



Eileanan Siar
Western Isles

The background of the poster is a photograph of a stone circle in a grassy field under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The image is overlaid with several semi-transparent geometric shapes: a large teal circle in the center, a blue circle partially overlapping it, and various teal and blue triangular shapes at the corners and edges. The text 'Primary Care Pharmacist' is centered within the teal circle.

Primary Care Pharmacist

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Job Advert



Primary Care Pharmacist

Band 7 £40,872 to £47,846 per annum

Plus £1,117 Distant Islands Allowance per annum

37.5 Hours per Week

1-year Fixed Term Contract to cover Maternity Leave (June 2022 – June 2023)

NHS Western Isles is seeking a Clinical Pharmacists for fixed term cover for maternity leave of the current post holder. The post will become available in July 2022 and will be based in Stornoway Health Centre.

The post-holder will be one of three Primary Care pharmacists, supported by the Lead Primary Care Pharmacist. The post will involve travelling to a number of locations across the isles so a full, current driving licence is essential.

This post offers an excellent opportunity for a self-motivated pharmacist to help continue exciting work as part of the general practice team in a patient facing role to improve value and patient outcomes. This includes providing help with the management of long-term conditions, care, and advice for those on multiple drug therapies. These roles will help deliver the pharmacotherapy element of the new GP contract in Scotland, working closely with senior pharmacy colleagues.

They will work within their clinical competencies as part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide expertise in clinical medicines management, provide face to face structured medication reviews, manage long term conditions, manage repeat prescription authorisations and reauthorisation, acute prescription request, while addressing both the public health and social care needs of patients in the GP practice(s).

This is an exciting opportunity to gain experience with a friendly and highly motivated team including a full range of healthcare professionals.

We are offering an opportunity to work in our beautiful and rural island community. You can enjoy amazing outdoor and cultural activities such as kayaking, climbing, hill walking, diving as well as a wealth of traditional crafts and music related pursuits. We are also only a short journey from Glasgow, Inverness and Edinburgh by plane, with twice daily ferry sailing to Ullapool.

For more information on living and working in the Western Isles visit the following sites: www.visithebrides.co.uk or <https://www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk/>. Find NHS Western Isles on Facebook, Twitter @NHSWI.

For an informal chat on the above posts and how it may suit you, please contact Natalie Bowling, Lead Primary Care Pharmacist, Tel 01851 763343 or natalie.bowling@nhs.scot.

The successful applicant will be required to register with the PVG Scheme (Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme). This post is not eligible for relocation expenses.

All NHS Western Isles vacancies appear on the NHS Scotland website <https://apply.jobs.scot.nhs.uk/> along with a job description.

For any further queries please contact 01851 762000.



1. JOB IDENTIFICATION

Job Title: Clinical Pharmacist –Primary Care (Maternity Leave)

Department(s): Pharmacy – Primary Care, Lewis and Harris

Job Holder Reference:


No of Job Holders:2.4 WTE

2. PURPOSE

To work as a member of the Primary Care Pharmacy Team to provide a safe and effective Clinical Pharmacy service within Primary Care. The post holder will facilitate high quality, efficient care around medications to the population of the Western Isles whilst minimising the risks inherent in Pharmacy.

Excellent communication and team-working is essential as the post is patient-facing and is pivotal to the safe management of patients within a wide multi-disciplinary team (MDT).

N.B In the event of NHS Scotland being placed on an 'Emergency Footing' and or NHSWI declaring a 'Major Incident', or similar critical service demand, the role will be subject to change based on the exigencies of the service and post holder competence.



