

JOB DESCRIPTION

**POST:** Trust Doctor in Paediatrics

**GRADING/EQUIVALENT**: ST3 or above

**DURATION OF POST:** 12 Months with potential to extend

**SALARY:** £50,000 plus Additional Supplements for Out of Hours Commitments

**ANNUAL LEAVE:**  27 Days rising to 32 days if 5 years NHS Service has been completed

**STUDY LEAVE:** up to 10 days per year pro rata

For further details of the hospital where this post is based please look at the website: [www.rdehospital.nhs.uk](http://www.rdehospital.nhs.uk) or refer to the ‘Corporate Information’

The Firm Structure

The team:

* 25 Consultants (Neonatal unit, General Paediatric, Community)
* 8 Whole Time Equivalent Specialist Registrars (ST3-ST8) On Middle Grade Rota; (these doctors provide middle grade cover in both Acute Paediatrics and Neonatology)
* 6 Staff Grade Doctors (4 Acute, 2 Community)
* 14 ST1’s, ST2’s including both GP and Paediatric trainees
* 2 Neonatal ANNPs

The Work of the Department and the Directorate

The Trust provides Level 2 neonatal services, general paediatric services and community paediatrics. However the post holder will not be expected to be involved in community paediatrics.

Acute Paediatrics

This is based in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (Wonford).

The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital provides speciality shared care services for Cystic Fibrosis and Respiratory paediatrics, Oncology, Haematology, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Epilepsy and Neurology, Rheumatology, Cardiology, Metabolic disease, Immunology and infectious diseases, Eating disorders, Allergy, Renal medicine and Paediatric surgery.

Bramble Ward in Wonford Hospital is staffed for 43 children’s beds (physical capacity of 51) to provide for all children in the district. Included in this is the Paediatric High Dependency Unit, which consists of a three-bedded bay and an isolation cubicle. Bramble has four 6-bedded bays - two for children with medical problems, one for adolescents and one “clean” bay for surgical children (including plastic surgery). There are 18 cubicles, including five with isolation facilities and filtered air supply, and four designed to facilitate care by parents. An additional 3-bedded area functions as a day-care unit with waiting, consultation and treatment facilities. There is a 4-bed paediatric oncology day case unit. There is a 6-space Paediatric Assessment Unit located beside ED. Bramble is situated adjacent to the emergency medicine and X-ray departments with the intensive care unit and main theatres above.

There are excellent school facilities as well as an adolescent day room and a purpose built play area, outdoors and partially covered. In addition to parents’ beds in the cubicles and alongside children’s beds in the bays when necessary, there are two resident parents’ bedrooms and a kitchenette.

The paediatric outpatient suite adjoins Bramble ward and has seven large consulting rooms and its own paediatric waiting area with specially-designed play facilities. There are additional outpatient facilities at Heavitree Hospital where the department of clinical genetics is situated.

Neonatology

The Neonatal Unit is a local neonatal unit (LNU) providing medical care for sick newborn infants for the Exeter, Mid and East Devon districts (approximately 4,500 births per annum). This includes deliveries at The Centre for Women’s Health at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (Wonford) and the Tiverton, Honiton and Okehampton community midwifery units. Neonatal and maternity services moved to the main Wonford Hospital site in 2007 to the purpose built Centre for Women’s Health.

Started by the late Professor Freddie Brimblecombe and the late senior nurse, Jean Boxall, the Neonatal Unit established a national reputation with the publication of much original work, particularly related to innovative practice in infection control, the role of parents and transitional care.

The unit is well known nationally for work on vitamin K deficiency bleeding, the physiology of feeding and swallowing, cup feeding practices and visual habituation in infancy. Recent research includes involvement in multi-centre randomised controlled trials including ELFIN (enteral lactoferrin in neonates) and SIFTS (speed of increasing feeds in neonates) in addition to a discharge intervention study and research on the use of video laryngoscopy. Exeter was the top recruiting site in the southwest of England in SIFT (speed of increasing feeds trial) and NeoClear study. We are actively involved in regular quality improvement projects like NeoThermal project which is a current BAPM Quality improvement project.

In 2016 the Neonatal Unit has become the first neonatal unit in the UK to be awarded specific neonatal UNICEF Baby Friendly full accreditation and has been the first unit in the country to be re-accredited for this. The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust achieved UNICEF Baby Friendly full accreditation 2012. Orientation to the breastfeeding policy is provided for all new neonatal staff by the Infant Feeding Co-ordinators within one week of commencement of employment. We are the only unit in the country to have both UNICEF and BLISS accreditation. We were recently awarded BLISS neonatal team of the year for family integrated care.

The unit has 4 ICU and 4 HDU cots in addition to a large low dependency and dedicated transitional care ward with a combined maximum occupancy of 26 cots total.

The South West neonatal services are managed by the southwest operational delivery Network (ODN). As an LNU we look after all singletons born after 27 weeks gestational age or twins after 28 weeks. Any babies who are expected to have birthweight below 800g, those with significant multi-organ failure or those that require therapeutic are cared for in the early weeks of life in the regional neonatal intensive care unit at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth and surgical cases in Bristol.

