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Consultant Information Pack

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Consultant Specialist Abdominal Wall and
Upper GI Surgeon



JOB TITLE

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DATE OF VACANCY

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BASE

North Devon District Hospital (NDDH)

A Warm Welcome

Hi, I'm Adrian Harris, Chief Medical Officer at the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Thank you for the interest you have shown in working with us at what is an exciting time for our organisation. We are one of the largest healthcare Trusts in the country and we have ambitions to be a clinically-led, digitally-enabled teaching organisation.

Our Trust is a special place to work. We foster creativity, innovation and a personal approach to high-quality patient care. We are proud of our surgical department, which is nationally recognised for its multidisciplinary specialist clinical care and research activity. We are committed to further developing this successful and cohesive team and want to bring the very best clinicians to Devon.

Good luck with your application and I look forward to meeting you soon.



Prof Adrian Harris



Application and Advisory Appointments Committee

The posts are offered on a whole-time basis (10PA) but suitably-qualified applicants who wish to work part-time will be considered. We are committed to flexible working arrangements, including job sharing, and we will discuss these arrangements with any shortlisted candidates.

We welcome applications from established consultants and senior trainees who will be within six months of completion of specialist training at the time of the Advisory Appointments Committee.

Applicants must have completed specialist training in General Surgery and have entered on the GMC Specialist Register prior to taking up the appointment.

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Introduction

The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is seeking to appoint a Consultant Specialist Abdominal Wall and Upper GI Surgeon to join the department of General Surgery for its Northern services, based at North Devon's Comprehensive Hernia Centre in North Devon District Hospital.

Our combined General Surgery department is friendly, successful and ambitious. The successful applicant will be expected to support the development of our specialist abdominal wall unit and the upper GI surgical department. It is essential that candidates have sub-specialty training in abdominal wall surgery, including advanced laparoscopic or robotic skills. Endoscopic skills are essential with requirement for the candidate to have or be close to obtaining JAG accreditation or equivalent experience in Upper GI Endoscopy. The Royal Devon is a Trust which encourages and supports innovation, diversity, digital development and research.

“Our Trust is frequently voted as the top acute and community trust in the country for staff satisfaction”

Highlights of the Role

Research and innovation. Research active departments deliver better clinical outcomes for patients. We have a large programme of investigator-led and commercial research studies which have been internationally recognised for their programme of multi-site, award-winning research. Research interests are strongly encouraged and supported. We have a multimillion-pound research facility, dedicated research staff and collaborative links with researchers from across the University of Exeter. Funded time for the development of research proposals is available for interested consultants.

Training and development.

Service development. The Royal Devon's core services support a population of more than 615,000 people across more than 2,000 square miles across Devon. The scale of operation brings opportunities to establish and develop innovative new services to better meet the needs of our patients such as harnessing technology to deliver remote patient consultations and disease monitoring.

Teaching. The Royal Devon enjoys close ties with the University of Exeter Medical School. We offer funded time for teaching of medical students and junior doctors. We are planning a regular programme of evening educational meetings, which will bring the Eastern and Northern teams together providing opportunities for your CPD.

Career progression. The size and structure of our team create opportunities for rapid progression to areas of increased responsibility.

On-call rotas. The on-call rota will be on a 1 in 8 week day and 1 in 12 weekend basis with prospective cover included in the job plan. The emergency work is arranged as an "on-call week" Monday to Thursday with a post-take session on Friday and an "on-call weekend" from Friday to Monday morning with post-

take sessions on Monday. Consultants have no elective commitments during the "on-call week" but remain on site from 8am to 8pm to facilitate consultant review of all new patients within 14 hours and fulfil the requirements of Seven-Day Services. Overnight cover is provided by a separate consultant to allow adequate rest.

The colorectal and upper GI consultants also provide cover on weekdays when a non-specialist surgeon is on "hot week". The UGI and gastroenterology consultants participate in the separate GI bleed endoscopy rota, arranged to coincide with the surgical on-call as far as possible.

Electronic patient record. We went live with the EPIC electronic patient record system across our Eastern services in 2020 and our Northern services in 2022. We are optimising the way we use the system, but we are already seeing huge benefits for our patients. EPIC is transforming the way we deliver care across our Trust, allowing teams to share the caseload across Devon and provide care to patients remotely.

Location and relocation. We are fortunate to be based in the beautiful South West of England, with the cultural city of Exeter, the rolling moors of Exmoor and Dartmoor, and a multitude of stunning beaches on our doorsteps. We have low rates of crime and excellent education - schools and further education colleges are good or outstanding, and Exeter boasts a top Russell group university. We can offer you accommodation to support a visit and a relocation package should you choose to come to Devon.

