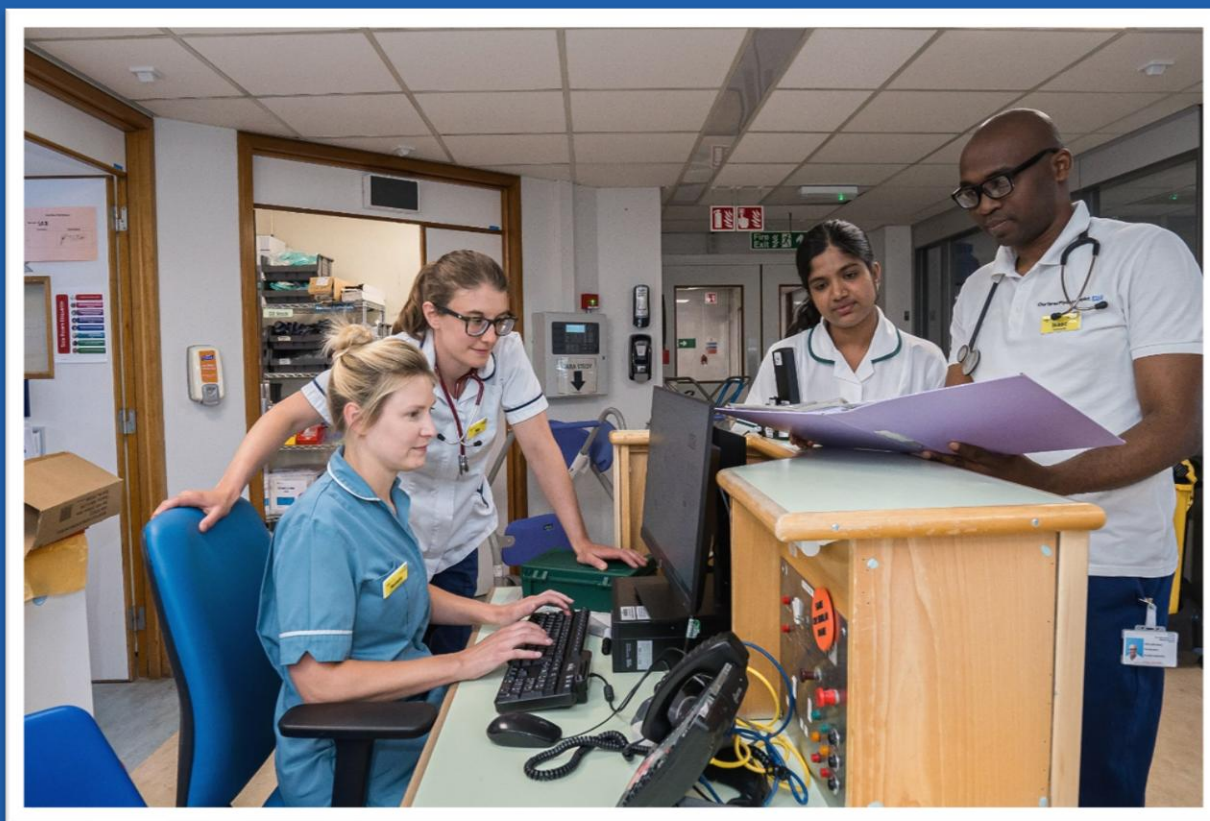


# Radiology Assistant

## Candidate Pack



# Colleague Benefits

## General

- 27 days annual leave entitlement, increasing with length of service, plus 8 bank holidays
- Flexible working policies
- Generous maternity pay and 2 weeks full pay paternity leave
- Colleague recognition scheme and long service awards
- Greener travel initiative, including cycle to work scheme and lift share
- Childcare information and support available, including onsite nurseries
- Discounted bus passes with Arriva

## Financial

- Access to various local and national discounts via various external websites
- Salary sacrifice schemes
- Generous pension scheme
- Access to a financial support booklet
- Pre-retirement courses
- Free Will writing service
- Savings and Loan schemes

## Learning and Development

- Coaching and Mentoring
- Leadership Academy – leadership and management training for all staff
- Access to E-Learning courses
- Apprenticeships – growing number of apprenticeship opportunities across all disciplines
- Secondment and acting up opportunities
- Support to complete qualifications whilst on the job

## Wellbeing

- Coaching
- Mental Health First Aiders
- Chaplaincy
- Fast track physiotherapy service
- Free eye test vouchers
- Slimming World referral scheme
- Cervical screening service
- Long Covid support
- Access to wellbeing/rest rooms
- Menopause support
- Men's Health forms and MOT
- Discounts with local gyms



# Poppy's Promise

Poppy's Promise is a compassionate care initiative introduced within this Trust to enhance communication, respect and empathy across every aspect of patient care.

