

Senior Assistant Technical Officer

Candidate Pack



Job Summary

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- You will carry out heart, lung, and sleep tests using specialist equipment and record the results.
- You will prepare patients for exercise and breathing tests and help with their care during these.
- You will make sure all test results are processed quickly and correctly using computer systems.
- You will keep equipment and clinical areas clean, safe, and ready to use, reporting any faults.
- You will support the team with basic admin tasks like ordering supplies and recording patient visits.
- You will follow hospital standards, training, and values while working respectfully with patients and staff.

Job Description

Job title:	Senior Assistant Technical Officer
Grade:	3
Site:	The Princess Royal Hospital, Telford
Accountable to:	Senior Cardiac/respiratory Physiologists and Cardio-respiratory Manager
DBS required:	Yes - Enhanced

Main Duties

- Records resting electrocardiographs (ECGs) to National Standards.
- Performs, and downloads results for spirometry investigations to National Standards.
- Fits ambulatory blood pressure and long term ECG monitors and downloads the results onto specific computer software.
- Fits and downloads polysomnography and overnight oximetry, downloading results onto specific computer software.
- Processes all tests results promptly and accurately.
- Assists with preparation of CPET patients.
- Assists with preparation and performing Exercise ECGs.
- Formal qualification in Spirometry (ARTP) and Certificate in ECG (SCST) will be encouraged.
- Liaise with other clinical/non-clinical staff within and outside of the department to ensure results are appropriately and accurately processed.
- Prepares and maintains clinical areas.

- Be responsible for ensuring that all equipment is maintained, clean and safe to use.
- Report any damaged or faulty equipment to the Medical Physics Department for repair/ replacement.
- To maintain statutory training at regular intervals.

This job profile is not a definitive or exhaustive list of responsibilities but identifies the key responsibilities and tasks of the post holder. There will be other duties which may from time to time become necessary as the department grows in its spectrum of activities.

Support the Departmental A&C with the following duties:

- Maintaining stock levels and ordering where necessary of office items such as stationary, and clinical disposable items from NHS Central Stores.
- To carry out administration duties and clerical support as required for the day to day running of the department. Including using Sema Helix and Cris to record and process patient attendance.

Professional responsibilities

- Be responsible for ensuring that all departmental work is carried out to the relevant professional and quality standards.
- Be responsible for ensuring that all equipment is maintained and safe to use.
- To act continually and knowledgeably in the interests of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust in accordance with the policies laid down including Health and Safety at Work, Personnel procedures and precautions against fire.
- Maintain a professional appearance in line with the Trust dress code
- Uphold the Trust's values and behaviours (available on the Trust web site) and behave in a manner fitting with the responsible position of the post holder, maintaining the public confidence.
- Maintain professional and courteous working relationships with staff and respect the equality and diversity of each and every person he/she comes into contact with in the course of his/her business.
- Uphold the privacy and dignity of the patient and respect the equality of patients at all time.

The post holder will undertake other duties as may be required to achieve the Trust's objectives, commensurate with the grading of the post.

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	A-C or equivalent in English and maths	C above in Science or healthcare based vocational qualification.
Experience	Experience in a public facing role	Experience in healthcare specifically
Knowledge and skills	Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Organisational and time management skills. Ability to work independently and part of a team. Will be computer literate. Able to communicate to staff of all levels concisely and accurate Knowledge of basic Cardiorespiratory diagnostic tests. Knowledge of working in a healthcare setting	Knowledge of patient systems such as Sema Helix and/or Cris.
Other	Confident, conscientious, proactive empathetic and enthusiastic. Able to work calmly and effectively under pressure in a busy	

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.

