



# Falkland Islands Government – Job Description

<b>Job Title:</b>	Sonographer		
<b>Department:</b>	Health & Social Services	<b>Section:</b>	KEMH
<b>Reports to:</b>	Hospital Manager		
<b>Grade:</b>	Falkland Islands Government Grade – C	<b>Job Code:</b>	C

## Job Purpose

To provide an efficient ultrasound service within agreed departmental protocols. To provide autonomous reports on all ultrasounds performed including charting obstetrics scans onto personalised growth charts.

## Main Accountabilities:

The major duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Work without clinical supervision
- Providing ultrasound service to the Falklands community include the MOD, the fishing fleet and visitors
- Follow departmental protocols & use professional judgement as to the requirements of individual cases
- Participate in screening programmes such as AAA screening
- To undertake ultrasound examinations of the required standard for the Antenatal clinic as necessary and provide a written report and plotting foetal growth on personalised charts
- To provide reports on all scans performed
- Adhere to recognised codes of practise and responsibilities
- Demonstrate continuous professional development
- Attend relevant meetings if required to represent the Ultrasound Department
- Complete all mandatory training for the H&SS Directorate
- Maintain high standards of cleanliness of imaging department
- Laying out of supplies and room preparation for special procedures
- Report to relevant persons all matters, special problems or requirements
- Maintain stock levels
- Participate in QA and audit programmes
- Where performing general scans under clinical direction of medical officer provide a written report
- Knowledge of professional issues relating to:
  - Governance
  - Confidentiality
  - Professional limitation in the role

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Maintain a program of personal/professional development
- Undertake further training if required.



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<b>Main Accountabilities: (continued)</b>	
<b>CONFIDENTIALITY</b>  The post holder must maintain the confidentiality of information about patients, staff and other health service business in accordance with the Official Secrets Act	
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>  To be aware of the responsibilities placed under the Health and Safety at Work Regulations to ensure the agreed safety procedures are carried out to maintain a safe environment for employees, patients and visitors.	
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>  All staff has a responsibility to report all accidents at work or any untoward incidents promptly and when requested co-operate with any investigation undertaken.  <i>The job description is not an exclusive or exhaustive definition of your duties. You shall undertake such additional or other duties as may reasonably be required by FIG commensurate with your role and grade.</i>	
<b>Additional Information:</b>	
There is no Radiologist on site in the Falklands Islands.	
<b>Criminal Record Checks - This post is regarded as a sensitive post</b>	
All applicants for Government posts will be asked to disclose convictions upon application. Criminal records will only be considered for recruitment purposes when the conviction record is relevant. Having an 'unspent' conviction will not necessarily bar a candidate from employment. This will depend on the circumstances and background to the offence(s).  Any information given will be completely treated as confidential and will be considered only in relation to the post to which the application refers.  Failure by a candidate to reveal information that is directly relevant to the post applied for could lead to the withdrawal of an offer of employment.	



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<b>Person Specification:</b>	Sonographer		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>	<b>Assessment Method</b>
<b>Qualifications &amp; Training:</b>			
Post graduate qualification in Medical Ultrasound	✓		A
BSC Diagnostic Radiography or equivalent 1 <sup>st</sup> degree	✓		A
<b>Knowledge:</b>			
2 years' post qualification experience of scanning including obstetrics, gynaecology and general medical	✓		A/I
Registration with the UK Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) or equivalent national registration body	✓		A/I
Quality assurance/audit experience	✓		A/I
Experience of reporting scans autonomously	✓		A/I
Experience of computerised systems to record and report ultrasound findings.	✓		A/I
Evidence of ongoing continued professional development	✓		
Basic Plain Radiography Skills		✓	A/I
<b>Skills:</b>			
Adaptable, ability to work single handily, confident, resilient	✓		A/I/R
Ability to develop/contribute to service protection and expansion	✓		A/I/R
Experience of breaking bad news to patients (Obstetrics)	✓		A/I/R
High level of inter personal & communication skills to liaise with the medical officers, nurses, and other health care professionals	✓		A/I/R
To be able to organise own work and work under own initiative	✓		A/I/R
To observe confidentiality with respect to patients, staff and information at all times.	✓		A/I/R

## Method of Assessment:

A - Application Form  
 I - Selection Interview  
 P – Presentation  
 R - Reference