2.1 JOB SUMMARY

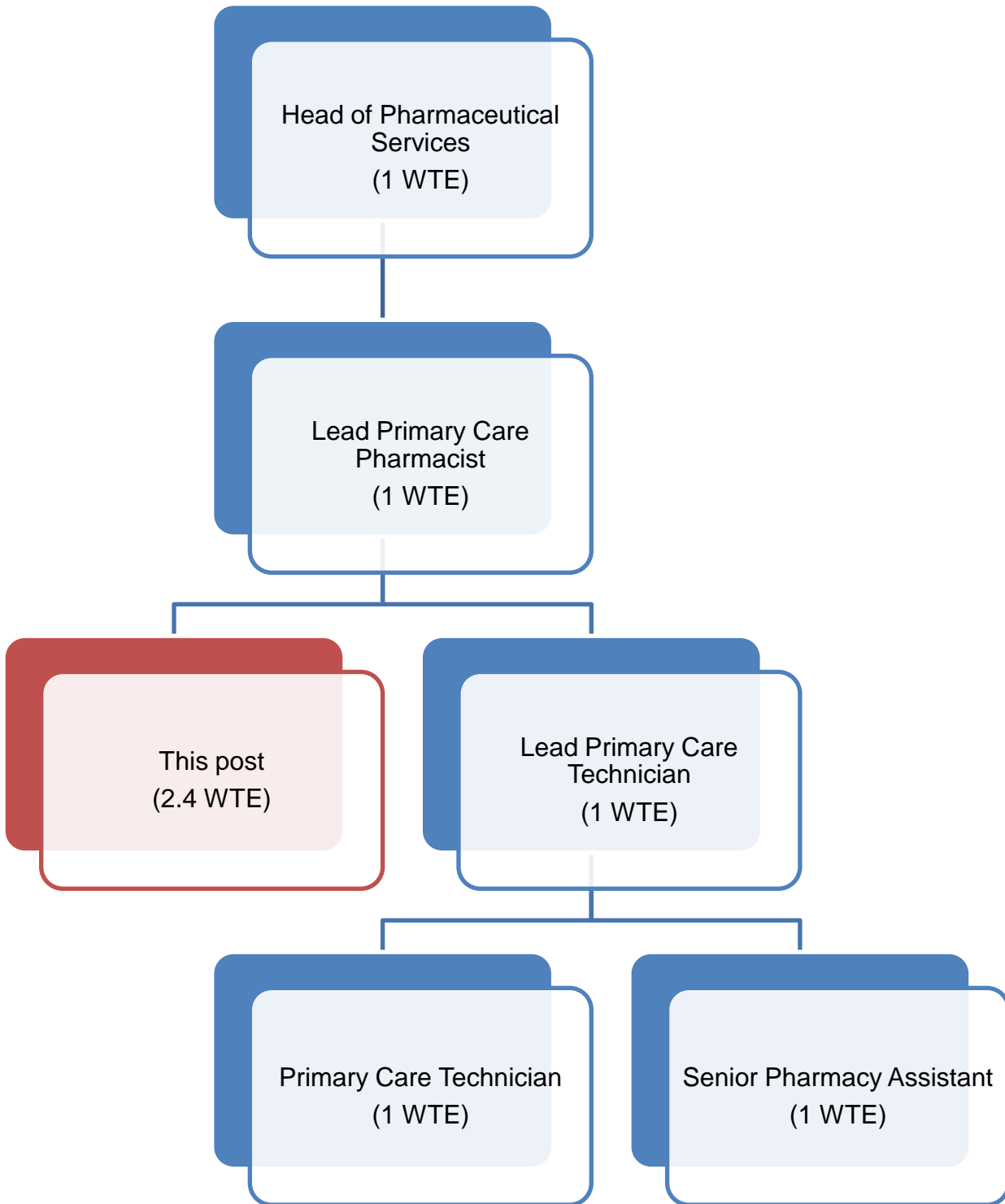
1. To participate fully in the management of a range of clinical conditions within GP Practices.
2. To provide operational support for all nine GP Practices in NHSWI in delivering the pharmacotherapy services outlined at Levels 1-3.
3. To augment the clinical pharmacy team based in Western Isles Hospital, Uist and Barra Hospital and St. Brendan's Hospital supporting them, when required, with emergency cover.
4. Under the guidance of the Clinical Pharmacist – Advanced (Primary Care Team Lead) you will support improvements in safe prescribing practice in NHSWI and work with other Pharmacists to achieve an integrated and consistent approach to pharmacy service provision in both Primary and Secondary Care, ensuring complete patient medicines reconciliation on admission and discharge from secondary care.
5. To occasionally deputise for the Clinical Pharmacist – Advanced (Primary Care Team Lead) during periods of absence.
6. To develop and provide services in line with the principles of Realistic Medicine and Realistic Prescribing adopting a patient centred approach to care.
7. To develop clinical guidelines and policies to optimise safe and effective medicines usage.
8. To work with Primary and Secondary Care colleagues in promoting safe and efficient formulary prescribing.
9. To work as a prescriber running chronic disease clinics appropriate to the needs of the service.

There are nine GP practices in NHSWI. Eight of these are dispensing practices. The practices run a mixed range of working models including some GP only services, with others using Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Health Care Assistants in Medicines Management.

The practices are spread throughout the archipelago, over three distinct Island Groups with significant logistical issues relating to transport to each site.

The post holder will provide support remotely for a large proportion of the time using virtual access to the Primary Care GP IT systems from a PC. They will also conduct a number of direct contact face-to-face clinics at each practice area, dependent on need.