A more comprehensive explanation of all of these elements can be found within this job pack, but if you have any questions then please do get in touch or arrange a visit to come and see us. Contact details are at the back of this pack.

About Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Our core services support a population of over 615,000 people and cover more than 2,000 square miles across Devon. This makes us one of the largest providers of integrated health care in the UK, and the biggest employer in Devon, with more than 15,000 staff.

We have two acute hospitals, 20 community locations, outpatient clinics and community teams who care for people within their own homes. We also provide primary care and a range of specialist services which extends our reach throughout the South West Peninsula as far as Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

As a newly formed Foundation Trust in April 2022, We are embracing change, innovation and technology in our ambitions to be a digitally-enabled, clinically-led teaching organisation. We are developing new ways of working and investing in new infrastructure, equipment and facilities. There has never been a better time to join us.

The Royal Devon is committed to supporting the personal and professional development of our consultant staff and in turn improving the care offered to our patients. This might include developing or introducing innovative care models and bringing these to rural patients, teaching the doctors of tomorrow or undertaking award-winning clinical research. Examples include our specialist nurses, who were recognised in the British Journal of Nursing Awards for their innovations during the COVID pandemic, our inflammatory bowel disease research team who were recognised with the national team award for their contribution to the NIHR portfolio, and our recent launch of a world-first national genetic testing service from our labs, which can rapidly test DNA samples of babies and children, so we can provide life-saving treatment.

You'll find more information about the role and the Trust in this pack. Further information is also available on our website

www.royaldevon.nhs.uk.



About the Trust and Service Structure

The Royal Devon's Board of Directors is chaired by Dame Shan Morgan and is comprised of both executive and non-executive directors. The executive directors manage the day to day operational and financial performance of the Trust.

These consist of the chief executive officer (Sam Higginson), deputy chief executive officer (Chris Tidman), chief medical officer (Adrian Harris), chief nursing officer (Carolyn Mills), chief operating officer (John Palmer), chief finance officer (Angela Hibbard), and chief people officer (Hannah Foster).

Our General Surgery services are based at North Devon District Hospital (NDDH) and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) (RD&E) and sit within the Surgical Care Group.

Our Trust wide operational service structure is divided into five care groups, each with a medical director, a care group director and a director of patient care. For the Surgical Care Group, the medical director is Karen Davies, the care group director is Nicola Dugay and the director of patient care is Lucy Bates. All permanent medical staff are members of the Medical Staff Committee which has an elected Chairperson who represents the group at the Trust Management Committee.

More information about our structure and services can be found on the Trust website at www.royaldevon.nhs.uk

The Department of General Surgery

[Applications are invited for the post of Consultant Specialist Abdominal Wall and Upper GI Surgeon at North Devon Comprehensive Hernia Centre in North Devon District Hospital. The post has arisen as a result of expansion and the successful applicant will join a dynamic team of specialist abdominal wall surgeons and emergency surgeons; with four upper GI and abdominal wall consultants, five consultant colorectal surgeons, and four emergency general surgical consultants.

The successful applicant will be expected to support the development of our specialist abdominal wall unit and the upper GI surgical department. It is essential that candidates have sub-specialty training in abdominal wall surgery, including advanced laparoscopic or robotic skills. Endoscopic skills are essential with requirement for the candidate to have or be close to obtaining JAG accreditation or equivalent experience in Upper GI Endoscopy.

The North Devon Comprehensive Hernia Centre sits within the Academic Department of Abdominal Wall and Upper GI Surgery, and offers a tertiary referral service for the region and also receives national referrals for advanced management of complex abdominal wall hernias and chronic pain following hernia surgery. In the region of 100 out of area referrals are received every year, making the service one of the largest in England. The team have developed well-defined patient pathways for the management of complex hernias and offer advanced techniques to this complex group of patients, including anterior and posterior component separation, peritoneal flap technique, preoperative chemical component separation with Botox, robotic abdominal wall surgery. The centre has an active research program, affiliated with the University of Exeter, and both undergraduate and post-graduate educational programmes. The abdominal wall department has two dedicated advanced clinical practitioners who support the department. There is a post-CCT fellow in abdominal wall surgery and the successful candidate

will be responsible for their training along with the other abdominal wall surgeons.

Emergency admissions come through a dedicated Surgical Admissions unit, with ancillary Ambulatory Assessment Area. There is a five day a week emergency surgical clinic. The trust is one the highest performing trust in the United Kingdom in performing early cholecystectomy after index admissions with gallstone disease. It is envisaged that the successful applicant will form part of the hot gallbladder rota.

