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### **ROYAL DEVON UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST (EAST)**

Applications are invited for a post CCT robotic fellow in pelvic surgery in the department of urology at the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The Department of Urology in Exeter have a well-established robotic programme for 12 years, providing a full complement of procedures including radical cystectomy with reconstructive urinary diversion, radical prostatectomy, radical nephrectomy, partial nephrectomy and pyeloplasty. There are 4 dedicated surgical care practitioners who assist in robotic surgery enabling a constant assistant to allow good quality training. To date we have performed over 3500 procedures and perform in excess of 60 cystectomies and 150 robotic prostatectomies a year.

The successful candidate will have exposure to 3 pelvic robotic lists on a dedicated da Vinci XI system with training package. The candidate will be expected to deliver diagnostics and outpatient clinics alongside the robotic surgeons.

A second XI robot is shared across Colorectal, ENT, Gynaecology and Urology. There will be opportunity to observe at those lists as well as multi- speciality lists.

Exeter has an established enhanced recovery programme across robotic surgery and also have established pre and post-operative health and well-being clinics across pelvic surgery including access to re-habilitation programmes. There are dedicated erectile dysfunction clinics for the pelvic patients. There are also established pathway for female pelvic patients into the specialist Gynaecology clinics.

### **HOSPITALS AND SERVICES**

1. The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Exeter comprises all acute District General Hospital facilities and is managed day to day by a Trust Executive which includes clinical directors (with management contracts), a chief executive, a medical director and directors of capital planning, finance and information, human resources, nursing, operations, and, (ex officio) the chairman of the Medical Staff Committee.
  
2. The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in Barnstaple is a smaller site with acute services in place but with a lower level of acuity of the surgery undertaken. There is a large part of the surgery undertaken is day case surgery and enables learning opportunities for more junior trainees.

### **THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND DIRECTORATE**

The Exeter Urology Unit provides a full range of urology services. The following subspecialties are therefore covered:

- Core urology and diagnostics
- Robotic Surgery

- Laparoscopy
- Pelvic oncology, including bladder reconstruction
- Stone disease
- Nephron-sparing surgery
- Female urology
- Core paediatric urology

At present the Department consists of: -

10 Consultants, 2 NTN trainees, 3 clinical fellows. 1 Core urology trainee and 1 FY2 and 3 FY1. The department is complimented by a Physician's Associate, 4 surgical Care Practitioners and a full range of benign and cancer nurse specialists.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Fortnightly education meetings are held, which include all the medical staff within Urology Department in Exeter. There is opportunity to do this remotely from the other sites. The meeting has a varied programme and involves consultants and the junior doctors and provides a forum to present a case of the week for the trainees. There will be ongoing clinical research projects to which the successful applicants would contribute. There are also 2 regional meetings each year which enable all trainees the opportunity to submit posters and presentations.

The Urology department in Torbay is leading the provision of regional urology training for core trainees.

## **AUDIT**

Both departments have monthly mortality/morbidity meetings combined with Audit and successful candidates will be expected to take part in local audits and quality improvement projects. There is also an annual BAUS surgical Trainee audit co-ordinated nationally.

## **MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

The Exeter Urology Department is within Acute Surgery. Mr Tom Dutton is the Clinical Lead for Urology. Acute Surgery includes Urology, Vascular surgery, Upper Gastrointestinal surgery and Colorectal surgery.

## **THE JOB ITSELF**

**Title:** Pelvic Robotic Fellow in Urology

**Relationships:** The employers are the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The appointment is full-time but less than full time working would be considered.

The post will consist of 3 dedicated all day pelvic robotic lists each week, attendance at the MDT and delivery of outpatient clinic and diagnostic clinic.

There is an on-call commitment in urology which currently runs as a 1 in 6 with the expectation of reduced frequency due to expansion within the middle grade posts. It is a non-resident on call supported by a consultant of the week in Exeter and will provide phone advice for North Devon and Torbay. The appointee will have compensatory time off following on-call duties.

The appointee will undertake administrative duties associated with the running of his/her clinical work with named consultant for advice.

The appointee will be expected to take part in clinical audit and quality assessment activities. Annual leave will be granted to the maximum extent allocable by the Medical & Dental Whitley Council regulations, but in accordance with the Trust's leave policy. Study leave will be at the discretion of the department and there is no allocated study leave budget associated with the post.

## **MAIN CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

Salary Scale: £70,425

Annual leave: 27 days (up to 5 years' of service)  
32 days (after 5 years' service)  
(+ day off in lieu for each Public Holiday worked)

Study Leave: 30 days

Date of vacancy: August 2025 for a 12 month period

## **ACADEMIC FACILITIES**

The Postgraduate Medical School of the University of Exeter, which is based on the RD&E site, was the first Postgraduate Institute of its kind in a university outside London. The research and educational activities are of the highest calibre as evidenced by the Queen's Anniversary Prize for higher and further education awarded to the University of Exeter, reflecting the work of the School in 1996 and the award of the highest numerical grade 5 in the 1996 Research Assessment Exercise under the Hospital based clinical subject unit of assessment.

Medical students rotate through the Exeter and North Devon sites.

## **CANVASSING**

Candidates are asked to note that canvassing of any member of the Advisory Appointments Committee will disqualify (see Statutory Instrument 1982 No. 276 paragraph 8 (1)(b)). This should not deter candidates from seeking further information relevant to the post from those members of the Trust detailed below and, further this should not deter candidates from making informal visits to the Trust which are encouraged.

## **ACCESS TO CHILDREN**

The person appointed to this post may have access to children, under the provisions of Joint Circular No. HS (88) 9 HOC8/88 WHC (88)10. Applicants are therefore 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 policy check to be carried out. Refusal to do so could prevent further consideration of the application. 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 be taken into account in deciding whether to engage an applicant.

## **REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS**

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 of confidence.

## **DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998**

Candidates are informed that the information given by them in application for the post will be used only for the recruitment and selection purposes. For successful candidates this will then form part of their personal file, and for unsuccessful candidates the information will be destroyed. The information is stored both in hard copy and minimally on a database. This information is held and administered in line with the Data Protection Act and the Trust's confidentiality procedure.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Candidates wishing to visit the hospitals may do so and should contact Mr Thomas Dutton Consultant Urologist [thomas.dutton@nhs.net](mailto:thomas.dutton@nhs.net) or call 01392 406987 or Miss Liz Waine Elizabeth.waine1@nhs.net or call 01392 402733.

The Trust welcomes informal enquiries; the relevant people to speak to are as follows:

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