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**Occupational Therapy Role Emerging/Extended Scope Placements.  
Information for placement providers.**

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**What is Occupational Therapy?**

Occupational Therapy is a health profession that works with people to enable them to do the things they want or need to do. We work with individuals and communities and often get involved in health promotion and wellbeing activities.

**What is a role emerging/extended scope placement?**

A placement in which students of occupational therapy are placed in an organisation where there is no Occupational Therapist. It is the student's job to work out what occupational therapy could potentially contribute to your organisation.

**What do I have to provide?**

- An onsite mentor who works in your organisation in a substantive post and is willing to provide guidance to the students about the role and remit of your organisation and the opportunities and needs that your organisation addresses.
- Access to the people who use the services of your organisation
- An office base/desk space/meeting space for the students.

### **How are the role emerging/extended scope placement arranged?**

Students are normally placed in pairs. The two students will be with you for 6 weeks, full time from 17<sup>th</sup> April- 26<sup>th</sup> May. They will need to complete a number of hours of work during this time which the person you have identified as the onsite mentor will sign off.

### **What support is there?**

The students will have weekly supervision from an Occupational Therapist. This will be a mixture of face to face on site, and remotely via video conferencing as appropriate. The occupational therapist will support the students to apply occupational therapy skills, theory and philosophy to the work the students will do, and this person is known as the long arm supervisor.

Your organisation will also be given a named contact from the university, known as the University Link Tutor. This person may be the same person as the long arm supervisor, as we sometimes combine the two roles. The University Link Tutor gets involved with the assessment of the students, halfway through the placement and at the end.

### **What is in it for me and my organisation?**

There is a small honorarium paid to your organisation by the University of Lincoln – this is anticipated to be approximately £47 a week per student. (Please note this amount is indicative and will be confirmed nearer the time)

Our MSc Occupational Therapy students bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. They are mature students, on the final year of their two year programme of study. They will already have had two placements before they start with you. They will work in partnership with you to look at the assets of your organisation. They may have new perspectives and may even be able to make recommendations and start projects that can be sustained by your organisation after the end of the placement.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Carolyn Smith or Carol Duff at the details provided above.