

TRUST GRADE DOCTOR IN SPINAL SURGERY

Start date: August 2024

ROYAL DEVON AND EXTER HOSPITAL (WONFORD)

This is the main general hospital of approximately 850 beds and provides the main hospital services for a population in excess of 360,000 embracing much of East and mid Devon, parts of Torbay, Somerset and Dorset areas. It contains the Acute Medical Unit as well as the whole of General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, West of England Eye Unit, Centre for Women's Health, Urology, ENT, Radiotherapy, Oncology, Haematology and the specialties of General Medicine. The Accident & Emergency Department is also sited on this campus along with the Renal Unit, Stroke Unit and Neurology. The hospital is housed in a modern building which is still in the process of development and eventually all the Trust facilities will be housed on this site.

Comprehensive biochemistry, haematology and histopathology are available as well as all microbiological services. A modern medical imaging department provides radiology, CT and MRI scanning, ultrasound and radioisotope imaging. The Trust has introduced in October 2020 a comprehensive Electronic Patient Record (EPIC/My Care) and is only the 4th Trust in the UK to do so, and is the key to patient care and safety in the Trust.

For further details of the hospital where the post is based please look at the website: www.rdehospital.nhs.uk

EXETER

Exeter is a historic County Town with a superb Cathedral. The town is situated in the heart of the South West of England, 30 minutes drive from the wilds of Dartmoor, but within a short distance of glorious beaches and coastline.

Exeter is also a thriving cultural centre. There are many venues which provide an all year round entertainment programme of plays, musicals, ballet and opera and a variety of musical experiences. Also, every conceivable sport is available including riding, walking and sailing on the River Exe.

Exeter is the principal shopping centre for the county with broad pedestrian areas in a compact centre, a wide variety of shops including specialist shops and multi-national stores.

The education facilities in and around Exeter are excellent. There is a wide selection of both private and state schools which cater for all age ranges and which provide excellent results. Exeter, and indeed Devon generally, is an ideal place in which to make a home. It has a clean environment, easy climate and many outdoor activities which certainly enhances the quality of life for many people.

London is just two hours away from Exeter by high speed train and Bristol just under the hour. The M5 provides easy and rapid motorway access to the rest of the country.

MAIN CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

GRADING/EQUIVALENT:	ST1
DURATION POST:	12 Months Fixed Term Contract
SALARY SCALE:	£43,923 plus allowances
ANNUAL LEAVE:	27 days pro rata rising to 32 days after 5 years service
STUDY LEAVE:	Up to 30 days per annum (Pro rata) with the agreement of the consultant concerned.

REGISTRATION.

All hospital Trauma and Orthopaedic staff are required to be appropriately registered with the General Medical Council to practice in this country. Such staff must ensure that registration is maintained for the duration of the appointment. Overseas graduates should note that full registration does not necessarily preclude the need for a period of clinical attachment and assessment.

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

The Trust indemnifies all staff for the work that is carried out on the Trust's behalf; however, junior doctors are encouraged to retain membership of a medical defence organisation for their own peace of mind and protection. The annual subscriptions for most junior doctors are relatively modest and tax deductible.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

All initial appointments to the NHS are made subject to satisfactory medical evidence being produced. The Trust reserves the right to make any offer of appointment subject to the receipt of such medical evidence including examination where this is deemed necessary.

In the interests of all staff and patients it may be desirable and necessary for periodic medical checks to be undertaken in addition to those on initial appointment.

It is also important to be immunised against the following:

Tetanus	Polio
Rubella	Hepatitis B
Tuberculosis	

The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Trust wishes to ensure compliance under the Health & Safety Act 1974 and the Control of Substances Hazard to Health Regulations 1988 in relation to immunisation. We will, therefore, require you to confirm immunity against Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis on the commencement of your employment or an undertaking from you that you are prepared to undertake a course of vaccination.

REFERENCES

As part of the pre-employment checks the Trust will require a minimum of three references to cover the last three years of employment history. If your current role is within an NHS organization we will only require one.

ACCESS TO CHILDREN/VULNERABLE ADULTS

The person appointed to this post may have substantial access to children under the provisions of Joint Circular No. HC (88) 9 HOC 8/88 WHC (88) 10 and Vulnerable adults. 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 police 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 to be considered 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 confidence.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The post is subject to the terms and conditions of service of Hospital Medical and Dental Staff as amended from time to time. All appointments to the Trust are subject to: -

1. Appropriate Registration with the General Medical Council or General Dental Council
2. Satisfactory Medical Examination including documentary validated evidence of Hep B, Hep C and HIV
3. Satisfactory clearance with the Criminal Records Bureau
4. Two satisfactory references, one of which, must be your present or most recent employer

Further Contact Details:

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THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DIRECTORATE

The Directorate of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Rheumatology is based at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Centre (PEOC) at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital Wonford.

The PEOC presently provides routine and specialist orthopaedic work for residents of Exeter and North, Mid and East Devon. The existing staff comprises 26 Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons, 6 Consultant Rheumatologists, 8 Specialist Registrars (including 1 Rheumatology), 9 Orthopaedic Fellows and 11 SHO equivalent posts.

There is a comprehensive range of routine elective orthopaedic surgery and specialist surgery, particularly for disorders of the spine, hip, knee, shoulder, foot and ankle, hands and orthopaedic disorders in children. PEOC has 5 elective theatres at present plus community operating theatres in Exmouth and Heavitree in Exeter. There are plans to expand in the near future into additional facilities in Exeter.

The Royal Devon and Exeter is a trauma unit with Derriford hospital in Plymouth being the region's MTC. There are 1–2 trauma lists running every day, including weekends, covering upper and lower limb trauma.

The PEOC offers outpatient services in hip surgery, sports injuries, reconstructive surgery, paediatrics, spinal deformity, knee, shoulder, hand and foot surgery.

PEOC is a progressive and active unit at the cutting edge of orthopaedic surgery as well as having a long and illustrious track record. It was recently nominated as the BOA clinical trials unit and has close ties to Exeter University.

JOB ROLE

This role will be registrar or middle grade level. The successful candidate will be expected to work as part of the Spinal subspecialty team in both trauma and elective capacities. You would be expected to undertake trauma clinics, elective and trauma operating lists under the direct supervision of a consultant spinal surgeon commensurate to your level of training and experience. You would be expected to undertake on-call commitments as part of the spinal on-call team covering general trauma including covering spinal referrals out of hours. This post does not cover hands and the majority of soft tissue injuries. The on-call commitment includes an overnight non-resident component covering the resident on-call SHO where the expectation is that you remain with 20 minutes travel from the hospital overnight.