

Specialist Doctor Information Pack

Specialist in Renal

JOB TITLE

Specialist in renal

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Wonford Hospital

A Warm Welcome

Hi, I'm Vanessa Purday, Chief Medical Officer of Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation. Thank you for the interest that you have shown in working with us, at what is an unprecedented time for healthcare across the UK but also an exciting time for our organisation, now one of the largest healthcare Trusts in the country.

The Royal Devon is a special place to work. We combine scale with a family-like feel, fostering both creativity and personal care. Our agility and forward-thinking approach ensure we can adapt to the evolving NHS landscape, deliver the best care for our patients and provide excellent career progression for colleagues.

We are especially proud of our Renal department, nationally recognised for its multidisciplinary expertise and research. We are committed to building on this success and are seeking exceptional clinicians to join our dynamic and inclusive team here in Devon.

I wish you every success with your application and look forward to meeting you soon.



Vanessa Purday

We welcome enquiries for further information and strongly encourage informal visits either in person or virtually so that you can get a feel for what it's like to work with us. A list of contacts is detailed in the final section of this pack



Introduction

The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is seeking to appoint a Specialist Grade Doctor to join the department of Nephrology based at our Eastern site and helping to provide excellence of care for the renal population of South Devon.

The role forms part of a wider integrated department which provides renal services across Devon and Somerset.

The Royal Devon is a Trust which encourages and supports innovation, diversity, digital development and research.

“Inclusion is one of our core values, and we take pride in having a diverse workforce and a culture that respects everybody.”

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 Senior Medical Staff

Training and development. The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust is one of the NHS partners of the University of Exeter Medical School and the Department has responsibility for part of the clinical undergraduate teaching programme. Time for teaching and preparation is arranged by mutual agreement with the Clinical Director within the Trust's annual job planning and appraisal process.

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 postholder will be required to provide emergency cover for the absent colleagues within daytime hours as appropriate.

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. 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.

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.

We have a strategy to embrace change, innovation and technology in our ambitions to be a digitally-enabled, clinically-led teaching organisation. We are developing new ways of working and focus our multi-million annual investment programme into new infrastructure, equipment and facilities to ensure we deliver the highest quality care and outcomes. There has never been a better time to join us.

The Royal Devon is committed to supporting the personal and professional development of our Senior Medical 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 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 (Vanessa Purday), chief nursing officer (Carolyn Mills), chief operating officer (John Palmer), chief finance officer (Angela Hibbard), and chief people officer (Hannah Foster).

Our Renal services are based at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford) (RD&E) and work across North Devon District Hospital (NDDH), and satellite units across South Devon, Honiton, Heavitree, Bridgwater and Taunton (at present).

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 Medicine Care Group, the medical director is Dr Helen Lockett, the care group director is Karen Donaldson and the director of patient care is Nolwenn Luke.

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

Department of Renal

The Exeter Kidney Unit started a chronic dialysis programme in 1967, and the first transplant was done in the same year. The current unit was opened in 1983 and substantially expanded in 2000. The last transplant was done in 1998, and this transplant service is now provided jointly by Plymouth and Southmead Hospitals.

The Renal unit serves a population of approximately 1.2 million in Devon and Somerset, from Clovelly to Bridgwater in the north, and Brixham to Lyme Regis in the South.

The RD&E has a 26 bedded inpatient ward and an 8 room Ambulatory care unit. The inpatient ward operates as a tertiary referral unit in the region.

Key staff include:

Renal Clinical Lead: Lucy Smyth

Renal Operational Manager: Rachel Brooks

Renal Senior Nurse: Ria Taylor

Exeter Dialysis Unit Matron: Joseph Mulligan

Creedy Ward Matron: Kim Telford

The service provides renal care for four district general hospitals – Exeter, Taunton, Torbay and Barnstaple. Outreach clinics are held in all these locations.

As well as acute dialysis on the Exeter Wonford site, there are satellite haemodialysis units in Exeter (Heavitree site), Torquay, Barnstaple, Honiton, Taunton and Bridgwater. All these units have regular senior doctor visits.

The total number of patients on renal replacement therapy under the care of the unit is over 1,200 with about 80 on peritoneal dialysis, 25 on home HD, 550 on satellite/centre haemodialysis and 580 transplant patients under follow up.