The initiative was founded by Katie Russell, following the loss of her daughter Poppy, who tragically died at just twelve hours old due to failures in care and communication. Born from that experience, Poppy's Promise serves as a powerful reminder that while clinical skill saves lives, it is compassion, listening and respect that define the quality of care and human connection. By embedding this promise across our organisation, we ensure that no patient or family ever feels unseen, unheard, or uncared for.

Poppy's Promise is a five-stage framework that supports NHS staff to provide compassionate, consistent and patient-centred care. It aims to create a culture where empathy and communication are prioritised at every level – from education and recruitment to daily patient interactions.

At the heart of the initiative lies the C.A.R.E. framework, which outlines four guiding principles for staff to follow. The CARE principles form the foundation of Poppy's Promise. They describe the behaviours, attitudes and values that underpin every interaction – between staff and patients, staff and families, and colleagues with one another.

CARE is not an additional task. It is how care is delivered.

## C.A.R.E. Meaning and Practice

**Compassion** - Demonstrate genuine kindness, empathy and humanity in every interaction. Compassion means recognising the emotional as well as the physical needs of patients, families and colleagues, and responding with care, patience and understanding. Small acts of compassion can have a lasting impact.

**Acknowledge** - Actively listen and be fully present. Use eye contact, names and open body language, and acknowledge the individual's feelings, concerns and lived experience. Every person should feel seen, heard and taken seriously.

**Respect** - Treat everyone with dignity, honesty and fairness at all times. Respect individual differences, personal circumstances and lived experience. Trust is built through respectful behaviour, consistency and integrity.

**Empower** - Enable people to be active participants in their care and work. Communicate clearly, encourage questions and shared decision-making, and ensure patients, families and colleagues feel informed, confident and included. Poppy's Promise is more than a framework – it represents a cultural shift towards human-centred care. By adopting these principles, we:

- Strengthen trust and communication between staff and patients
- Reduce avoidable harm through better understanding and listening
- Improve patient experience and staff wellbeing
- Foster a culture of openness, empathy and shared responsibility

Every member of staff has a role to play in bringing Poppy's Promise to life. Whether you are clinical, administrative or support staff, compassion and communication are part of everyone's role.

**In daily practice, you can:**

- Take a moment before entering a patient's space – centre yourself, focus on the person, not the task
- Use clear, respectful and kind language
- Listen without interruption and acknowledge emotions expressed
- Be honest and transparent, even when conversations are difficult
- Reflect after interactions – consider how your approach made the patient or family feel

**All staff within the Trust are expected to:**

- Uphold the values of Poppy's Promise in all patient and colleague interactions
- Attend any training, workshops or refreshers provided as part of the initiative
- Support colleagues in modelling compassionate behaviours
- Raise concerns constructively when communication or respect fall short
- Reflect these principles in both professional and personal conduct within the workplace

Together, we can make every interaction an opportunity to care, listen and make a difference.

That is Poppy's Promise.

## 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.\*\**

- Provide support and care to patients, relatives and visitors during their time in the Radiology Department.
- Help move and prepare patients safely for their X-ray or scan, working closely with radiographers and other staff.
- Use hospital computer systems to record patient details and keep accurate paper and electronic records.
- Look after equipment, report any problems, and follow all safety rules, including those for radiation and infection control.
- Work as part of a busy team, communicating clearly with patients and staff, and helping during out-of-hours shifts when needed.
- Keep the department clean and safe, while maintaining patient privacy and staying calm in emotional or challenging situations.

## Job Description

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Job title:</b>      | Radiology Assistant                  |
| <b>Grade:</b>          | 2                                    |
| <b>Site:</b>           | The Princess Royal Hospital, Telford |
| <b>Accountable to:</b> | Lead Superintendent Radiographer     |
| <b>DBS required:</b>   | Yes – Enhanced                       |

## Main Duties

- Care for patients, carers, visitors, and relatives during their visit to the Department.
- To act as chaperone in line with Trust policy.
- To help with the movement of patients in the examination rooms
- To use the Radiology information system (CRIS) to record the patients Radiology episode.
- To comply with the Trusts policies
- To maintain associated records, both paper and electronic
- To ensure equipment is used correctly and any faults or concerns are reported to senior staff.