There is a weekly Colorectal Cancer MDT with a combined Hepato-biliary MDT by video-link every other week. North Devon District Hospital (NDDH) is a designated Cancer Unit, supported by oncologists from the Royal Devon & Exeter Trust with a dedicated Chemotherapy Unit. Radiotherapy services are sited at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

The department has Specialty Registrars, Core Surgical Trainees and Foundation Doctors, rotating within their respective Peninsula Training Programmes. There are also a number of experienced SAS surgeons and clinical fellows. Recently, we have trained a cadre of Physician's Associates and advanced clinical practitioners who support the teams and the emergency take. We are allied to the University of Exeter Medical School and are actively involved in teaching medical students. There are ample opportunities for teaching and training throughout the Trust and the region. The Trust encourages involvement with research and national clinical audit.

The post is based at North Devon District Hospital (NDDH), the northern site of the new Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. We are a newly formed NHS Trust with a vast geographical footprint, serving a population of over 615,000 people and covering more than 2000 square miles across Devon. This makes us one of the largest providers of integrated health care in the UK, and the biggest employer in Devon with a workforce of over 15,000 staff.

Our services include two acute hospitals, 17 community hospitals, outpatient clinics, and community teams who care for people within their own homes. We

also provide primary care and a range of specialist services, stretching from coastline to coastline, extending our reach throughout the South West Peninsula as far as Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Putting this into perspective, our urgent and emergency services saw more than 183,000 attendances last year, more than 500 people a day.

Established in April 2022, the Royal Devon brings together the expertise of Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, embracing change and innovation to develop new medical models, new ways of working, ground-breaking research and huge levels of investment into new infrastructure, equipment and facilities. There has never been a better time to join us.

The scale of operation provides amazing opportunities for our consultant specialists to develop their careers and progress in their field of interest, from harnessing innovation to deliver care to rural patients, or undertaking award-winning clinical research. Last year for example, our gastroenterology team were recognised at the NIHR Clinical Research Network (BSG/NIHR CRN) research awards for making an outstanding contribution to the NIHR portfolio studies.

The Royal Devon is a university hospital Trust and in addition to the teaching opportunities that you would expect, there are educational programmes, specialist networks and the opportunity to receive teaching as well as the training of medical students.

In terms of your own development, wherever you are based there are rotational opportunities available to cover a diverse mix of patients, complex conditions and specialist procedures, working with the latest equipment and under the guidance of senior consultant physicians that are at the very top of their game.

Like many other NHS organisations, our patients are treated by multidisciplinary teams. At the Royal Devon we invest heavily in training and development, supporting our teams to work at the very top of their registration. Typically, this means that you will be free to spend more time with patients, working in a consultative role or developing the service.

Outside of work, with miles of golden beaches, National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Devon offers an excellent quality of life and is consistently voted as one of the best places to live in England. Please search #loveNDHT on YouTube for more details.

Outpatients

There are regular elective outpatient clinics at North Devon District Hospital. Clinics at peripheral hospitals may also be scheduled. If agreed, these would not exceed alternate weeks and travel time would be included as direct clinical care (DCC). While off-site, clinical cover for inpatients would be provided by the on-call consultant.

Specialist abdominal wall clinics run twice a week and is supported by the advanced clinical practitioners. These clinics divided between the specialist abdominal surgeons who make up North Devon Comprehensive Hernia Centre.

When on-call, there are Surgical Emergency Clinics each weekday during the “hot week”. This enables rapid senior assessment and has been heralded by NHSI as excellent care. We have a dedicated Surgical Assessment Unit, the set-up of which was used as an exemplar by the NHS England Seven-Day Services team. This has a co-located ambulatory assessment area to facilitate rapid assessment of ambulatory patients, where possible.

Endoscopy

Regular endoscopy lists are scheduled.

Operating Lists

The job will include specialist abdominal wall operating including robotic surgery. Sessions include time to see patients pre- and post-operatively and appropriate time for ward rounds of inpatients. The on-call consultant covers the dedicated emergency list during the “hot week”. The successful applicant will also participate in the hot gallbladder Rota.

Ward rounds

It is expected that the successful candidate will perform routine and on-call ward rounds. We run an upper GI hot week structure whereby the consultant of the week will perform the ward round and be responsible for any new referrals as well as triaging outpatient referrals. This responsibility is shared evenly amongst the upper GI consultants.

