

Role description

Title	GB Students Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
Employer	British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS)
Team	GB Students
Manager	GB Students Chef de Mission / BUCS Head of International Student Sport
Team	Deputy Chef de Mission / Lead Physiotherapist and wider HQ team (Games time)
Place of work	Remotely during pre-Games with requirement for medical provision preparations at the BUCS Office (20-24 King's Bench Street London, SE1 0QX) where necessary. Multi-site village model in Chungcheong, Korea.
Main purpose of role	British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is seeking to appoint a highly qualified and experienced volunteer Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to lead medical support and delivery for the GB Students delegation due to compete at the FISU Summer World University Games in 2027.

The successful applicant will take on the role for one World University Games cycle, from appointment through to the conclusion of the Chungcheong 2027 Games, subject to review dependent on performance. The successful candidate will also be encouraged to support the BUCS domestic programme during their tenure.

The FISU Summer World University Games are staged biennially as a celebration of international university sports and culture. The FISU Summer World University Games is considered one of the largest multi-sport Summer Games in the world to the Summer Olympics. The Games represent an experience comparable to an Olympic, Paralympic & Commonwealth Games in terms of scale, village life and competition format.

The next Games are due to be held in Chungcheong, South Korea between 1–12 August 2027 and Great Britain students will compete in a maximum of 18 sports at the Chungcheong Summer Games.

It is anticipated that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will send a delegation of around 100–150 to the FISU Summer World University Games 2027.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Pre-Games (shall include but not be limited to):

- To participate within regular meetings (in-person or via Teams) as a member of the GB Students Senior Leadership Team, offering constructive opinion and support for the overall delivery of medical and performance services across the GB Students Chungcheong 2027 footprint.
- To work closely as part of the GB Students SLT with the BUCS Head of International Student Sport and Lead Physiotherapist in the detailed planning for the 18 months in advance of the Summer World University Games.
- To work with the Chef de Mission, Deputy Chef de Mission, Lead Physiotherapist and BUCS Head of International Student Sport to recruit a diverse team of HQ Doctors and/or Medical Officers to be deployed during the World University Games.
- To establish and build relations with the Organising Committee medical structures to cascade all relevant information to HQ and National Governing Body medical staff.
- To collate, refine and stock check all necessary medical and physiotherapy consumables and equipment required by the HQ clinical team at The Games with the GB Students Lead Physiotherapist, assisting in the ordering, packing and freighting of all items before, during and after The Games in coordination with the BUCS Head of International Student Sport.
- To contribute to pre-event educational resources and materials designed to support delegates, including health promotion, anti-doping awareness and travel health guidance relevant to South Korea.
- To lead on pre-Games medical screening and health preparation requirements for the delegation in liaison with NGB medical staff.

Games Time (shall include but not be limited to):

- To lead and provide high quality medical support to all athletes during their preparation and competition phase and for the whole duration of the World University Games.
- To act as the lead and primary point of contact for all HQ and National Governing Body medical staff throughout the Games.
- To provide a responsive, accessible medical support service to all GB Students delegates, both in a clinic village setting, as an escort during travel, in competition and training venues, on-call and across all other locations deemed appropriate to meet the requirements of the role.
- To ensure a high standard of health promotion and preventative care for athletes and athlete support personnel including Medical Officers, Physiotherapists, Team Leaders, Coaching Staff and others.
- To liaise with other medical personnel and performance services support staff to ensure the highest standards of care for any athlete's injury or illness, and optimum rehabilitation and management extending post-Games, whilst always working within the GMC Good Medical Practice guidelines and the Professional Code set out by the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine (UK): <https://www.fsem.ac.uk/standards-publications/professional-code/>
- To promote drug-free sport and have a working knowledge of UKAD best practice and The Code (WADA).
- To keep detailed, confidential and secure medical records of all consultations.
- To provide accurate reports on medical activity within the village or other locations as required.

- To liaise as required with local medical and emergency services in Chungcheong.
- To input on and act in accordance with Incident Management Reporting.
- To act and meet requirements in accordance with the official FISU regulations.
- To liaise with the Lead Physiotherapist on a regular basis regarding duties and to feed back any issues that arise.
- To participate in pre-event planning of equipment and supplies in conjunction with the Lead Physiotherapist and BUCS Head of International Student Sport.
- To implement and act in accordance with BUCS policy, procedure and priorities in liaison with the BUCS Head of International Student Sport.
- To undertake other duties as delegated by the Chef de Mission as appropriate.
- To produce a detailed post-event medical report in conjunction with the Chef de Mission, Lead Physiotherapist and BUCS Head of International Student Sport.