3. ORGANISATIONAL CHART



4. MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POST

4.1 CLINICAL

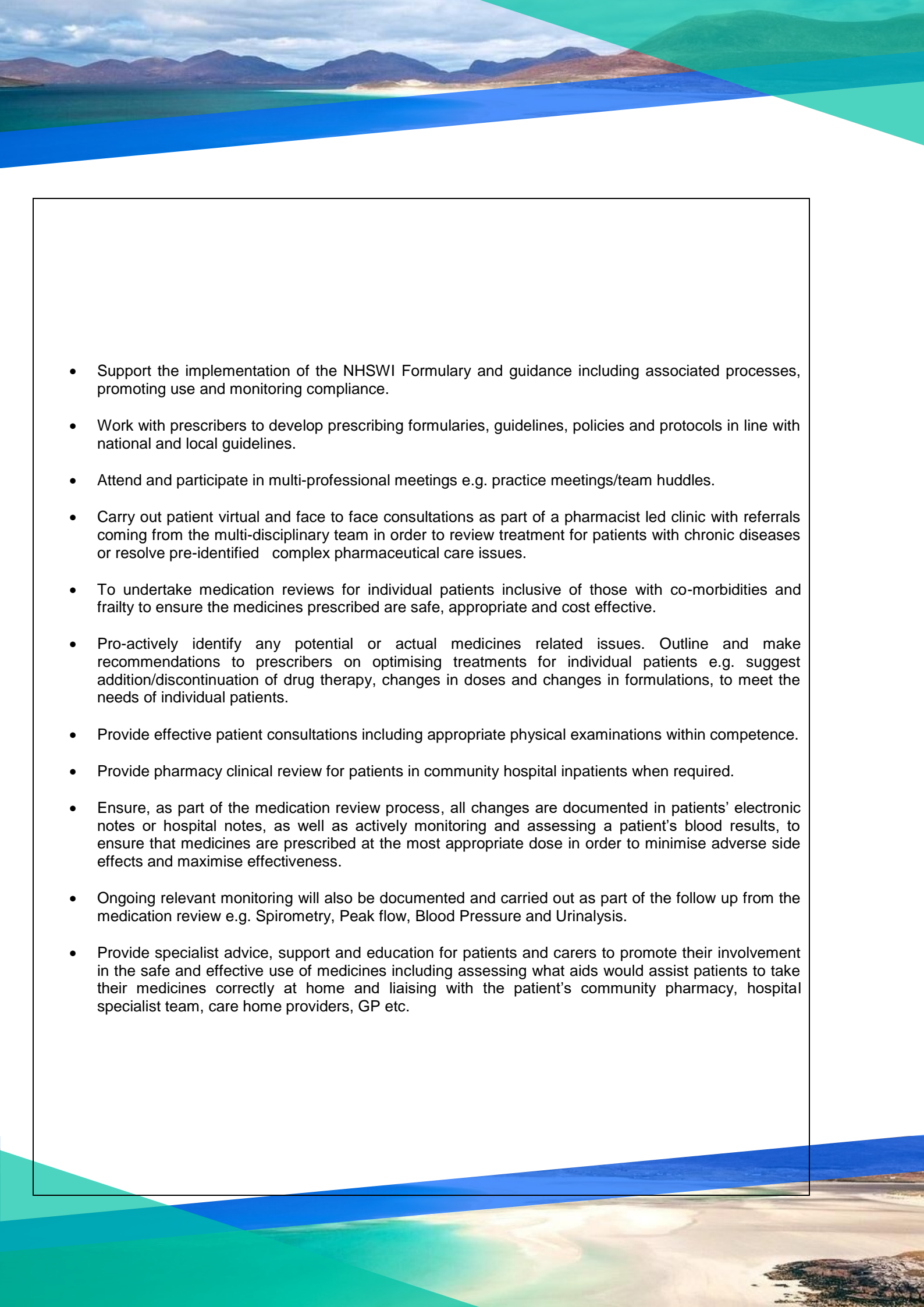
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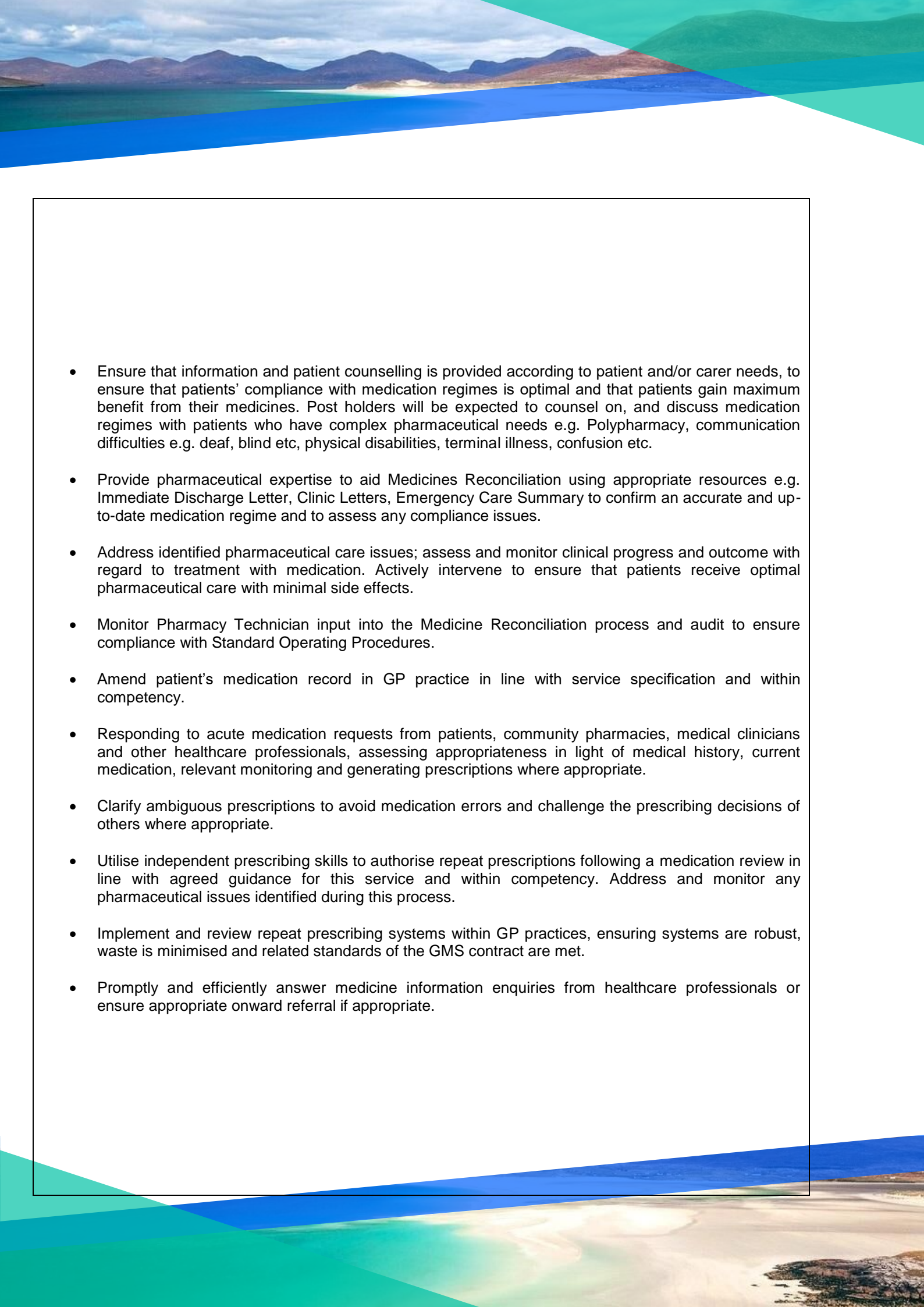
- Responsible for the provision of pharmacotherapy for patients in the practices in conjunction with community pharmacists, GPs Non-Medical Prescribers, patients/carers, the wider MDT and Secondary/Tertiary care as, and when, required.