Surgical vascular access is provided by Mr Tom Hardy, Mr David Birchley, Miss Alison Guy,

Miss Sophie Welchman and Miss Hannah Travers vascular surgeons. Mr Birchley provides GA PD catheter insertion service. Percutaneous PD catheters are inserted by the nephrology team.

Dr Richard Guinness and Dr Andrew Gemmell provide vascular imaging and intervention, and a joint MDT is held every month.

The Unit works closely with both the Urology and Diabetes services, with whom we have regular joint meetings. There is also close collaboration with the Clinical Genetics Service and a joint renal genetics clinic with Dr Shaw-Smith and an established Vasculitis service run jointly by Dr Lucy Smyth with rheumatologists Dr Haigh and Dr Cates. There is a designated pathway for transition from the paediatric service to renal young adult clinics.

Renal biopsies are processed on site and the renal pathologists, Dr Ramzi Rajab, Dr Rebecca Anaspure and Dr Anna Mason provide a “same day” service if necessary. We review all biopsies with the pathologists in a fortnightly MDT meeting.

The post holder will be responsible to Dr Coralie Bingham as the named Renal Consultant. They will be expected to contribute with consultant colleague and peers to the provision of a

specialist
Renal
service in
hospital
and in
satellite
kidney
units.

Dr Lynsey Webb

Dr Rhian Clissold

Dr Naomi Edney

Dr Alex Hamilton

Dr Lynsey Webb

Dr Kittiya Sukcharoen

Dr Wilfred Okoroafor

Professor Richard Oram

Dr Victoria Carnall

Dr Jennifer Williams

Dr Anna Forbes

Senior medical staff

Dr Richard D'Souza

Dr Coralie Bingham

Dr Maria Bello-Villalba

Dr Helen Clarke

Dr Chris Mulgrew

Dr Lucy Smyth

Dr Jason Moore

Dr David Meredith



PROFESSIONS ALLIED TO MEDICINE

Specialist Doctors at the Trust have access to an amazing team of specialised support including consultants in medicine and surgery, a wide team of specialist nurses, renal dieticians, renal technologists and admin support.

Exeter serves as the main base for the extended service, and the day-to day running of the unit is based on multi-disciplinary team working with a large team of experienced nurse specialists and allied health professionals

Departmental meetings

The renal unit is proud to work with a strong multi-disciplinary ethos.

Regular departmental meetings include service-wide MDT business meetings, governance meeting, biopsy

meeting, mortality and morbidity as well as clinical ward and transplant MDT's, psychology and radiology meetings, and Monday ward MDT (when worked the previous Saturday on the ward).

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 full time Specialist Doctors receive 1.5 core 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

An additional SPA may be available for:

- Service development
- Clinical management
- Research
- Additional teaching and training activities, including educational supervision
- Additional governance activities such as acting as an appraiser or mentor
- National audit programme projects.

Further details are published in the job planning policy.

As well as fulfilling his/ her clinical responsibilities, the post holder will be expected to play a part in the Renal department's teaching activities, providing leadership for the Renal Ambulatory care unit and in development projects from time to time as agreed with the Department's other senior staff. The appointee will be required to participate actively in the teaching of junior staff and medical students.

The post holder will be required to comply with Trust and GMC standards for appraisal and revalidation.

Continuing professional development

The Trust supports the requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) and is committed to providing time and financial support for these activities.

Revalidation

The Trust has the required arrangements in place 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 and currently provides research training to three PhD students and two visiting fellows.

The RD&E is committed to promoting good clinical science and health service research. This is a notable strength of the Trust, having been strengthened by its collaboration with the University of Exeter Medical School and the internationally-recognised Diabetes and Vascular Medicine research group, and Department of Clinical Genetics. The opening of the new £27m Research, Innovation, Learning and Development (RILD) Centre on the hospital site in 2014 has allowed integration of basic science research with undergraduate and postgraduate medical

education alongside non-medical professional development.

The Renal Unit has been awarded the status of an Academic Department with internationally recognised work in the areas of HNF1 β disease and the genetics of Type I diabetes, as well as ongoing work into glucose metabolism in peritoneal dialysis, generation of genetic risk scores in renal diseases and precision medicine in chronic kidney disease: targeting SGLT2-inhibitor prescribing for kidney protection.