The successful candidate will play an active role in the pre-Games planning and organisation of the GB Students Delegation.

WORKING HOURS

Working hours will be as required to fulfil the role and the significant fluctuating demands throughout the World University Games. The post-holder will be required to acknowledge this and work in a flexible manner to accommodate all requests where appropriate.

October 2026 – March 2027:

- Monthly meetings relating to medical provision and preparations, event regulations and FISU medical requirements
- Review of previous event medical documentation and incident reports
- Begin identification and recruitment of Medical Officers and HQ clinical team alongside Lead Physiotherapist.
- Contribution to the overarching project plans, in collaboration with the International Student Sport team
- Supporting the International Department with operational tasks including reviewing medical stock, equipment procurement, travel health requirements and insurance cover
- Recruitment and confirmation of HQ medical team alongside Lead Physiotherapist
- Development and delivery of education for staff on the FISU Games medical experience
- Increase in momentum leading up to relevant event registration and medical submission deadlines

April – July 2027:

- Bi-weekly meetings relating to Games preparation and delegate entries
- Finalisation and review of medical records, consent forms and data management processes
- Development of key Games time medical policies, procedures and emergency protocols
- Development of health and travel guidance materials for athletes and NGB staff
- Contributing to the development of the Team Handbook (medical sections)
- Final stock check, packing and freighting of medical consumables and equipment

Noting this list is not exhaustive.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

DBS check up to date and full driving licence. Suitable professional indemnity insurance cover (e.g. MPS/MDU/MDDUS/Sempris) covering work in South Korea for the purposes of providing medical cover to the GB Students delegation must be in place prior to the Games.

RELATIONSHIPS & INTERFACES

Report directly to the GB Students Chef de Mission and Deputy Chef de Mission, who in turn report to the BUCS Head of International Student Sport. Work closely with the Lead Physiotherapist, HQ Staff, NGB Staff at Games, including Team Leaders and support staff.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Of good standing with the GMC and on the GP or SEM Register.
- MSc (or equivalent) in Sports and Exercise Medicine.
- Fellow of the Faculty of Sport & Exercise Medicine (FSEM) UK, or working towards fellowship.
- Current up-to-date Advanced Trauma & Life Support course (e.g. ICIS, ATLS, or equivalent).
- Current and valid certificate in emergency care (REMO, SCRUMCAPS, PHICIS, ALS, ATLS or equivalent).
- Suitable professional indemnity cover (e.g. MPS/MDU/MDDUS/Sempris) covering work in the countries visited for the purposes of providing medical cover to the GB Students delegation.
- Current UKAD Accredited Educator certification.
- Currently working with, or having worked with, elite sport athletes for at least 5–10 years.
- Experience of delivering medical support to athletes and teams at elite competition level.
- An understanding of University sport and the Higher Education sector within the UK's high-performance structure.
- An effective communicator with experience of working within multi-disciplinary performance support teams.

DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Demonstrated commitment to BUCS and university sport by providing medical support as part of the BUCS domestic programme including BUCS Nationals and BUCS Big Wednesday.
- Previous work within the international university sport programme including WUGs, EUGs, EUCs.
- Previous work at similar multi-sport Games including EYOF, YOG, EOG, OG, CWG.
- Leadership experience in Sports and Exercise Medicine.
- Current or previous experience as a Medical Officer within the HCSI network or directly with an NGB.
- Familiarity with FISU medical regulations and anti-doping requirements.
- MHFA Mental Health First Aider.

Appointments will be made subject to satisfactory References.

The post-holder will act in accordance with the BUCS Team Members' Agreement and Code of Conduct.

REMUNERATION

This is an honorary position, although reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be paid (where not otherwise provided).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates can apply by sending their CV and Cover Letter to:

Leyanne Jenkins – BUCS Head of International Student Sport at gbstudents@bucs.org.uk

The deadline for applications is [DATE TBC] 23:59hrs.

Please contact BUCS Head of International Student Sport at gbstudents@bucs.org.uk if you have any questions in relation to your application.