As an independent clinician using independent prescribing and clinical judgement, and apply expert clinical knowledge.

The post-holder will: -

- Provide specialist advice involving clinical interpretation of evidence and clinical judgment to medical staff and the MDT to inform treatment of individual patients with complex needs. This includes advice on optimal drug regimes, avoidance of adverse drug reactions, drug interactions and contraindications ensuring compliance with medicines legislation.
- Report and review adverse clinical incidents, identifying causes of medication errors and use expert clinical knowledge to provide advice on strategies to minimise medicine use risks. Ensure procedural compliance with Adverse Event management, investigation, and closure.
- Report and review adverse clinical incidents, identifying causes of medication errors and use expert clinical knowledge to provide advice on strategies to minimise medicine use risks.
- Monitor prescribing spend against budgets and disseminate information to prescribers in order to change/influence prescribing to reduce or maintain expenditure on medicines within a limited prescribing budget. Negotiate and set targets for changes, monitor and provide feedback on performance.
- Proactively analyse and evaluate prescribing practice and trends through analysis of prescribing data commonly PRISMS (Prescribing Information System for Scotland). Formulate reports using this information to negotiate change in practice and contribute to the management of change to ensure rational and cost effective prescribing is achieved and improve achievement of local and national prescribing indicators or other medicine management initiatives.
- Substantiate recommendations occasionally against challenge, where available information and personal professional viewpoints may be conflicting. Be able to substantiate the advice and/or information provided, which is the opinion of the post holder, due to there being a lack of available guidance/evidence.

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- Support the implementation of the NSWI Formulary and guidance including associated processes, promoting use and monitoring compliance.
 - Work with prescribers to develop prescribing formularies, guidelines, policies and protocols in line with national and local guidelines.
 - Attend and participate in multi-professional meetings e.g. practice meetings/team huddles.
 - Carry out patient virtual and face to face consultations as part of a pharmacist led clinic with referrals coming from the multi-disciplinary team in order to review treatment for patients with chronic diseases or resolve pre-identified complex pharmaceutical care issues.
 - To undertake medication reviews for individual patients inclusive of those with co-morbidities and frailty to ensure the medicines prescribed are safe, appropriate and cost effective.
 - Pro-actively identify any potential or actual medicines related issues. Outline and make recommendations to prescribers on optimising treatments for individual patients e.g. suggest addition/discontinuation of drug therapy, changes in doses and changes in formulations, to meet the needs of individual patients.
 - Provide effective patient consultations including appropriate physical examinations within competence.
 - Provide pharmacy clinical review for patients in community hospital inpatients when required.
 - Ensure, as part of the medication review process, all changes are documented in patients' electronic notes or hospital notes, as well as actively monitoring and assessing a patient's blood results, to ensure that medicines are prescribed at the most appropriate dose in order to minimise adverse side effects and maximise effectiveness.
 - Ongoing relevant monitoring will also be documented and carried out as part of the follow up from the medication review e.g. Spirometry, Peak flow, Blood Pressure and Urinalysis.
 - Provide specialist advice, support and education for patients and carers to promote their involvement in the safe and effective use of medicines including assessing what aids would assist patients to take their medicines correctly at home and liaising with the patient's community pharmacy, hospital specialist team, care home providers, GP etc.

