**Job Profile comprising Job Description and Person Specification**

**Job Description**

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| **Job Title:**  Leisure Assistant (POTP) | **Grade**: SC2 |
| **Section:**  Culture/Sports | **Directorate:**  ECS – Contracts & Leisure |
| **Responsible to following manager:**  Duty Manager - Wetside (POTP) | **Responsible for following staff:**  N/A |
| **Post Number/s:**  Various | **Last review date:** April 2016  (Jan 2025 – reformatted and structure chart updated) |

**Working for the Richmond & Wandsworth Better Service Partnership**

This role is employed under the Richmond & Wandsworth Better Service Partnership. The overall purpose of Richmond & Wandsworth is to provide the highest quality of service at the lowest attainable cost.

Staff are expected to deliver high quality and responsive services wherever they are based, as well as having the ability to adapt to sometimes differing processes and expectations.

Richmond & Wandsworth Better Service Partnership aims to be at the forefront of innovation in local government and the organisation will invest in the development of its staff and ensure the opportunities for progression that only a large organisation can provide.

**Job Purpose**

To provide a high quality service and a safe environment to all our customers. This post will have particular responsibility for the health and safety of users and the cleanliness of the centre for all its visitors.

**Specific Duties and Responsibilities**

* Ensure that all health and safety duties are carried out in accordance with NOP/EAP procedures and follow procedures in the Staff Information File and assist with water chemical tests in all pools.
* Carry out lifeguard duties overseeing the general safety and behaviour of the public to prevent injury, drowning, misuse and damage to facilities.
* Undertake a range of duties in wet, dry and other areas which will include; control and cleaning of facilities (changing rooms, showers and toilets); and assembly and dismantling of equipment (such as lane ropes and diving blocks).
* Issue/collection of receipts, stores, goods, e.g. first aid equipment, receipts on poolside and cleaning materials including undertaking stock checks as and when required.
* To assist the Duty Manager in opening and closing of the facility and preparing the pools for use.
* To carry out the responsibilities of the post having regard to the Council’s policies and procedures as well as additional guidelines as laid out in the Centre’s Staff Information file.

**Generic Duties and Responsibilities**

* To contribute to the continuous improvement of the services of Richmond & Wandsworth Better Service Partnerships.
* To comply with relevant Codes of Practice, including the Code of Conduct and policies concerning data protection and health and safety.
* To adhere to security controls and requirements as mandated by Richmond and Wandsworth procedures and local risk assessments to maintain confidentiality, integrity, availability and legal compliance of information and systems
* To promote equality, diversity, and inclusion, maintaining an awareness of the equality and diversity protocol/policy and working to create and maintain a safe, supportive and welcoming environment where all people are treated with dignity and their identity and culture are valued and respected.
* To understand both Councils’ duties and responsibilities for safeguarding children, young people and adults as they apply to the roles within the Councils.
* The profile is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the duties the post holder will carry out. Other reasonable duties commensurate with the level of the post, including supporting emergency and priority situations, will form part of the role.

**Additional Information**

The Sport & Fitness Service sits within the Contracts & Leisure Department. Its primary objective is to develop opportunities and provision for participation in sport and physical activity for all sections of the community. The Richmond team is responsible for the management of 4 dual-use Sports and Fitness Centres, Teddington Pools & Fitness Centre and Pools on the Park in Richmond, as well as a centrally based Sports Development Team.

The Council is continually reviewing it structures and ways of working in order to provide the best services possible for residents, in the most efficient way. As a result the key tasks in any job may be varied and the post holder will be expected to take on such variations consistent with the level of responsibility of the post.

The postholder will work a flexible shift rota, which will include unsociable hours (some evenings and weekends). The postholder may also be asked to work at any of the Borough’s Sport & Fitness Centres.

The service is firmly committed to creating a safe and enjoyable environment for all young people, children and vulnerable adults. Our safeguarding responsibilities include safe recruitment practices which include the vetting of all individuals who work with these groups. Background checks including checks with the Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) will be carried out in accordance with DBS guidelines.

**Team structure**

**Person Specification**

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**Our Values**

**THINK BIGGER**

**EMBRACE DIFFERENCE**

**CONNECT BETTER**

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

**PUT PEOPLE FIRST**

Our Values are embedded across Richmond & Wandsworth Better Service Partnership and throughout all roles and responsibilities at all levels of the organisation. Please [familiarise yourself with our values](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/afdbdeao/five_values.pdf) as they are an integral part of our recruitment and selection process.

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| **Person Specification Requirements** | | | **Assessed by**  **A/I/T/C**  **(see below for explanation)** |
| **Knowledge & Experience** | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Assessed** |
| Some experience of working as a Lifeguard and knowledge of correct practices. | **X** |  | **A/I** |
| Knowledge of the importance of Health and Safety procedures in relation to lifeguarding a pool and other duties in the job profile. | **X** |  | **A/I** |
| **Skills** | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Assessed** |
| Ability to demonstrate an understanding of why Diversity & Equality is important in employment and sports / leisure service delivery. | **X** |  | **A/I** |
| Ability to demonstrate an understanding of why customer care is important in employment and customer service. | **X** |  | **A/I** |
| Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with a wide range of people (clubs, staff and customers), for the purpose of providing reports/advice/guidance, as well as information and assistance on services offered and the operation of equipment. | **X** |  | **A/I/T** |
| Ability to undertake cleaning duties, pool water tests and maintenance duties in accordance with set procedures. | **X** |  | **A/I** |
| **Qualifications** | **Essential** | **Desirable** | **Assessed** |
| Valid National Pool Lifeguard (NPLQ) qualification (UK recognised). | **X** |  | **A/C** |
| First Aid qualification (UK recognised). | **X** |  | **A/C** |

**A – Application form / CV**

**I – Interview**

**T – Test**

**C – Certificate/qualification**