

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

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Senior IBD Fellow – Clinical and research**

#### **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 5 based in Barnstable (3 posts recruiting now, 1 early 2024). 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.

## **Exeter IBD consultant team**

**Dr Tariq Ahmad** (Eastern services, 2007) is the current lead for IBD and heads the academic department of gastroenterology.

**Dr James Goodhand** (Eastern services, 2015) is the departmental lead for audit/ morbidity and mortality. His interests include IBD and research

**Dr Nick Kennedy** (Eastern services, 2016) has a part academic post with the University of Exeter. He is a Trust clinical information officer. He also has interests in IBD and research.

**Dr Chris Calvert** (Eastern services, 2014) is the Lead Clinician for Endoscopy (RD&E). He has particular interests in IBD and Nutrition.

**Dr Jonathan Digby-Bell** (Eastern services, 2021) has clinical interests in inflammatory bowel disease, intestinal ultrasound and faecal transplantation and research interests in personalised IBD care.

**Dr Shyam Prasad** (Eastern services, 2008) has interests in specialist endoscopy and research.

The department has 6 IBD specialist nurses and 2 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 Research**

Investigator-led and clinical trial research has a prominent place in the Royal Devon department of gastroenterology and hepatology service and is supported by three full time research nurses. Patients are given the opportunity to participate in a wide number of NIHR gastroenterology and hepatology portfolio studies.

The University of Exeter Medical School has an excellent research reputation from basic biomedical research through to patient-centred research. The Exeter IBD research group includes three chief investigators (Ahmad, Goodhand, Kennedy), three study coordinators, two laboratory technicians and a bioinformatician. The group is supported by the University of Exeter and NIHR biomedical research centre and currently provides research training to three PhD students and 2 visiting fellows. The Exeter IBD group have led 10 UK NIHR UK-wide portfolio-adopted studies including PANTS, PRED4 and CLARITY IBD.

There is also an ongoing collaboration between the department and the Engineering Faculty of the University of Exeter to develop new modalities for capsule endoscopy.

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.

## **Description of post**

The post is open to UK and overseas applicants. It is a one year position.

The post holder will be expected to flexibly to deliver 4-5 clinical sessions per week (combination of endoscopy and outpatient clinics). Training, tailored to the individual, in advanced diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy is available and encouraged, e.g. in EUS, ERCP, enteroscopy and capsule endoscopy. There are also opportunities to gain more experience in the field of nutrition and intestinal failure.

Inflammatory bowel disease is the major focus of the post, and the post holder will gain experience in the inpatient and outpatient management of patients as well as provide support for the IBD nurse specialists and IBD research nurses delivering commercial clinical trials.

The post holder will become an active member of the Exeter IBD research group and will be supported to develop and deliver their own research project. The post holder will be encouraged to attend regional, national and international IBD meetings.

The post holder may wish to participate in the out of hours medical rota, however this is not compulsory. They will receive educational supervision and support.

### **Example Timetable**

	<u>AM</u>	<u>Lunch meeting</u>	<u>PM</u>
<b>Monday</b>	Clinic (TA)	IBD MDT	Endoscopy
<b>Tuesday</b>	Endoscopy		Research
<b>Wednesday</b>	Research		Research
<b>Thursday</b>	Research clinic		Research
<b>Friday</b>	Clinic (JG)		MDT meeting

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Timetable above is intended to give an indication of likely mix of sessions in this post but is subject to change depending on needs of service.

### **Main Conditions of Service**

Grade:	Trust Doctor Scale
Salary Scale:	To be confirmed depending on experience
Annual leave:	27 - 32 days (exclusive Bank Holidays)
Study Leave:	As agreed with the Lead Clinician

### **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 Dr Tariq Ahmad on 01392 406220 or via email [tariq.ahmad1@nhs.net](mailto:tariq.ahmad1@nhs.net)