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- Ensure that information and patient counselling is provided according to patient and/or carer needs, to ensure that patients' compliance with medication regimes is optimal and that patients gain maximum benefit from their medicines. Post holders will be expected to counsel on, and discuss medication regimes with patients who have complex pharmaceutical needs e.g. Polypharmacy, communication difficulties e.g. deaf, blind etc, physical disabilities, terminal illness, confusion etc.
 - Provide pharmaceutical expertise to aid Medicines Reconciliation using appropriate resources e.g. Immediate Discharge Letter, Clinic Letters, Emergency Care Summary to confirm an accurate and up-to-date medication regime and to assess any compliance issues.
 - Address identified pharmaceutical care issues; assess and monitor clinical progress and outcome with regard to treatment with medication. Actively intervene to ensure that patients receive optimal pharmaceutical care with minimal side effects.
 - Monitor Pharmacy Technician input into the Medicine Reconciliation process and audit to ensure compliance with Standard Operating Procedures.
 - Amend patient's medication record in GP practice in line with service specification and within competency.
 - Responding to acute medication requests from patients, community pharmacies, medical clinicians and other healthcare professionals, assessing appropriateness in light of medical history, current medication, relevant monitoring and generating prescriptions where appropriate.
 - Clarify ambiguous prescriptions to avoid medication errors and challenge the prescribing decisions of others where appropriate.
 - Utilise independent prescribing skills to authorise repeat prescriptions following a medication review in line with agreed guidance for this service and within competency. Address and monitor any pharmaceutical issues identified during this process.
 - Implement and review repeat prescribing systems within GP practices, ensuring systems are robust, waste is minimised and related standards of the GMS contract are met.
 - Promptly and efficiently answer medicine information enquiries from healthcare professionals or ensure appropriate onward referral if appropriate.

- Identify initiatives and support practitioners in attempts to minimise waste of medicines.
- To work with dispensing practices to improve dispensing systems and assist practices to develop and implement good practice through Standard Operating Procedures and Risk Assessment.
- Keep up to date with news pertaining to prescribing and medicines issues and extract key information for dissemination to the primary healthcare team, both within practices and within the Integrated Joint Board (IJB).
- Monitor safe and secure handling of medicines providing guidance on required improvements if necessary.
- Provide advice to GP practices and various other professionals' e.g. nursing staff, on risk management and clinical governance issues with regard to prescribing and medicines use.

4.2 PROFESSIONAL

The post-holder will: -

- Fulfil the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) continuing professional development requirements and ensure maintenance of competency to continue registration as a pharmacist and as an independent prescriber.
- Ensure continuous GPhC registration.
- Maintain a broad understanding of pharmacy services, including acute services and Community Pharmacy.
- Understand and appreciate legal and best practice requirements and the risks associated with the safe and secure handling of all classes of medicines.
- Carry out responsibilities professionally and in line with statutory, legal and ethical obligations.




