

Consultation Regarding Framework Document for Physiotherapists Working with Patients with Pain

Background

The Physiotherapy Pain Association in partnership with the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy has been working to develop a framework document which describes the knowledge, skills and behaviours at progressive levels of expertise in the management of patients experiencing pain. This not intended to be a competency document, but rather a piece of work to define the skills prior to the development of a competency document due to the breadth of practice in this area.

Purpose of this Document

The primary role of this document is to provide a reference point for commissioners, managers and physiotherapists to understand the scope of managing patients with pain across the range of experience in physiotherapy: from newly qualified to expert. It is also the aim to provide a reference point for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for the expectation for knowledge and skills of newly qualified physiotherapists across the spectrum of pain management. Generic physiotherapy skillss are referenced only if they are relevant to the management of patients with pain.

Plan for Future Work

This framework document will provide a basis for the development of clinical skills competencies within different specialities across the pain management spectrum, from newly qualified staff on their first rotation or placement to highly specialised and extended roles of working. From here training packages can be developed to support professional development in this area.

Timeline

Document development

Jan-Sept 2013

Consultation process within physiotherapy

Nov-Dec 2013

Revision

Jan-April 2014

BPS presentation and workshop: start of multi-professional and international physiotherapy consultation

April 2014

Revision

July-September 2014

Physio UK launch

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Start on specific competencies

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