**Skerryvore Practice**

**MEDICAL SECRETARY**

**Full Time Temporary Position (37 hours)   
12 Month Maternity Cover**

**Salary (includes Distant Islands Allowance)**

**£28,523 - £30,652  
Hourly Rate £14.78 - £15.89**

We are looking for a full time enthusiastic and dedicated individual to join our friendly and professional team at Skerryvore Practice, based within The Balfour healthcare facility.  
We are also happy to consider applications from candidates seeking part time hours.

As Medical Secretary, you will play a key role in delivering high quality reception and administrative support, acting as one of the first points of contact for our patients.   
This is a busy and varied role requiring excellent communication skills, attention to detail,   
and a strong sense of confidentiality.

Applicants must be able to work both independently and as part of our mutually supportive team.

Personal development is a high priority for all our members of staff, therefore appropriate initial and ongoing training will be provided.

**An application pack can be obtained by emailing ork.skerryvorepractice@nhs.scot,**

**by contacting the Practice on (01856) 888 240, or by downloading from our website: www.skerryvorepractice.co.uk**

Applications should be returned by 5pm on Tuesday 23rd September

Interviews will take place on Tuesday 30th September

## This post is subject to Disclosure Scotland Clearance

**Please return completed forms to:**

**Lanna Conlon, Practice Manager,**

**Skerryvore Practice, The Balfour, Foreland Road, Kirkwall, KW15 1NZ**

**SKERRYVORE PRACTICE**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE: MEDICAL SECRETARY**

**REPORTS TO: OFFICE SUPERVISOR/ PRACTICE MANAGERS**

**Job Summary:**

Be the first point of contact at the practice, receive and assist patients and direct them in accessing the appropriate service or healthcare professional in a courteous, efficient and effective way.

Provide comprehensive secretarial and administrative service to clinicians and other members of the multi professional teams contributing to the efficient day to day running of the service.

Maintain the practice’s standards of compassion and professionalism.

Due to a conflict of interest, we are unfortunately unable to employ anyone who is registered as a patient at Skerryvore Practice. There is an alternative Practice in Kirkwall where you can register should you be successful in this post.

**Job Responsibilities:**

**Reception Duties**

* Opening up/locking up of office area and maintaining security in accordance with Practice rules
* To take back and divert phone calls from out of hours service as per Practice rules
* Ensure an effective and efficient reception service is provided to patients and any other visitors to the practice
* Deal with all general enquiries, explain procedures and make new and follow-up appointments
* Using your own judgment and communication skills ensure that patients with no prior appointment but who need urgent consultation are seen in a logical and non-disruptive manner
* Explain practice arrangements and formal requirements to new patients and those seeking temporary cover and ensure procedures are completed
* Receive and make telephone calls as required. Divert calls and take messages, ensuring accuracy of detail and prompt appropriate delivery
* Enter requests for home visits into the appropriate visits slot on computer, ensuring careful recording of all relevant details and where necessary refer to Duty Doctor
* Have overall responsibility for ensuring home visits are organised and completed in a timely manner
* Action repeat prescription requests and ensure that they are ready for collection by the patient within 7 days. Have overall responsibility for on-line prescription and answering machine requests.
* Advise patients of relevant charges for private (non General Medical Services) services, accept payment and issue receipts for same
* Enter patient information on to the computer as required

**Secretarial Duties:**

* Daily prioritising of workload according to urgency.
* Make and receive telephone calls to/for GPs, patients, consultant secretaries and outside agencies
* To provide an efficient copy typing and word processing service for GPs and Health Professionals as required. This includes the typing of letters, reports, patient referrals, minutes, etc. in an accurate and quality manner
* To maintain the computer clinical system in an accurate and secure manner
* Electronically scan and file patient records and correspondence into patient’s electronic medical record
* To assist with the gathering of statistics and information when required
* To act as the point of contact when dealing with colleagues in secondary care
* To ensure that patients’ enquiries are handled courteously and efficiently both in person and on the telephone, advising patients within agreed and limited parameters/protocols. Messages should be recorded and relayed as appropriate.
* To receive and dispatch mail and maintain a pending system
* To regularly check e-mails, Mail Manager, Daybook, AccuRx and Docman. Process any in coming laboratory results and out of hours information and file electronically into the patient’s electronic medical record
* Report to the Office Supervisor any significant events relating to IT systems
* To assist the Managers with all clerical and administrative duties or any other additional duties appropriate to the post as requested by the partners or managers