4.3 EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

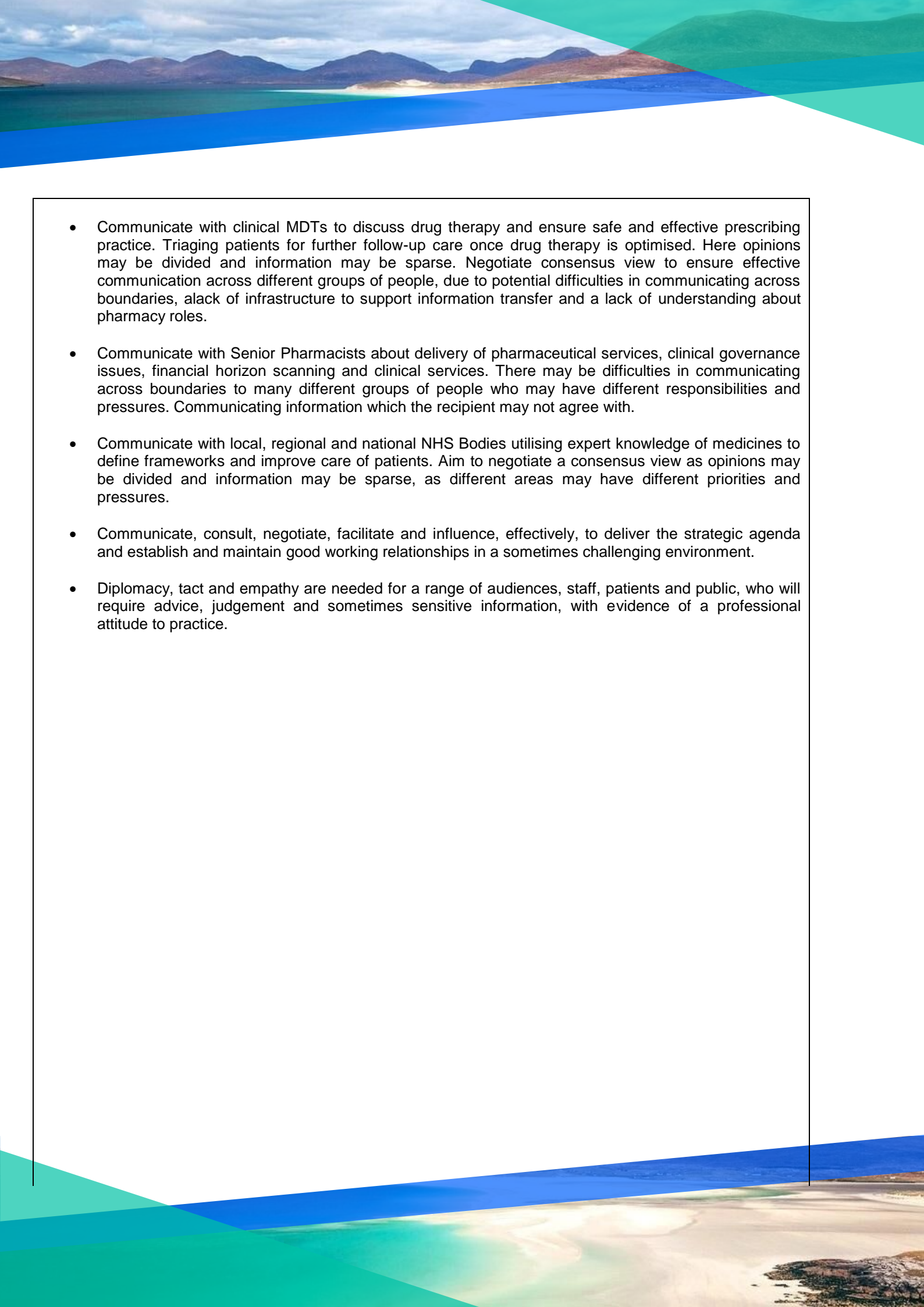
The post-holder will: -

- Contribute to delivery of education and training for the MDT in relation to safe, clinical and cost-effective prescribing and application of good medicines governance.
- Participate in peer review and share working practice with colleagues both to ensure a consistent approach and for the advancement of other members of the pharmacy team.
- Provide education and training to patients and their carers on the safe and effective use of their medicines to ensure maximum benefit from treatment.
- Act as a mentor and monitor and supervise other pharmacy staff e.g. Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacy students etc.
- Undertake the necessary training and maintain competencies to practise safely the techniques of venepuncture, blood pressure monitoring and Spirometry.
- To contribute to local bulletins on prescribing and pharmaceutical matters.

4.4 COMMUNICATION

The post-holder will: -

- Have highly developed interpersonal and communication skills, these will be; written and verbal, formal and informal.
 - Communicate with patients, carers and relatives to ensure patients are educated on all aspects of their medicine and condition in such a way that it is easily understood. There are often sensitivities around discussing medication and conditions with patients, including prognosis. There are often barriers to understanding e.g. educational background, language, deafness, blindness, cognitive impairment.
 - Communicate with the Pharmacy Primary Care team in an effective and efficient manner, bearing in mind the team may be widely dispersed throughout the Western Isles when working or be working remotely to the Western Isles.
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- Communicate with clinical MDTs to discuss drug therapy and ensure safe and effective prescribing practice. Triaging patients for further follow-up care once drug therapy is optimised. Here opinions may be divided and information may be sparse. Negotiate consensus view to ensure effective communication across different groups of people, due to potential difficulties in communicating across boundaries, alack of infrastructure to support information transfer and a lack of understanding about pharmacy roles.
 - Communicate with Senior Pharmacists about delivery of pharmaceutical services, clinical governance issues, financial horizon scanning and clinical services. There may be difficulties in communicating across boundaries to many different groups of people who may have different responsibilities and pressures. Communicating information which the recipient may not agree with.
 - Communicate with local, regional and national NHS Bodies utilising expert knowledge of medicines to define frameworks and improve care of patients. Aim to negotiate a consensus view as opinions may be divided and information may be sparse, as different areas may have different priorities and pressures.
 - Communicate, consult, negotiate, facilitate and influence, effectively, to deliver the strategic agenda and establish and maintain good working relationships in a sometimes challenging environment.
 - Diplomacy, tact and empathy are needed for a range of audiences, staff, patients and public, who will require advice, judgement and sometimes sensitive information, with evidence of a professional attitude to practice.

4.5 MANAGERIAL

The post-holder will: -

- Deputise occasionally for Primary Care Lead to provide continuity of pharmaceutical advice, which will require urgent and significant decisions to be made.
- Require to make complex judgements around medicines on a daily basis, based on clinical assessment and appreciation for both social and pharmaceutical care needs of patients. For example: advising on the Polypharmacy issues of a patient with a history of noncompliance; or advising on the risk/benefits of stopping treatment in an older person; as well as actively managing clinical conditions in individuals.
- Be expected to request and interpret relevant biochemical, haematological and therapeutic drug monitoring tests and respond appropriately to these.
- Be expected to critically appraise the evidence base for treatments and respond to, and inform on complex issues relating to the delivery of safe and cost-effective prescribing.
- Work in a largely self-directed fashion within the parameters of national and local priorities and policies for pharmacy, for health and other regulatory frameworks. This includes all legal and professional frameworks governing pharmacy practice and clinical practice in relation to the procurement, storage, handling, prescribing and use of medicines.
- Act as a role model for advanced clinical practice and patient care delivery.
- Demonstrate the ability to meet deadlines and work effectively under pressure with limited supervision.
- Take direction for the prioritisation and management of workload from the Primary Care Team Lead and distribute this to Primary Care Technicians appropriately.

The majority of the work will be self-generated and driven by the needs of Primary Care working within the template of pharmacotherapy services provided at Levels 1–3 (see dynamic document), the practice quality cluster and the Social Care operational groups within the IJB.

Work will also be allocated by the Head of Pharmaceutical Services and Therapeutics Clinical Lead, who may also assign the postholder work from out with NHSWI.