Consultant Medical Staff

The general surgery department at North Devon District Hospital is staffed by twelve consultant surgeons, to which this post will be incorporated:

Mr Iain Bain	Colorectal Surgeon
Ms Ceri Beaton	(Subspecialty Lead) Colorectal Surgeon
Mr Mark Cartmell	Colorectal Surgeon
Mrs Katie Cross	Colorectal Surgeon
Mr David Bunting	(Subspecialty Lead) Upper GI Surgeon
Prof John Findlay	Upper GI Surgeon
Prof David Sanders	(Clinical Director) Upper GI Surgeon
Mr Anjum Arain	Emergency General Surgeon
Ms Karin Pansell	(Subspecialty Lead) Emergency General Surgeon
Mr David Williams	Emergency General Surgeon
Mrs Anna Conway	Breast Surgeon
Ms Jenny Banks	Breast Surgeon
Ms Anita Banks	Breast Surgeon



PROFESSIONS ALLIED TO MEDICINE

Consultants at the Trust have access to an amazing team of specialised support including:

Seven SAS surgeons

One post CCT abdominal wall fellow

Nine Specialty Registrars

Ten Junior Doctors (providing on-call cover in combination with urology)

Two Advanced Clinical Practitioners

Three Physician's Associates

In addition to medical staff, the team includes an experienced team of nurses and therapists, including a clinical nurse specialist, a stoma nurse team of 4.5 WTE and an inflammatory bowel disease nurse.

Departmental Meetings

The department has regular meetings, including a weekly team business meeting and monthly consultant meetings and governance meetings.

Administration and Secretarial Support

You will undertake administrative work associated with your clinical and other professional work. Adequate time and facilities for clinical administration, including appropriate office space, secretarial support and access to a personal computer, software and internet access, will be available



Supporting Professional Activities

You will participate in a variety of professional activities (SPA) to support your personal clinical practice and the overall work of the department and Trust. All consultants receive 1.5 SPA sessions for generic non-clinical work. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Appraisals, job planning and revalidation
- Personal and professional development, including service development
- Professional administration, including related correspondence
- Clinical supervision of junior staff and other educational activities
- Governance and quality improvement activities
- Departmental, divisional and other clinical or managerial meetings

Further details are published in the job planning policy.

Continuing Professional Development

The Trust supports the requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) as laid down by the GMC Guide to Good Medical Practice. You will work with clinical & managerial colleagues to deliver high quality clinical care, within the management structure of the Trust and are expected to follow Trust policies and procedures, both statutory and local, including participation in the WHO surgical checklist.

You will be expected to take part in personal clinical audit, training, quality assessment and other professional activities including continuing medical education. It is expected that you will participate in multi-source feedback, and participate in annual Appraisal and in Revalidation.

You will also participate in activities that contribute to the performance of the department and the Trust as a whole, including clinical and academic meetings, service development and educational activities. The Trust is committed to providing time and financial support for these activities.

Revalidation

The Trust has the required arrangements in place, as laid down by the Royal College of Surgeons, to ensure that all doctors have an annual appraisal with a trained appraiser, and supports doctors going through the revalidation process.

Research

Investigator-led and clinical trial research has a prominent place in the Royal Devon. Patients are given the opportunity to participate in a wide number of studies.

The University of Exeter Medical School has an excellent research reputation from basic biomedical research through to patient-centred research. The group is supported by the University of Exeter and NIHR biomedical research centre.

Audit is supported by the Clinical Audit & Effectiveness Department. The department of surgery participates in a number of national audits, including the Sunflower study.

Research within the Trust is managed in accordance with the requirements of the Research Governance Framework. You must observe all reporting requirement systems and duties of action put in place by the Trust to deliver research governance

The Research, Innovation, Learning and Development (RILD) building on the RD&E Wonford site is a £27.5m development which consists of the Wellcome Wolfson Centre for Medical Research, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), Exeter Clinical Research Facility and a new Post Graduate Education Centre. The RILD is now home to a number of the Medical School's laboratory-based research teams, comprising both clinical research areas and class two and three medical research laboratories, complete with offices, meeting rooms and write-up areas.

Active assistance in the planning and design of research projects is available from the Research and Development Support Unit based on the RD&E Wonford hospital site. The Trust has an active academic strategy to facilitate research, development and teaching.

Candidates who wish to pursue a research interest alongside their clinical work will be strongly encouraged by the department and are eligible for support from the University of Exeter Medical School.

University of Exeter Medical School

The University of Exeter is high-ranking in both UK and global standings and is a member of the Russell Group of leading research-based institutions. It has ambitious plans for the future and has invested heavily in its facilities in recent years.

The Medical School's cutting-edge research is driven by important clinical questions. It focuses on translational and applied research in areas of greatest health burden and greatest opportunity for scientific

advance, principally: diabetes, cardiovascular risk and ageing; neurological disorders and mental health; environment and human health; and health services research. It spans basic through clinical science to clinical trials and health policy.