**Confidentiality:**

* In the course of seeking treatment, patients entrust us with, or allow us to gather, sensitive information in relation to their health and other matters. They do so in confidence and have the right to expect that staff will respect their privacy and act appropriately
* In the performance of the duties outlined in this Job Description, the post-holder may have access to confidential information relating to patients and their carers, practice staff and other healthcare workers. They may also have access to information relating to the practice as a business organisation.  All such information from any source is to be regarded as strictly confidential
* Information relating to patients, carers, colleagues, other healthcare workers or the business of the practice may only be divulged to authorised persons in accordance with the practice policies and procedures relating to confidentiality and the protection of personal and sensitive data

**Health & Safety:**

The post-holder will assist in promoting and maintaining their own and others’ health, safety and security as defined in the practice Health & Safety Policy, to include:

* Identifying the risks involved in work activities and undertaking such activities in a way that manages those risks
* Making effective use of training to update knowledge and skills
* Using appropriate infection control procedures, maintaining work areas in a tidy and safe way and free from hazards
* Reporting potential risks identified

**Equality and Diversity:**

The post-holder will support the equality, diversity and rights of patients, carers and colleagues, to include:

* Acting in a way that recognises the importance of people’s rights, interpreting them in a way that is consistent with practice procedures and policies, and current legislation
* Respecting the privacy, dignity, needs and beliefs of patients, carers and colleagues
* Behaving in a manner which is welcoming to and of the individual, is non-judgmental and respects their circumstances, feelings priorities and rights

**Personal/Professional Development:**

The post-holder will participate in any training programme implemented by the practice as part of this employment, such training to include:

* Participation in an annual individual performance review
* Taking responsibility for own development, learning and performance and demonstrating skills and activities to others who are undertaking similar work
* Ensuring there is an accurate and up-to-date list of your own duties (this should detail how to carry these out in step by step instructions) which accessible to all members of the team

**Quality:**

The post-holder will strive to maintain quality within the practice, and will:

* Alert other team members to issues of quality and risk
* Assess own performance and take accountability for own actions, either directly or under supervision
* Contribute to the effectiveness of the team by reflecting on own and team activities and making suggestions on ways to improve and enhance the team’s performance
* Work effectively with individuals in other agencies to meet patient needs
* Effectively manage own time, workload and resources

**Communication:**

The post-holder should recognize the importance of effective communication within the team and will strive to:

* Communicate effectively with other team members
* Communicate effectively with patients and carers
* Recognise people’s needs for alternative methods of communication and respond accordingly

**Contribution to the Implementation of Services:**

The post-holder will:

* Apply practice policies, standards and guidance
* Discuss with other members of the team how the policies, standards and guidelines will affect own work
* Participate in audit where appropriate

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**Job Title:** Medical Secretary

Skerryvore Practice

The Balfour

Foreland Road

Kirkwall

Orkney

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|  | Essential | Desirable |
| **Education & Training:**  ECDL  Business Admin  Good general secondary education to standard grade level | **✓**  **✓** | **✓** |
| **Skills & Knowledge:**  Word Processing Skills  Knowledge of E-mail and Internet  Knowledge of Microsoft Office packages | **✓**  **✓**  **✓** |  |
| **Work Experience**  Experience in dealing with the public |  | **✓** |
| **Disposition**  Neat, tidy disposition  Good communication skills  Ability to work as part of a team  Ability to work on your own initiative  Ability to investigate and resolve problems  Flexible and interested in learning new skills | **✓**  **✓**  **✓**  **✓**  **✓**  **✓** |  |
| **Other**  Have ability to multitask  Have ability to prioritise tasks  Ability to recognise and adhere to need for strict confidentiality | **✓**  **✓**  **✓** |  |