The Head of Pharmaceutical Services is responsible for regular review of work

4.6 Organisational

The post-holder will: -

- Deputise occasionally for the Head of Pharmaceutical Service for Primary Care and Community Pharmacy issues in times of absence.
- Manage the risks associated with implementing new patient care service within the specified healthcare setting e.g. prescribing clinics.
- Ensure urgent drug withdrawal and changes in use are communicated promptly within your GP practices and provide the agreed local advice and guidance to practices in dealing with such situations.

5. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

5.1 PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF THE JOB

The post-holder will require: -

- Key board skills with a requirement for accuracy (daily)

The post-holder should be able: -

- Operate technical equipment used in patient assessment including – but not limited to – Sphygmomanometers, near patient testing machinery, Spirometer(weekly).
- To travel, due to training sessions/meetings being held outside normal working hours.The post holder is required to drive safely between multiple locations.
- To sit in a restricted position for a substantial proportion of the working day whilst reviewing patient notes and using a computer for producing reports/analysing and interpreting data etc.

5.2 MENTAL EFFORT

The post requires:-

- Frequent requirement for prolonged concentration of 3-4 hours at a time, meetings, interpreting prescribing data, writing reports, attending presentations, developing and implementing protocols, and working within time constraints.

The post-holder will: -

- Investigate and resolve complaints, and complex and sensitive personnel management problems. Balancing the conflicting demands from a range of stakeholders.
- Able to recall of knowledge to make effective and safe clinical decisions.

The work is not predictable as priorities change at very short notice, according to the needs of the service/management.

5.3 EMOTIONAL EFFORT

The post-holder will: -

- Require to handle sensitive information appropriately.
- Require to provide feedback on performance assessments to individuals.
- Deal with difficult situations and circumstances, including dealing with practice staff, carers, and family members. There may be instances of distressed, aggressive or demanding behaviours.
- Work to tight deadlines over which the person has no control and is thereby under a degree of pressure.
- Concordance reviews, emotional effort may be required when talking to patients about their medication.
- Have responsibility in a clinical role to improve patient care.
- Have occasional exposure to verbal aggression by patients or family members.
- Deal with drug misadventures and complaints.



5.4 WORKING CONDITIONS

The post holder will :-

- Have skills and a good working knowledge of digital and IT systems.

The range of IT systems are extensive and include:

- Formulary and medicines management systems
 - Clinical risk management systems; including incident and error reporting, adverse drug reaction reporting and clinical audit
 - Data and information management systems, in particular PRISMS.
 - Microsoft systems i.e. Microsoft Teams, Excel and Access.
 - Pharmacy systems, including; JAC, Scottish Therapeutics Utility, Docman, EMIS, and SCI Store.
- Be required to enable appropriate staff access to information and data management systems including and in particular GP systems to produce complex reports, and handle data.

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- Have a requirement to access Emergency Care Summary, Patient Safety and infection control systems on the intranet. SCI store and other hospital databases, and Clozapine monitoring.
 - Routinely communicate electronically and must have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office Programmes.
 - Occasionally be a lone worker e.g. domiciliary visit and therefore, should understand the safety precautions which apply according to the relevant policies.
 - Deal with difficult working conditions e.g. exposure to unpleasant or hazardous circumstances such as poorly controlled temperatures, smells spillages.
 - Have potential exposure to infection when taking blood samples.
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6. STANDARD ELEMENTS

6.1 CONFIDENTIALITY

Comply with all approved NHSWI Policies and Procedures.

Comply with NHSWI Communication Strategy and Media Strategy.

This involves taking the necessary precautions when transmitting information only disclosing it to those who have the right and need to know it. All personal health information is held under strict legal and ethical obligations of confidentiality.

NHS staff must follow guidance (NHS Code of Practice on Protecting Patient Confidentiality) before disclosing any patient information. All staff must respect confidentiality of all matters that they may learn relating to their employment, other members of staff, patients and their families.

6.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Assist in maintaining own and others' health, safety and security.

This involves:

- a) Complying with Board health and safety policies, procedures and participating in mandatory training.
- b) Maintaining a safe working environment and reporting any issues of concern as appropriate.

NHSWI attaches the greatest importance to the health and safety of its employees. It is the Board policy to do all that is reasonable to prevent personal injury and hazard to health by protecting staff and others including the public from foreseeable hazards compatible with the provision of proper services to patients. The Board expects its entire staff to take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work. More detailed information is given in departmental safety policies where appropriate.

Ensure own actions support equality, diversity and rights.

This involves:

- a) Acting in ways consistent with the Board's policies and procedures.
- b) Treating those you come into contact with equitably and with respect.
- c) Recognising the need for aids or adaptations.



JOB DESCRIPTION AGREEMENT

I, (Print Name)..... confirm that the job description(s) /person specification(s) attached have been discussed with me and are an accurate and up-to-date account of the duties and responsibilities and skills/qualifications required to undertake the post.

