

# **ROYAL DEVON UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Trust Doctor – Gastroenterology and Hepatology**

#### **General Description**

We are a newly formed NHS Foundation 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, seventeen 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.

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 Royal Devon is committed to support the personal and professional development of our medical staff and in turn improve the care offered to our patients. This might include developing or introducing innovative services and bringing these to rural patients, teaching the doctors of tomorrow or undertaking award winning clinical research. In 2021 our specialist nurses were recognised in the British Journal of Nursing Awards for their innovations during the COVID pandemic and the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research Team was recognised with the National Team Award for their contribution to the NIHR portfolio.

You'll find more information about the role and the Trust in this pack. Further information is available on our website [www.royaldevon.nhs.uk](http://www.royaldevon.nhs.uk)

#### **Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology**

The Royal Devon gastroenterology / hepatology team comprises 19.5 whole time equivalent (WTE) consultants with 14.5 WTE based in Exeter (2 posts recruiting now) and 2 based in Barnstable (2 posts recruiting soon). The majority of consultants deliver at least some face-to-face care at both sites and all consultants will provide telephone or video consultations for patients across the entire catchment using a single EPR (EPIC). The department provides a comprehensive gastroenterology and hepatology service for Devon. It serves a primary population of approximately 615,000 and provides specialist gastroenterology and hepatology services, including intestinal failure, specialist endoscopic services (including small intestinal endoscopy, colon capsule, Barrett's endotherapy, EUS, ERCP and cholangioscopy) to a wider population across the South West Peninsula.

The department has five IBD specialist nurses and two hepatology specialist nurses. In addition, the department is supported by eight clinical nurse specialists for upper and lower gastrointestinal cancer.

The department has a five-roomed Endoscopy Unit delivering in excess of 11,000 diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy procedures annually including ERCP, EUS / EBUS, upper and lower GI stenting, Enteroscopy, Capsule Endoscopy, colorectal and upper GI EMR. Additional satellite endoscopy facilities are sited at local community hospitals. There are dedicated training lists for fellows and SPRs.

The department holds weekly Gastroenterology Multi-disciplinary Team Meetings (MDMs) including Upper GI cancer, lower GI cancer and IBD / benign meetings. Half day mandatory audit and governance meetings are held monthly.

The hospital nutrition team delivers care for patients with complex nutritional requirements including inpatient and outpatients who require enteral and parenteral nutrition. This service supports patients with intestinal failure across the Peninsula. The team comprises three specialist nurses, a dedicated dietician and a pharmacist.

The Division of Surgery includes seven consultants with an interest in colorectal surgery, and three consultants with an interest in upper GI and hepatobiliary surgery. The Radiology Department has five consultants with a special interest in gastroenterology including cross-sectional imaging and interventional radiology e.g. TIPSS, chemoembolisation and radiofrequency ablation.

### **Gastroenterology / Hepatology Research**

Clinical Trial research and investigator led basic science research is strongly supported within the department. Patients are recruited to a large number of NIHR portfolio studies supported by three CLRN nurses.

The Exeter IBD pharmacogenetics group leads a number of national studies. The team comprises four administrators, two PhD students, a postdoctoral bioinformatician, two nurses and laboratory staff. The team is based at the Research, Innovation, Learning and Development (RILD) building, which opened in January 2014. This 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 on the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) site in Exeter. 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.

### **Description of post**

The post is open to UK and overseas applicants. It is a one-year position, beginning in September 2025.

The post-holder will have clinical responsibilities in outpatient clinics, inpatient ward work and GI referrals. The successful applicant will be trained in gastro-intestinal endoscopy with a weekly training list, and will be offered service lists if they are JAG accredited at the time of starting their post. They may wish to participate in the out of hours medical rota, however this is not compulsory. They will receive educational supervision and support.

## **Main Conditions of Service**

Grade:	Trust Doctor Scale
Salary Scale:	To be confirmed depending on experience
Annual leave:	27 days (exclusive Bank Holidays)
Study Leave:	30 days

## **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**

For further information about the post please contact Jane Chalmers, Consultant Hepatologist ([j.chalmers@nhs.net](mailto:j.chalmers@nhs.net))