UEMS delivers two highly-regarded and innovative undergraduate degrees: the BSc in Medical Sciences and Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS). In addition, the Medical School offers a range of postgraduate programmes and courses. The curriculum reflects today's evolving models of care and patient experience in acute, primary and community care settings.

Building on the excellent educational reputation of the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry and using problem-based learning in small groups, the BMBS programme reflects the belief that doctors need to adopt a socially accountable approach to their work and to understand the human and societal impact of disease as well as the community-wide context of contemporary healthcare provision.

UEMS graduates will be both capable and confident, whether they are clinicians, managers, educators or researchers and will be committed to life-long scholarship. Years one and two of the BMBS programme are based at the St Luke's Campus in Exeter and lay the scientific foundations for the future years of the course. There is clinical contact from year one and students begin acquisition of a range of transferable skills, learning science within a clinical context.

UEMS students spend years three and four of their programme at the Royal Devon and Exeter (Wonford) Hospital and North Devon District Hospital, as well as at the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro and in their surrounding general practices and community health environments.

The consultants in the General Surgery Department are all involved in teaching students. The postholder is encouraged to develop interests in education and training and there are many opportunities to develop these interests both locally and more widely



Outline Job Plan

A provisional outline job plan is included but is subject to modification. The individual job plan and detailed timetable will be discussed with the successful candidate. Special interests will be accommodated where they are compatible with service requirements.

It is expected that the initial job plan will be agreed within three months of the start date and will be reviewed annually or earlier, if necessary

Predictable & unpredictable on-call work	1.50
Weekday emergency work, including scheduled emergency lists	2.10
Routine outpatient clinics	1.00
Elective operating lists	1.00
Endoscopy Sessions	1.00
Flexible ward rounds	0.40
MDT Meetings	0.50
Administration	1.00
SPA	
Generic	1.00
Non-generic	0.50
Total	10.00

ON-CALL ROTA

The on-call rota will be on a 1 in 8 week day and 1 in 12 weekend basis with prospective cover included in the job plan. The emergency work is arranged as an “on-call week” Monday to Thursday with a post-take session on Friday and an “on-call weekend” from Friday to Monday morning with post-take sessions on Monday. Consultants have no elective commitments during the “on-call week” but remains on site from 8am to 8pm to facilitate consultant review of all new patients within 14 hours and fulfil the requirements of Seven-Day Services. Overnight cover is provided by a separate consultant to allow adequate rest.

The colorectal and upper GI consultants also provide cover on weekdays when a non-specialist surgeon is on “hot week”. The UGI and gastroenterology consultants participate in the separate GI bleed endoscopy rota, arranged to coincide with the surgical on-call as far as possible.

Provisional Timetable

Timetables are on a 48-week cycle to accommodate the emergency working pattern.

The emergency work is timetabled to accommodate the requirements of the national Seven Day Services standards including face to face review of all new admissions within 14 hours. Consultant “emergency days” include time for morning & evening ward rounds, ward reviews, emergency lists and surgical emergency clinics; plus clinical administration time. PA allocations for the scheduled emergency work and the predictable/ unpredictable on-call work include an appropriate amount for internal prospective cover.

DCC admin and SPA time (generic & non-generic) has not been specified in this provisional timetable but will be timetabled for clarity. It is accepted that, on occasion, Administrative or SPA work may need to be time-shifted to accommodate other commitments.

Shaded boxes indicate days on which the consultant will provide overnight non-resident on-call cover from 8pm until 8am.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	OPD	Theatre	Team meeting Abdominal wall MDT	Theatre		
2	Endoscopy	Theatre	Team meeting Abdominal wall MDT			
3	OPD	Endoscopy	Team meeting Abdominal wall MDT			
4	On-call	On-call	On-call	On-call	Post Take	
5	OPD	Theatre	Team meeting	Theatre	OPD	Theatre

			Abdominal wall MDT			
6	Endoscopy	Theatre	Team meeting Abdominal wall MDT		Endoscopy	Theatre
7	OPD	Endoscopy	Team meeting Abdominal wall MDT		OPD	Endoscopy
8					On-call	On-call
9	Post take		Team meeting Abdominal wall MDT			
10	OPD	Endoscopy	Team meeting Abdominal wall MDT			

Person Specification

Applicants must demonstrate on the application form that they fulfil all essential criteria to be considered for shortlisting. Appointment is subject to pre-employment checks, including occupational health, DBS checks and a minimum of three satisfactory references, including one from your current Responsible Officer.