Job Holder's Signature:

Date:

Head of Department Signature: : 25.06.2020



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PERSON SPECIFICATION GUIDANCE

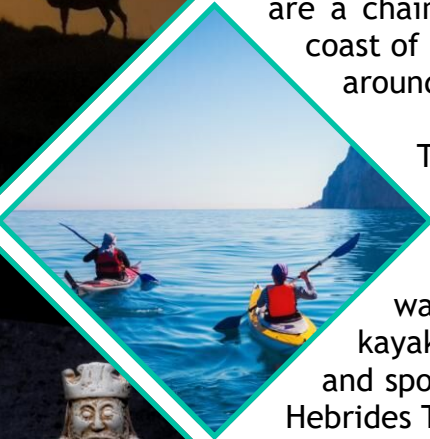
FACTOR	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<p>EXPERIENCE</p>	<p>Demonstrate competence as a clinical practitioner.</p> <p>Demonstrable evidence of influencing other members of the MDT to delivering patient care.</p> <p>Several years' post-registration experience.</p> <p>Demonstrable evidence of providing a range of clinical pharmacy services.</p> <p>Demonstrable experience of successfully delivering education and training to healthcare staff.</p>	
<p>QUALIFICATIONS TRAINING RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS</p>	<p>Bachelors or Masters Degree in Pharmacy.</p> <p>Registrant with the General Pharmaceutical Council.</p> <p>Independent prescriber or working towards or willing to work towards qualification.</p>	<p>Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.</p> <p>Membership of the Faculty of Royal Pharmaceutical Society or working towards.</p>

FACTOR	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<p>KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS</p>	<p>Knowledge and understanding of clinical pharmacy practice.</p> <p>Knowledge of legislation and guidance relating to medicines use.</p> <p>Maintains a broad level of pharmacy practice.</p> <p>Demonstrable ability to process and use complex information to improve patient outcomes.</p> <p>Demonstrable ability to use clinical reasoning and judgement.</p> <p>IT skills to utilise clinical information systems, pharmacy computer systems, databases and other software to improve patient care.</p> <p>Excellent written and verbal communication and negotiation skills to communicate effectively with healthcare professionals, patients and carers.</p> <p>Excellent numeracy and organisational skills.</p> <p>Clinical skills relevant to speciality e.g. blood result interpretation.</p> <p>Demonstrable ability to prioritise workload.</p>	

FACTOR	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
DISPOSITION	<p>Ability to apply logic and analytical skills to manage clinical risk.</p> <p>Ability to work independently and evaluate own work.</p> <p>Demonstrable ability to work quickly, accurately and to deadlines.</p> <p>Demonstrable ability to work as part of a team but also to loan working.</p> <p>Ensure confidentiality at all times.</p>	
OTHER	Valid driving licence	



The Western Isles, also known as the Outer Hebrides, are a chain of islands which lie 55km off the west coast of Scotland. The islands have a population of around twenty-seven thousand people.



Those who enjoy outdoor activities will find that the islands have a lot to offer. Outdoor pursuits such as horse riding, hiking, and fishing are popular, as are water sports such as canoeing, surfing, and kayaking. Further information about outdoor and sporting activities can be found on the Outer Hebrides Tourism Information website.



The local Council website provides information regarding schools, jobs, bus timetables, and opening times of the leisure centre.

The Board works in partnership with Hebridean Housing Partnership (HHP), which means that Key Worker Status will form part of their Housing Allocation Policy. For more information, please visit the HHP website.

If you have any specific queries regarding your move, please do not hesitate to contact your Line Manager, who will do their best to answer them.

Links

visitouterhebrides.co.uk
welovestornoway.com
hebrides-news.com
hebrideanhousing.co.uk
cne-siar.gov.uk

About NHS Western Isles

The Western Isles Health Board employs over one thousand members of staff, excluding GPs and Dentists. There are three main hospitals situated in the Western Isles:

Stornoway—Western Isles Hospital (Ospadal nan Eilean Siar)

Benbecula—Uist and Barra Hospital (Ospadal Uibhist agus Bharraigh)

Barra—St Brendan's Hospital

There are a number of GP and Dental Practices across the Western Isles. Community nursing services operate out of general practice premises and at community offices in key locations.

There are only two medical practices in Stornoway: the Broadbay Medical Practice on Francis Street (tel 01851 703588) and the Group Practice on Springfield Road (tel 01851 703145). Both have a pharmacy attached to the practice for the dispensing of prescriptions.

Web

wihb.scot.nhs.uk

The latest information about the Board's response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on the Board's dedicated website.

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coronavirus.wi.nhs.scot



Transport Information

The islands are accessible from mainland Scotland by ferry or by plane (please note that both services can be affected in the winter).

There are three airports on the Western Isles: Stornoway Airport, Benbecula Airport, and Barra Airport. The following destinations can be reached from these airports:

Stornoway Airport—Benbecula, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Manchester

Benbecula Airport—Glasgow, Inverness, Stornoway

Barra Airport—Glasgow

All flights to and from the Western Isles are operated by Loganair.

If you live in the Highlands and Islands region of Scotland, you can apply for cheaper air travel through the Air Discount Scheme. Further information on the discounts available can be obtained via the Air Discount Scheme website.

There are nine ferry ports operating in the Western Isles. Routes run between the islands, as well as to and from the mainland. All routes are operated by Calmac. Further information on the individual routes, including timetables and prices, can be obtained via the Calmac website.



Links

Ferry Travel:
calmac.co.uk

Air Travel:
loganair.co.uk

Car Hire:
carhire-hebrides.co.uk
lewis-car-rental.com

Air Discount Scheme:
airdiscountscheme.com