from sexual misconduct, harassment, and discrimination. As a signatory to the NHS Sexual Safety Charter, the Trust upholds a zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and supports anyone affected by inappropriate behaviour. In accordance with the Workers Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023, the Trust has a statutory duty to take reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment of its employees. All staff, are required to treat others with dignity and respect at all times and to cooperate with Trust policies, procedures and training designed to maintain a culture of safety, professionalism, and mutual respect.

Social Responsibility

The Trust is committed to behaving responsibly in the way we manage transport, procurement, our facilities, employment, skills and our engagement with the local community so that we can make a positive contribution to society. As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to take measures to support our contribution and to reduce the environmental impact of our activities relating to energy and water usage, transport and waste.

Continuous Improvement

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust aims to empower colleagues at all levels have the confidence, capability, passion, and knowledge, to test changes and make improvements at SaTH and in the communities we serve.

To support this, we have developed the SaTH Improvement Method, a structured approach to change that provides practical tools and techniques to help you understand what success looks like with clear aims, enables you to measure progress and plan meaningful improvements.

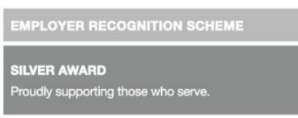
You won't be doing this alone. Whether you're new to improvement or already leading change, the Improvement Hub is here to guide you with expert advice, hands-on support, and a wide range of training opportunities to help you grow and thrive throughout your time at SaTH whilst making improvements in your area of work. Join us in shaping a culture of continuous improvement, where every colleague is supported to make a difference.

Equal opportunities and diversity

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer, fully committed to fostering an inclusive workplace where all staff feel valued and able to thrive. We believe that a diverse workforce, reflective of our community, is essential for delivering the best patient care.

We will not discriminate against any job applicant or colleague based on any protected characteristic, including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. Selection for appointment, training, development, and promotion will be based purely on merit and the individual's ability to meet the role requirements.

As a post-holder, you have a personal responsibility to uphold the Trust's commitment to equality by treating all colleagues and patients with respect and dignity. You must actively support measures introduced to ensure equality of opportunity and will not discriminate, harass, or bully others, or condone such behaviour.



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