Requirement	Essential Attributes	Desirable Attributes
Qualifications and Training		
Professional qualifications	Primary Medical Qualification (MBBS or equivalent). An appropriate higher general surgical q	An appropriate higher degree or qualification (MD, PhD or equivalent). Qualification in Teaching and Learning. Distinctions, Prizes, Scholarships. Additional postgraduate qualifications.
Professional training and memberships	Full GMC registration and license to practice. Entry on the GMC Specialist Register in General Surgery via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCT (proposed CCT date must be within 6 months of interview date) • CESR (or applied for CESR at time of interview) • European Community Rights Membership of Royal College of *** or equivalent qualification.	
Clinical Experience		
Employment	Evidence of completion of a comprehensive broad-based, general surgical training programme at specialty registrar level or equivalent. or Clear demonstration of equivalent experience, with a minimum of six years at a level comparable with or senior to Specialty Registrar. Evidence of training in emergency and benign upper GI general surgery Evidence of advanced abdominal wall training Career progression consistent with personal circumstances.	Specialist fellowship in subspecialty interest. Additional sub-specialty experience. Robotic experience
Clinical knowledge and skills	Demonstrates ability to fulfil comprehensive general surgery duties at consultant level. Able to take full and independent responsibility for clinical care of patients and provide an expert clinical opinion on a range of problems.	Demonstrates awareness of breadth of clinical issues Clinical feedback from colleagues and patients

	<p>Demonstrates a clear, logical approach to clinical problems and an appropriate level of clinical knowledge. Able to prioritise clinical need.</p> <p>Portfolio of practical clinical experience, including evidence of ability to perform complex open and laparoscopic emergency surgical procedures.</p> <p>JAG accreditation in Upper GI endoscopy or equivalent experience.</p> <p>Caring approach to patients</p>	
Requirement	Essential Attributes	Desirable Attributes
Non-clinical skills		
Teaching	<p>Evidence of previous teaching and training experience.</p> <p>Willingness and ability to contribute to departmental and Trust teaching programmes.</p>	<p>Defined educational roles or qualifications.</p> <p>Evidence of teaching of undergraduates, junior doctors and multi-professional groups.</p>
Management of change and quality improvement	<p>Demonstrates clear understanding of quality improvement and clinical governance within the NHS.</p> <p>Demonstrates willingness to implement evidence-based practice.</p> <p>Evidence of effective personal contributions to clinical audit, governance, and risk reduction.</p>	<p>Evidence of innovative development and implementation of guidance.</p> <p>Evidence of involving patients in practice development.</p> <p>Evidence of willingness and ability to develop services.</p>
Innovation, research, publications and presentations	<p>Understanding of the principles of scientific method and interpretation of medical literature.</p> <p>Demonstrates a critical and enquiring approach to knowledge acquisition.</p> <p>Demonstrates understanding of the research governance framework.</p>	<p>Recent evidence of relevant research, presentations or publications.</p>
Management and leadership experience	<p>Demonstrates familiarity with and understanding of NHS structures, management and current political issues, including an awareness of national strategic plan and constraints.</p> <p>Demonstrates willingness to lead clinical teams and develop an effective specialist clinical service.</p>	<p>Experience of formal leadership roles or training.</p>
Communication and personal skills	<p>Good spoken and written English language skills.</p> <p>Communicates effectively with patients, relatives, colleagues, GPs, nurses, allied health professionals and outside agencies.</p> <p>Evidence of ability to work with multi-professional teams and to establish good professional relationships.</p>	<p>Evidence of patient and colleague feedback.</p> <p>Excellent presentation skills, engages audience.</p>
Other requirements		
Motivation and management of personal practice	<p>Punctual and reliable.</p>	<p>Demonstrates initiative in personal practice.</p>

	<p>Good personal organizational and prioritization skills, achieve deadlines.</p> <p>Takes responsibility for personal practice and is able to cope well with stressful situations.</p> <p>Commitment to continuing medical education and professional development.</p> <p>Flexible and adaptable attitude.</p>	<p>Willingness to undertake additional professional responsibilities at local level.</p>
Commitment to post	Demonstrates enthusiasm for Devon as a place to live and work.	

Main Conditions of Service

Appointment is to the NHS Consultant Contract (2003) under the current Terms and Conditions of Service for Hospital Medical and Dental Staff (England and Wales) and the Conditions of Service determined by the General Whitley Council for the Health Services (Great Britain). These are nationally agreed and may be amended or modified from time to time by either national agreement or local negotiation with the BMA local negotiating committee.

The employer is the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The appointee will be professionally accountable to the Chief Medical Officer and managerially accountable to the Chief Executive Officer.