The unit has a record of supporting ACFs and clinical lecturers. ACFs and other registrars have successfully applied for prestigious national grants towards higher degrees.

Exeter has a strong successful tradition of supporting new consultants in their research careers – many of the renal consultants are involved in national and international clinical trials supported by a central team of research nurses. We anticipate the new appointee will be able to contribute to the increasing research portfolio of the unit.

Many of the renal consultants contribute to teaching University of Exeter medical students on clinical rotation through the Unit. In addition, Dr Helen Clarke, Dr Alex Hamilton and Dr Victoria Carnall have joint UEMs role to support planning and delivery of the medical student pathway.

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.

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 Senior Medical Staff in the Renal 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 below but is subject to modification. The individual job plan and detailed timetable will be discussed with the successful candidate. Special interests will be accommodated unless this is incompatible with service requirements.

The postholder will join consultants and other specialist grade doctors in the department to provide ward cover, referral management, conducting procedures, teaching and managing competencies in

Renal Ambulatory care unit, providing outpatient clinics and MDT working.

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Provisional timetable

Job Plan (noted by PA's per week):

Ward round and inpatient	3
Nephrology clinic (Whipton)	0.2
MDT	0.29
Advice and Liaison internal training	0.8
Nephrology clinic (South Devon)	1
Nephrology clinic (South Devon)	0.4
Nephrology clinic (Wonford)	0.5
Inpatient Saturday ward cover	1.14
Admin for DCC	1.86
Ward and inpatient (Torbay)	0.1
Travel for DCC	0.35
Core SPA	1

Inpatient:

Our RDUH inpatient ward operates as a tertiary referral unit in the region and the postholder will be expected to work on the ward to providing patient care on weekdays on ad-hoc basis where there are gaps in the rota, and be on the rota for patterned ward work at least one Saturday per month where service need is required.

The postholder will also be responsible for conducting ward case reviews at Torbay Hospital around once per month as per job plan.

Referrals:

The postholder will be responsible for incoming referral management to the Renal department on an ad-hoc basis when there is service need such as a gap in the rota with other clinical colleagues. Also on an ad-hoc basis, the post holder will cover the registrars on-call bleep in weekday hours where there is service need.

Ambulatory Care Unit:

The successful candidate will be a key member of the Renal Daycase unit in providing key coordination and clinical advice and liaison with the MDT delivering ambulatory care. The postholder will conduct procedures and patient care, alongside training procedures to SPRs and IMTs, and managing competencies.

Meetings:

The appointee is expected to be responsible to the Associate Medical Director for the effective and efficient use of resources under his/her control, to contribute to the planning and development of the service and to participate in departmental meetings. There is an expectation that the candidate will attend all local and regional meetings as required;

- Service-wide MDT business meetings,
- Governance meeting
- Biopsy meeting
- Mortality and morbidity
- Clinical ward and transplant MDT's
- Psychology and radiology meetings
- Monday ward MDT (when worked the previous Saturday on the ward).

Admin:

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

Clinical admin time and Supporting Professional Activities time will be allocated to the post to support Direct Clinical Care.

The appointee will have access to office accommodation, secretarial support and access to a computer and the Internet.

Projects:

To contribute to the maintenance and development of high standards of clinical care the successful candidate will also be expected participate in the design and completion of audit projects leading to improvements in practice.

Person specification

Applicants must demonstrate on the application form that they fulfil all essential criteria to be considered for shortlisting.

Requirement	Essential Attributes	Desirable Attributes
Qualifications and Training		
Professional qualifications	Primary Medical Qualification (MBBS or equivalent).	Postgraduate qualification Distinctions, Prizes, Scholarships. Intercalated BSc or equivalent. Additional postgraduate qualifications.
Professional training and memberships	Full GMC registration & license to practice. Eligible to work in the UK.	Advanced Life Support Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS). Advanced or European Paediatric Life Support (APLS or EPLS).
Clinical Experience		
Employment	Minimum 12 years post graduate experience, of which a minimum of 6 years experience in a Specialty Doctor and/or SAS grades or equivalent. Meet criteria set out in the Specialist Grade Capabilities Framework Career progression consistent with personal circumstances. At least two years' experience working in Nephrology following completed foundation program training	Additional experience in Renal department with specific experience working in a renal Ambulatory care unit

