**Assistant Practitioner**

**Location: Jarvis Breast Centre**

**Reports to: Superintendent Radiographer**

**Working with: Clinical staff and Clients**

**Introduction:**

To work as part of the mammographic multi-disciplinary team, undertaking screening and assessment radiographic imaging across a full range of mobile and static sites.

The post holder will carry out screening mammography in accordance with the NHS Breast Screening Program and perform the full range of imaging techniques (to include additional views and tomosynthesis) during assessment clinics at the static site.

**What you will do:**

To undertake radiographic duties associated with the provision of a high quality breast screening service within the department and on the mobile screening units in a caring and professional manner.

Process client information and use PC to input clinical details accurately on the NHSBSP database.

To maintain high standards of care through the appropriate use of interpersonal skills and knowledge and the ability to adapt technique to cater for clients with a range of needs.

To perform imaging techniques (to include tomosynthesis and additional views), for which adequate training has been given to a consistently high standard.

Observe and adhere to all relevant quality control tests and checks to include Ultrasound quality assurance.

Conduct self and peer review of mammography examinations (10 per month) using the Image Assessment Tool (IAT).

To attend all mandatory training as directed by InHealth.

To work in accordance with IRR99 and IR(MER) 2000 regulations.

Observe health and safety, and risk management standards and policies, and report all incidents promptly.

**What you are responsible for:**

* Positively identify individuals attending for mammography
* Prepare equipment, individuals and environments appropriately for mammography
* Employ effective positioning and immobilisation to achieve images of high quality
* Undertake screening mammograms at static and mobile sites under an appropriate level of supervision, within the boundaries of knowledge and skill level
* Comply with Health and Safety at work regulations, Ionising Radiation Protection Regulations, Local Rules and departmental policies and protocols
* Observe duty of care for the health, safety and well-being of self, colleagues, visitors and patients in addition to any specific risk management or clinical governance accountabilities associated with the post.
* Maintain high standards of professionalism at all times
* Be responsible, with management support, for your personal development and to actively contribute to the development of colleagues.
* Ensure all infection control standards are adhered to, and high levels of cleanliness are maintained.
* Behave professionally in unpleasant working conditions e.g. body fluids, smells and open wounds. This will require working in Radiation Controlled Areas.
* To maintain a high standard of personal appearance and hygiene as expected within the service and comply with uniform policy
* Be accountable for own professional actions and working within codes of practice and professional guidelines, consulting senior staff as and when necessary
* Have an awareness of scope of practice and refer to a senior member of staff or another member of the healthcare team when required.
* Work individually, collaboratively and in partnership to deliver person-centered care
* Practice safely within relevant legal, ethical, professional and local frameworks and protocols

**What people see in you:**

Highly developed communication skills

Good judgement skills

Sensitive to the needs of the client age group and needs to include clients in assessment clinics and in a highly anxious state.

Commitment to CPD

Motivated and enthusiastic

**You will:**

Be flexible to the needs and working hours of the service, to include travelling to a range of screening sites.

Have a neat and tidy appearance.

Be empathetic to the needs of clients using the service.

Actively participate in QA, specifically Ultrasound and tormam under the guidance of the QA superintendent.

**You have experience of:**

Foundation degree in breast imaging or equivalent.

Working in healthcare

IT skills

CPD

Current full driving licence and car owner