The postholder is required to have full registration with a licence to practice with the General Medical Council and to ensure that such registration is maintained for the duration of the appointment.

Salary Scale

This is as described in the Medical and Dental Terms and Conditions, in line with the Consultant Contract (2003). The current full-time salary scale ranges from £105,504 - £139,882 with eight thresholds. The on-call supplement is category A and attracts a supplement of 3% of basic salary.

Leave

Annual leave entitlement is as described in Schedule 18 of the Terms and Conditions of Service: Consultant (England) 2003. Further details are available in the Senior Medical Staff Leave Policy.

Locum cover for leave will not normally be provided. It is expected that consultants within the department will coordinate leave to ensure that an appropriate level of service (emergency, urgent and routine) is maintained.

Domicile

Consultants are expected to reside within a reasonable distance of the main acute hospital to which they are affiliated, normally within 10 miles or 30 minutes. Exceptions must be agreed with the medical director or chief executive. **A relocation package will be considered if relocation is necessary to meet these requirements.**

Duty to be contactable.

Subject to the provisions in Schedule 8, consultants must ensure that there are clear and effective arrangements so that the employing organisation can contact a post holder immediately at any time during a period when a post holder is on-call.

Indemnity

The post-holder is not contractually obliged to subscribe to a professional defence organisation but

should ensure that they have adequate defence cover for non-NHS work.

Mentoring

New consultants will have access to mentoring and are encouraged to take advantage of this facility. This will be arranged following discussion and mutual agreement between the individual and the medical director.

Professional Performance

The Trust expects all doctors to work within the guidelines of the GMC Guide to Good Medical Practice. You will work with clinical and managerial colleagues to deliver high quality clinical care, within the management structure of the Trust and are expected to follow Trust policies and procedures, both statutory and local, including participation in the WHO surgical checklist.

You will be expected to take part in personal clinical audit, training, quality assessment and other professional activities, including continuing medical education, annual appraisal, job planning and revalidation. It is expected that you will participate in multi-source feedback from both colleagues and patients. You will undertake administrative work associated with management of your clinical and professional practice.

You will be responsible for leadership of junior doctors within the specialty as agreed in your job plan and will be accountable for the effective and efficient use of any resources under your control.

You will also participate in activities that contribute to the performance of the department and the Trust as a whole, including clinical and academic meetings, service development and educational activities. Service developments that require additional resources must have prior agreement from the Trust.

Reporting Concerns

The Trust is committed to providing safe and effective care for patients. There is an agreed procedure that enables staff to report “quickly and confidentially, concerns about the conduct, performance or health of medical colleagues”, as recommended by the chief medical officer (December 1996).

All medical staff practising in the Trust must ensure that they are familiar with the procedure and apply it if necessary.

Serious Untoward Incidents

It is expected that you will report all risks, incidents and near misses in accordance with the Trust governance structure. You will be required, on occasion, to lead or assist with investigation of incidents and implementation of risk-reducing measures to safeguard patients, visitors and staff. You must comply with the Duty of Candour legislation.

Research and Audit

Audit is supported by the clinical audit and effectiveness department and we encourage all levels of staff to undertake quality improvement projects. Research within the Trust is managed in accordance with the requirements of the Research Governance Framework. You must observe all reporting requirement systems and duties of action put in place by the Trust to deliver research governance.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Trust is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and you will be required to act at all times to protect patients. The appointees may have substantial access to children under the provisions of Joint Circular No HC (88) 9 HOC 8.88 WHC (88) 10. Please be advised that, in the event that your appointment is recommended, you will be asked to complete a form disclosing any convictions, bind-over orders or cautions and to give permission in writing for

a DBS check to be carried out. Refusal to do so could prevent further consideration of the application.

Rehabilitation of Offenders

Attention is drawn to the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 as amended by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 1986, which allow convictions that are spent to be disclosed for this purpose by the police and to be taken into account in deciding whether to engage an applicant.

This post is not protected by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974. You must disclose all information about all convictions (if any) in a court of law, no matter when they occurred. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Health and Safety

Employees are required to take reasonable care to avoid injury or accident while carrying out their duties, in compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, various statutory regulations, Trust and departmental guidelines, policies and procedures. This will be supported by provision of appropriate training and specialist advice.

Infection Prevention and Control

The Trust is committed to reducing hospital-acquired infections. All staff are expected to ensure that infection risks are minimised in line with national and Trust policies and best practice. They are supported in this by the infection prevention and control team.

Our Approach to Inclusion and Diversity

Inclusion is fundamental to our approach to organisational development, culture, service improvement, and public and patient engagement.