Requirement	Essential Attributes	Desirable Attributes
Clinical knowledge and skills	Experience and competence to perform renal access line procedures Ability to do Nephrology outpatient clinics (dialysis clinics, low clearance clinics, general nephrology clinics) Demonstrates a clear, logical approach to clinical problems and an appropriate level of clinical knowledge. Able to prioritise clinical need. Manages the difficulties of dealing with complexity and uncertainty in the care of patients; employing expertise and clinical decision-making skills of a senior and independent/ autonomous practitioner Wide experience in Nephrology Ability to take responsibility for clinical diagnosis, management and care of outpatients with common Nephrology conditions Experience in organising and managing patient waiting lists and patient priorities.	Experience in the transfer of ventilated patients. Demonstrates awareness of breadth of clinical issues. Clinical feedback from colleagues & patients.
Non-clinical skills		
Teaching	Enthusiasm for teaching & training of colleagues Ability to train and manage competencies of colleagues for renal access procedures Evidence of contribution to Departmental / Trust / Regional teaching programmes Can act as a role model, educator, supervisor, coach or mentor for medical and non-medical practitioners.	Defined educational roles or qualifications Higher qualification in medical education
Management of change and quality improvement	Demonstrates willingness to implement evidence-based practice.	Demonstrates understanding of quality improvement and clinical governance within the NHS. Evidence of effective personal contributions to clinical audit, governance and risk reduction. Evidence of involving patients in practice.
Innovation, research, publications and presentations	Understanding of the principles of scientific method and interpretation of medical literature. Demonstrates a critical and enquiring approach to knowledge acquisition.	Evidence of relevant research, presentations or publications.
Management and leadership experience		Experience of formal leadership roles or training.

Requirement	Essential Attributes	Desirable Attributes
Communication and personal skills	Good spoken and written English language skills. Communicates effectively with patients, relatives, colleagues, nurses, and allied health professionals. Collaborates with multidisciplinary and interprofessional teams to manage risk and issues across organisations and settings, with respect for and recognition of the roles of other health professionals. Communicates effectively and is able to share decision - making with patients, relatives and carers; treats patients as individuals, promoting a person -centred approach to their care, including self - management Information technology skills. Ability to work with multi-professional teams and to establish good professional relationships. Experience of working across organisational boundaries in a collaborative way, and where appropriate to develop and implement robust governance systems and systematic documentation processes. Experience in building and managing internal and external stakeholder relationships. Excellent communication, engagement and interpersonal skills	Evidence of patient and colleague feedback. Excellent presentation skills, engages audience. Information technology skills
Other requirements		
Motivation and management of personal practice	Punctual and reliable. Good personal organizational and prioritisation skills, achieve deadlines. Takes responsibility for personal practice and is able to cope well with stressful situations. Commitment to continuing medical education and professional development. The post holder must demonstrate a positive commitment to uphold diversity and equality policies approved by the Trust.	Demonstrates initiative in personal practice. Willingness to undertake additional professional responsibilities at local level.
Commitment to post	Demonstrates enthusiasm for RDUH as a place to work. Ability to travel to other locations as required.	

Main conditions of service

Appointment is to the NHS Specialist Doctor contract terms and conditions (April 2021). 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 medical director 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 Specialist Doctor Contract (2021). The current scale is from £100,870 to £111,441. The 2021 contract includes 3 pay points with standard and higher progression standards.

Leave

Annual leave entitlement is as described in the Terms and Conditions of Service Specialist Grade Doctors (England) 2021. Study leave entitlement is 30 days over a fixed three year period.

Further details are available in the Medical Staff Leave Policy.

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

Domicile

Specialist doctor 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.

Duty to be contactable

Subject to the provisions in Schedule 8, specialist doctors 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

Speciality doctors 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

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.

“Devon didn’t just top our rankings, it blew away the competition. Simply put, it has everything.”

The Telegraph:
England's 48 counties
ranked from best to worst.

Vibrant cities

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 (1 hour), London (around 2 hours to Paddington) and Birmingham (under 3 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.

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



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