

What are Diverse Placements?

- Places that currently do not have/offer physiotherapy services (role emerging placements)
- Places where a physiotherapist may be employed but services are still under development (non-traditional placements)

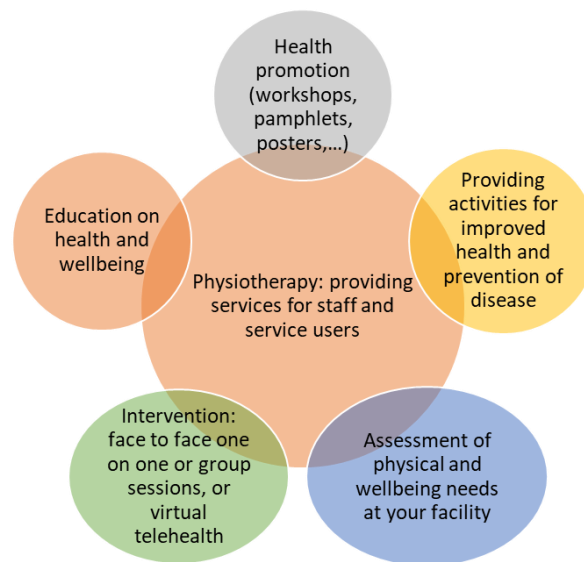
Purpose of Diverse Placements?

- To engage students in health promotion and prevention as primary health care providers
- To empower students to collaborate with others in creating Physiotherapy services at the site (liaise with management, staff and service users)
- To provide students with the opportunity to reflect on the wider role of Physiotherapists and promote Physiotherapy to the general public
- To give students the opportunity to further develop on a personal and professional level, preparing them for the changing field of Physiotherapy and therefore their future employment
- To create sustainable partnerships with communities, aligning Diverse Placements with the Community University Partnership Programme

Why create Diverse Placements?

- The field of Physiotherapy is constantly evolving, with an increasing emphasis on health and wellbeing rather than disease and disability.
- The NHS long term plan highlights the need for prevention of diseases, by increasing primary health care and community care outside traditional hospital settings (NHS, 2019).
- Benefits related to diverse placements have been found for the students, placement sites and the wider community, highlighting the importance of developing these diverse and sustainable placements.

How can we help your site?



When do students go out on Placement?

- BSc (Hon) Physiotherapy programme is a 3 year course, the first 1.5 year focussing on knowledge and skill development in the classroom setting and voluntary work; students then have five placement rotations in their 2nd and 3rd year of study.
- MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration) is a 2 year accelerated problem-based learning course, for students who already have a first degree in a related field. Their first placement takes place after completing a module on physiotherapy in health and rehabilitation. The other 4 placements take place at the end of year 1 and throughout their entire year 2.



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What can you expect?

A collaboration between:

- Your site, providing on-site supervision for 1h/ week per student. This is to guide and support students while on placement.
- A physiotherapy educator, giving support to students from a physiotherapy point of view for 1h/week per student (long-arm supervision).
- The University of Brighton, liaising with you and your staff to plan the practice placement, to provide pre-placement workshops to prepare supervisors and provide support throughout the placement for both students and supervisors.
- The students who will be placed at your site for 6 weeks full time (we will send two students at a time).

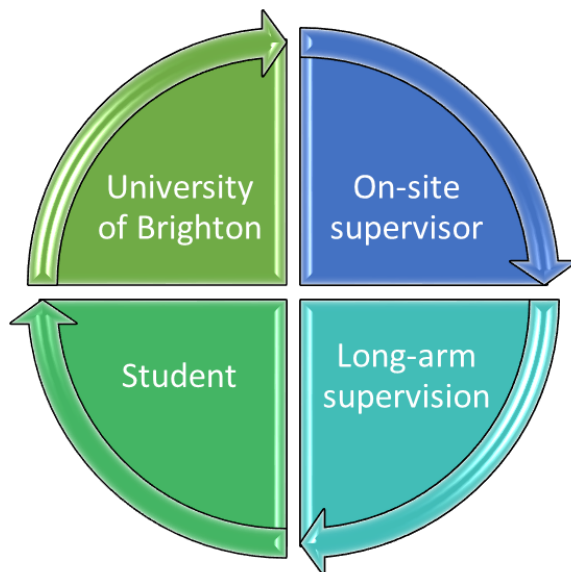
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Diverse Placements in Physiotherapy



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