It is one of our core values and we have an inclusion lead to provide strategic oversight to the inclusion agenda. Our inclusion steering group is chaired by our CEO, Sam Higginson, and reports its progress to the Board of Directors.

Our aim is to create a positive sense of belonging for everyone, regardless of their background or identity, and to value visible and invisible differences, so everybody is respected and valued, and everyone feels comfortable bringing their whole selves to work and able to reach their full potential.

We have staff inclusion champions who provide information to colleagues and promote inclusion

opportunities. We also have a range of networks which colleagues can join, including:

- Disability network
- LGBTQ+ network
- Ethnic minority network
- Neurodiversity Network

Once colleagues join us, we can share with them more information, including how to join any of these groups.



Living in Devon

Devon offers a quality of life few other English counties can match. Where else will you find such a unique landscape that encompasses over 450 miles of dramatic coastline, rugged moorland and gently winding rivers?

Interspersed with vibrant market towns, chocolate-box villages and sleepy hamlets, it is easy to see why we are consistently voted as one of the top places to live in the country.

Devon's outdoor lifestyle is its biggest draw. This natural playground is unsurpassed with over a third of the county designated as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll have over 5,000 km of footpaths and 250km of off-road cycle paths to explore, not to mention endless opportunities to surf along the vast stretch of Atlantic coastline or paddleboard across tidal estuaries.

There are good transport links to the rest of Devon, including the M5 and regular trains to Exeter with its art galleries, museum and theatres. Your taste buds will find plenty to savour here too - Devon is rightly proud of the farmers and producers who make the South West one of the best regions in the UK to enjoy locally produced food and drink. Northern Devon also benefits from an excellent range of community, private schools and colleges for further education.

Whether you fancy surfing or fishing, cycling or climbing, fine dining or hearty pub fare, the county really does have it all.

“Never let it be said, it’s all work and no play. Not here in Devon.”

Vibrant Cities and Friendly Market Towns

A thriving, forward-looking city, Exeter is home to the world-leading Met Office, boasts the UK's first leisure centre built to ultra-energy-efficient Passivhaus standard and has one of the top 20 universities in the country.

At the very heart of the city is Exeter Cathedral, an architectural gem surrounded by cobbled streets and beautiful old buildings, many of them shops and eateries. In the compact city centre, you can stroll alongside parts of the ancient Roman wall, visit the remains of Rougemont Castle or explore the depths of Exeter's historic Underground Passages. Exeter Phoenix Arts Centre and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), add to the cultural mix, plus you'll have performance venues such as the Northcott Theatre, the Barnfield Theatre and Corn Exchange close to the city centre.

The main shopping area provides a wide range of leading High Street brands alongside an eclectic mix of independent shops, many to be found in the narrow thoroughfares off Cathedral Close and the High Street. Nearby Fore Street is a haven for all things vintage and retro. Exeter also has a historic quayside, a great spot to sit and watch the world go by at one of the many cafes and restaurants with al fresco dining.

Friendly Market Towns

You'll find an array of historic towns across North Devon and Torridge such as Okehampton, famed for its easy access to stunning Dartmoor. Heading towards North Devon, you'll also have delights such as the charming harbour town of Ilfracombe and the riverside port of Bideford.

Great for Families

Outstanding Ofsted-rated primary schools, high-ranking secondaries and proximity to two leading universities are some of the biggest draws to Devon, making this a desired destination for families. Whether you have young children or teenagers in tow, the sheer quality of education and extra-curricular activities available are guaranteed to impress.

Living and travelling

Housing wise, housing stock is diverse, with everything from thatched moorland cottages to Georgian townhouses and contemporary builds. Time and distance are different here, too. Many residents in this – the fourth largest county in the UK – are happy to travel up to an hour or more for work. This means there's a great deal of choice when it comes to finding somewhere to live.

Transport links are also good. The county has more than 8,000 miles of road – the largest road network anywhere in the country, although (it has to be said) many are narrow Devon lanes.

From Exeter's main station, Exeter St David's, there are fast and frequent rail services to Bristol (one hour), London (around two hours to Paddington) and Birmingham (under three hours to Birmingham New Street). Exeter itself has an impressive rail network with no fewer than nine stations serving different parts of the city. There are a number of branch lines providing services to Mid and North Devon, Dartmoor and the Exe Estuary. Exeter International Airport provides flights to numerous destinations throughout the UK, Europe and even North America.

Support with relocation

Our People Teams will help you get settled, providing financial relocation support, help with somewhere to live, registration for children at one of the excellent local schools and support for partners seeking employment.

More information about the area and help with relocating can be found at www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/careers



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