The unit has been submitting data to the Vermont Oxford Network (VON) since 2007 and generally provides data approximately 50 infants born below 30 weeks gestation and/or 1500g birth weight. VON outcome data compares favourably with other UK units and has been used as the basis for local quality improvement programmes.

The Post

The post holder will work at tier 2 (middle grade rota – ST3-8 equivalent) on a full-shift basis. During the day the post holder will work in either general or neonatal paediatrics, covering the inpatient and emergency responsibilities for those areas. Out of hours the post holder will cross-cover between general and neonatal paediatrics. They will also be involved with assessment of children for child protection reviews.

The consultants in both clinical areas work service weeks to provide continuity of care. Out of hours there is a senior decision making doctor on site for PAU until 2200h Monday-Friday (Consultant or Staff Grade). There are always two consultants providing non-resident cover out of hours (One for General Paediatrics and one for Neonates). At weekends the post is supported by one tier 1 doctor 0900-2200 in Bramble ward and another tier 1 doctor covering PAU from 0900-1700 and 1 tier 1 doctor on NNU. Overnight there is 1 tier 1 doctor 2200-0900 on each side.

There will be opportunities to participate in outpatient work under supervision. The postholder will be encouraged to pursue areas of interest and in career development, including the provision of educational supervision.

There is a full and active teaching programme including radiology meetings, audit programme and Simulation teaching.

RDE is a teaching hospital attached to the University of Exeter Medical School – the postholder will have the opportunity to develop teaching skills and contribute to undergraduate education.

The table below shows details of the consultants currently in post.

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| **Name** | **NHS sessions** | **Main description**  **of post** | **Special interest**  **& responsibilities** |
| Dr Chris Moudiotis | FT | Acute Paediatrics | Diabetes  Endocrinology  **Clinical Director Paediatrics** |
| Dr Richard Tomlinson | FT | Community Child Health & Acute Paediatrics | Mid-Devon locality  Research |
| Dr Rachel Howells | FT | Acute Paediatrics | General Paediatrics  Neurology ,Epilepsy  Named Doctor for Safeguarding / NEW Devon CCG (Exeter)  Lead for Medical Appraisal |
| Prof Stuart Logan | LTFT | Outpatient Paediatrics | General Paediatrics |
| Dr Corinne Hayes | FT | Acute Paediatrics | Paediatric Oncology  Hearing Impairment  **Associate Medical Director** |
| Dr Simon Parke | FT | Acute Paediatrics | Paediatric oncology  Benign Haematology |
| Dr Rebecca Franklin | LTFT | Acute Paediatrics | ED liaison  Immunology and infectious diseases |
| Dr Beth Enderby | FT | Acute Paediatrics | Respiratory  Cystic Fibrosis |
| Dr Patrick Oades | LTFT | Acute Paediatrics | Respiratory  Cystic Fibrosis |
| Dr Hannah Cottis | LTFT | Acute Paediatrics | General Paediatrics  Nephrology  UEMS lead |
| Dr Sian Ludman | LTFT | Acute Paediatrics | General Paediatrics  Allergy & Immunology |
| Prof. David Mabin | FT | Neonatology  Cardiology | Neonatology  Cardiology  Associate Clinical Dean UEMS  **Deputy Medical Director** |
| Dr James Hart | FT | Acute Paediatrics & Neonatology | Gastroenterology  Metabolic disorders  Neonatology |
| Dr Nigel Osborne | FT | Neonatology &  Acute Paediatrics | Neonatology  Cardiology  Rheumatology |
| Dr David Bartle | FT | Neonatology &  Acute Paediatrics | Neonatology  General Paediatrics  Peninsula deanery programme director ST4-8 and Trust Simulation lead |
| Dr Nagendra Venkata | FT | Neonatology &  Acute Paediatrics | Neonatology, Cardiology  Neurodevelopment  **Neonatal Clinical lead** |
| Dr David McGregor | FT | Neonatology &  Acute Paediatrics | Neonatology  Diabetes and Endocrinology  College Tutor |
| Dr Nichola O’Shea | LTFT | Neonatology  & Acute Paediatrics | Neonatology  Neurodevelopment |
| Dr Helen Brewer | FT | Community Child Health | Community Child health  Neurodisability  **Community Paediatrics Lead** |
| Dr Eleanor Thomas | LTFT | Community Child Health | East Devon locality  Community Lead |
| Dr Wendy Forbes | LTFT | Community Child Health | Community Child health  Looked after child |
| Dr. Rowan Stanbury | FT | Community child Health  & Acute Paediatrics | Community child health  Designated doctor for child death review |
| Dr. JP Smith | FT | Acute Paediatrics | General Paediatrics, Diabetes  Rheumatology |
| Dr. Christine McMillan | FT | Acute Paediatrics | General Paediatrics  Gastroenterology |
| Dr. Emily Cheshire | LTFT | Acute Paediatrics | General Paediatrics  Infectious diseases |
| Dr Christine Oliver | FT | Neonatology &  Acute Paediatrics | Neonatology |

Contact details for further information

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| **Dr. Nagendra Venkata** | **Consultant Paediatrician & Clinical lead for neonates** | **01392 406633** |
| **Dr. David McGregor** | **Consultant Paediatrician & College Tutor** | **01392 408679** |