



Department for Work & Pensions

Head Medical Practitioner

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
to £100,000

Leeds, London, Sheffield

Permanent (flexible working, full-time, job share and part-time available)

Bring your medical expertise to the design and delivery of DWP policies and services

About what we do:

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy. As the UK's biggest public service department, we administer the State Pension and a range of working age, disability and ill-health benefits to around 20 million claimants and customers.

Every year nearly two million people are assessed for health and disability benefits and services by DWP and our partners, with some 3.5m people relying on the support they subsequently receive. Our dedicated team of medical professionals support their policy colleagues, ensuring the right decisions are made when developing policies and services.

About the role:

As Head Medical Practitioner and the department's most senior medical professional, you will make a positive difference to the lives of millions of people. Specifically, you will ensure expert clinical advice informs policy, legislation and delivery decisions on social security and employment benefits and services – including the Personal Independence Payment and Employment and Support Allowance.

This is a complex, technical and fast-moving environment where your ability to grasp the policy and delivery implications of clinical research and emerging evidence will be highly valued. Key challenges include leading our team of Medical Practitioners and working closely with DWP Ministers and senior officials. You will also advise our Health Transformation Programme, engaging directly with disabled people to ensure they can more easily access all the support the Department has to offer. Building strong working relationships, both inside and outside the department, will be key to your success.

About our requirements:

This is a high-profile leadership role, requiring both substantial medical experience and well-developed strategic expertise. A medical practitioner, fully registered with the GMC, you'll have proven your ability to lead and motivate a team of experienced medical professionals, and to engage and influence at senior levels. Capable of understanding both high-level strategy and complex policy detail across a broad portfolio, you'll be ready to design and deliver innovative responses to challenging issues. The ability to take accountability for decisions under pressure is key.

About our benefits:

At the DWP, you'll be part of a diverse, welcoming culture, with access to tailored learning and development programmes as well as excellent mentors and coaches. As for other benefits, you'll be able to take advantage of flexible working options, generous annual leave, a Civil Service pension, staff bonuses and recognition, childcare support and an employee assistance programme.

Closing date: 23:55 on Monday 19th July 2021

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