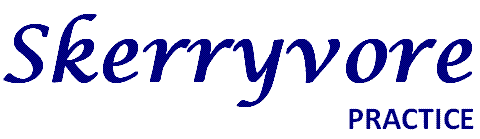
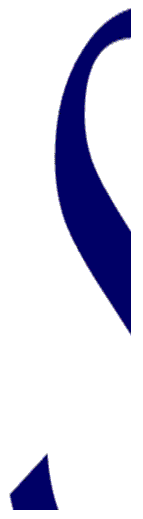
**SKERRYVORE PRACTICE**

Medical Secretary

37 Hours

An example of the full time permanent hours required are below, however if you are available for part time hours only, please state this within your application.

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| Monday | 0830 - 1700 hrs |
| Tuesday | 0830 - 1300 hrs |
| Wednesday | 0830 - 1600 hrs |
| Thursday | 0830 - 1700 hrs |
| Friday | 0900 - 1700 hrs |



**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION**

This form may not allow sufficient space for provision of the information requested, or other information you feel would be relevant to the application. If this is the case, please include additional sheets.

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| **Post applied for:**  **Date of Application:** | **Where did you hear about this Vacancy:**  Skerryvore Practice Website  Newspaper (or their Website) Facebook  Other (please specify) …………................................................. |

**PERSONAL DETAILS:**

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| **Surname:** | | **First Name(s):** | |
| **Current Address:** | | | |
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| **Postcode:** | | | |
| **Telephone No:** | **Daytime:** | | **Evening:** |
| **E-mail address:** |  | | |

**CURRENT (OR MOST RECENT) EMPLOYMENT OR WORK EXPERIENCE**

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| **Title of Post:**  **Number of Hours worked per week:** | |
| **Name and Address of Employer:**  **Postcode:** | |
| **Nature of Business:** | **Date of Appointment:** |
| **Salary and Hourly Rate:**  **(Full time equivalent)** | **Period of Notice / Contract End Date:** |
| **Summary of Duties Responsibilities:**  **Reason for Leaving:** | |

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT** (most recent first - you may include unpaid work)

Please give a brief explanation of any periods of unemployment

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| **Employer’s Name and Address** | **Job Title** | **Salary** | **Date**  **From** | **Date**  **To** | **Reason for leaving** |
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**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS** (most recent first). Include details of any qualifications for which you are currently studying/expect to attain and any professional organisations of which you are a member.

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| Schools, Colleges Universities or other Training organisations | From | To | Qualification Gained |
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**PERSONAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES**

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**INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF THIS APPLICATION**

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| **In your own words, describe the sort of work you think you would be asked to undertake if you were successful in getting this job:**  **Please use the space below to explain why you would be a good applicant for the post:**  (Any experience you have gained, skills you have to offer and personal qualities)  Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary |

**This form should be emailed to** [**lanna.conlon@nhs.scot**](mailto:lanna.conlon@nhs.scot) **or posted to:**

**Miss Lanna Conlon, Practice Manager, Skerryvore Practice,   
The Balfour, Foreland Road, Kirkwall, KW15 1NZ.**

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | |
| Date application received: | Interview: Yes / No |
| Shortlist Yes / No | Notes on references: |

**REFERENCES**

Please give the name, address and telephone number of two people who would be willing to give you a reference. If you are currently or have recently been in employment, one of these should be your current or last employer. If not, a referee should be a person who can make a statement with regard to your character, e.g. a school or college teacher. Referees must not be members of your family or related to you in any way.

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| **Address:** | **Address:** | |
| **Postcode:** | **Postcode:** |
| **Telephone:** | **Telephone:** | |
| **Email Address:** | **Email Address:** | |
| **How does this person know you?** | **How does this person know you?** | |
| **If required, may we take up reference before interview?** Yes / No (delete as applicable) **If No, please give reason why ……………………….** | **If required, may we take up reference before interview?** Yes / No (delete as applicable) **If No, please give reason why ……………………….** | |