

1. Job Details

Job title:	Complementary Therapist
Contract type:	Permanent – 18 hours
Annual Salary (pro rata):	£19,647
Reports to:	Complementary Therapy Service Lead

2. Job Purpose

To provide a high-quality complementary therapy service for inpatients, daycare patients, outpatients and staff at East Cheshire Hospice.

3. Duties

Main Duties and Key Responsibilities:

- To assess patients and carers for complementary therapy and offer treatments.
- To record and maintain accurate patient records in compliance with current hospice documentation.
- To take responsibility for the maintenance of a safe environment for patients, visitors and staff.
- Adhere to appropriate Professional Codes of Practice.
- To work as part of a multi-disciplinary team within the hospice to ensure the best possible care for patients and carers.
- To raise awareness of the complementary therapy service amongst hospice staff and offer general well-being advice and complementary therapies as appropriate.
- To be responsible for managing own caseload in order to meet service and patient needs.

Education Delivery, Training and Development:

- To deliver education sessions on the benefits of complementary therapy to patients, carers, volunteers and staff.
- To lead peer support sessions for volunteer therapists, focusing on best practice and the development of relevant skills within a palliative care setting.
- To attend relevant courses for professional development and consider the implications for delivery of care at East Cheshire Hospice.
- To continue to develop and move the complementary therapy service forward by keeping up to date with current initiatives.
- To maintain established links with other local hospices and continue to share ideas for best practice.

4. Person Specification

Essential

- Qualified to Vocational Training and Charitable Trust (VTCT) Level 3 or equivalent in two or more therapies.
- Member of a relevant professional body e.g. Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT) or Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council (CNHC)
- IT literate
- Ability to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- High standard of oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent organisational skills
- Ability to work flexibly and adapt to a constantly-changing working environment.
- Experience of working in a palliative care setting.

Desirable

- Experience of managing both paid and voluntary members of staff.
- Experience of using EMIS Web
- Experience of using PowerPoint
- Experience of delivering education sessions