- To participate in the department's out-of-hours service.
- To assist with audit projects as required.
- To dispose of any clinical sharps bins and clinical waste to the appropriate areas in line with trust policy.
- To participate in the department's out-of-hours service.
- To be responsible for complying with Health and Safety policy, agreed policies and procedures of the Radiology Department, the local rules under IRMER (ionising radiation law) and the agreed policies and procedures of the Trust.
- To maintain a high standard of cleanliness within the whole of the X-Ray Department.
- To help with the movement of patients in the examination rooms
- To maintain patient confidentiality at all times.
- To work as part of a team.
- To be responsible for complying with Health & Safety policy, agreed policies and procedures of the Radiology Department, the local rules under IRMER (ionising radiation law) and the agreed policies and procedures of the Trust.
- To liaise with a wide range of staff caring for the patient- including medical staff, ward staff, staff from other departments

## **Scope and Responsibility**

- To check that the patient is fit to travel to the department and arrange any change with the radiographer in charge of the work area.
- To assess if patient needs to return to ward/clinic if his /her condition changes during the journey to the department.

## **Systems and Equipment**

To have knowledge in the use of:

- Computerised radiology information system (CRIS)
- Computerised hospital patient information system (SEMAHELIX)
- Computerised PAC System for patient identification and image retrieval
- Beds, trolleys and wheelchairs
- Patient handling/moving equipment (manual and motorised)
- Patient examination preparation trolleys

- Oxygen cylinders/ suction
- The site and position of the patient resuscitation equipment,
- Equipment that may come attached to a patient from the ward e.g. IV infusion pump, catheter bags etc.
- To be familiar with the Trust procedure for medical emergencies.

## **Decisions, Judgements and Freedom to Act**

- Help to prioritise work list in conjunction with Radiologists and radiographers.
- Work within departmental policies, procedures and guidelines

## **Communication and Relationships**

Will be required to liaise with-

- All Radiology departmental staff e.g. Radiologists, Radiographers, nurses, assistant practitioners, X-ray assistants, clerical staff and students.
- Patients their relatives and visitors.

Will be required to-

- Confirm with the patient (or carer if patient not capable) their identity and any previous attendance to radiology.
- Communicate instructions regarding post procedure care to patients.
- Where appropriate, communicate to relatives/parents what is about a procedure and how they can help.

Discuss and communicate with other staff in the department -

- Relevant patient history in keeping with the confidentiality policy.
- Any equipment faults.

## **Physical, Mental and Emotional Demands of the Post**

Mental demands:

- To deal with a demanding and often unpredictable workload.
- Frequent interruptions to answer queries.
- Verbal and direct physical contact with all patients
- To maintain confidentiality.

### Physical Demands:

- Transport of patients between clinical areas.
- Manual handling tasks.
- Frequent pushing of trolleys, beds and wheelchairs.
- Standing for long periods of time.

### Emotional demands:

- Empathy for both patients and relatives.
- Exposure to distressing situations, working with the terminally ill and trauma victims.
- Dealing with difficult and distressed patients.
- Dealing with children and patients with learning difficulties.
- Safeguarding issues.

## **Working Conditions**

- Working in an environment that is potentially hazardous if correct working practice is not adhered to: ionising radiation
- Have to deal with all bodily fluids and odours.
- Contact with aggressive (verbal and physical) patients.
- Potential exposure to infectious diseases.

## Person Specification

|                             | Essential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Desirable                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Qualifications</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English and Maths GCSE Grade C or above (or equivalent)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NVQ 3 in Health and Social care</li> </ul> |
| <b>Experience</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have worked in a public facing role</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worked in the public sector</li> </ul>     |
| <b>Knowledge and skills</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates good communication skills including written and verbal.</li> <li>Has worked as part of a multidisciplinary team.</li> <li>Can evidence good organisational skills.</li> <li>Is available to work daytime, evening, nights, weekend and bank holiday shifts.</li> </ul> |                                                                                   |
| <b>Other</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is competent in using IT systems</li> <li>Is physically capable of moving patients in wheelchairs and trolleys.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                   |

## **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 Trust's 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.

