
Job Details

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| Job Title: | Consultant in Gastroenterology / Hepatology |
| Hours of Work: | 10PA |
| Band or Grade: | YC72 |
| Department: | Gastroenterology |
| Division: | Medicine |
| Base: | Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, with some duties at Leigh Infirmary and Thomas Linacre Outpatient Centre |

Reporting Arrangements

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| Managerially Accountable to: | Divisional Medical Director, Dr Stephen Gulliford, Clinical Director (Gastroenterology) Dr Richard Keld |
| Professionally Accountable to: | Chief Executive Mary Flemming, Medical Director Professor Sanjay Arya Divisional Director of Performance Lynne Hall-Bentley |

Job Purpose

This is a post as a Consultant Gastroenterologist / Hepatologist. The successful candidate will lead the liver service at our Trust, and join a thriving team of ten other consultant colleagues with a diverse range of subspeciality interests. We have a supportive team culture, opportunities for research and development, and a commitment to work-life balance.

Organisation Chart



Duties and Responsibilities

Key results from the job holder

The post holder will be expected to fulfil the duties of a Consultant Gastroenterologist with a strong subspeciality interest in liver disease, and play an active role in the day-to-day management of the service.

In addition to accepting the normal consultant responsibilities for the treatment and welfare of patients, the consultant will be expected to lead by example in fostering a collaborative and communicative environment across departments and agencies, promoting a more efficient and effective service for all stakeholders. The consultant will be expected to play an active role in audit and service development.

Duties of the Post

The post will involve management of patients with gastroenterology and hepatology conditions, with general medical experience being an additional requirement when caring for patients on our gastroenterology/medical ward. You will be expected to lead our liver service, including our team of liver specialist nurses, as well as to further develop the service as a whole.

There will be periods of time with responsibility for the in-patient care of half of our gastroenterology/GIM ward, and periods of time with no in-patient responsibilities, with the latter likely to account for 75% of the time.

This approach allows you to find a balance between in-patient care and other interests. If you thrive in a dynamic environment and enjoy a diverse range of clinical activities, this post could be the perfect fit for you.

There are two endoscopy units within our Trust, one at the acute site, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (RAEI) Wigan, and at one the cold site, Leigh Infirmary. The current RAEI endoscopy department was opened in July 2004 and has had national funding granted to upgrade the unit to reinstate its JAG accreditation this year. The endoscopy unit at Leigh Infirmary is located into an award-winning purpose-built diagnostic and treatment centre, opened in May 2013. The unit at Leigh is currently undergoing further renovation and an increase in room capacity, which will take the Trust's endoscopy room capacity to 9, plus 1 screening room. We use the 290 series and 1500 series Olympus endoscopes.

Outpatient clinics take place at either Leigh Infirmary, the Thomas Linacre Centre in central Wigan, or remotely, according to service needs.

Responsibility for Health & Safety

Compliance with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 – the post holder is required to fulfil a proactive role towards the management of risk in all of their actions. This entails the risk assessment of all situations, the taking of appropriate actions and reporting of all incidents, near misses and hazards, and a statutory duty of care for their own personal safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions.

Responsibility for Teaching

The successful applicant will be expected to participate in the training of medical and nursing staff within the service as well as students and those attached for training from other related services.

Audit and Continuing Medical Education

The Trust has an active department of Clinical Audit. The General Medicine and Rehabilitation & Care of the Elderly directorates undertake multi-disciplinary audits one half day per month with presentations by junior medical staff, consultants and other therapists.

Gastroenterology on call service

On-call duties

GI on-call (expected to be 1:9, improving to 1:10 when a further vacant post is filled) is devised as a hot week model. All usual clinical duties are cancelled. The Hot Week Consultant manages in-patient referrals 9am-5pm, and delivers an inpatient endoscopy list, which runs 3-4 times per week. Out of hours cover is required for GI emergencies, such as severe GI bleeding. Our department has no GIM on-call commitment.

Standard Duties & Responsibilities

The Trust operates a No Smoking Policy.

All Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust staff employed within Clinical Environments and have contact with children, vulnerable adults; service users and their families must familiarise themselves, be aware of their responsibilities and adhere to Local Safeguarding Children's Board, Local Safeguarding Adult Board and WWL Procedures for Safeguarding and Protecting Children which are available on the Trust Policy Library.

In accordance with Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016, employees who are required to

interact regularly with the public, both face to face, and by telephone, are required to be able to speak English to an appropriate standard relevant to their role, i.e. with confidence and accuracy, using correct sentence structures and vocabulary, and without hesitation.

Compliance with the General Data Protection Regulators 2016, Data Protection Act 2018 and Information Governance Principles – the postholder is not entitled to use for their own benefit or gain, or to divulge to any persons, firm or other organisation whatsoever, any confidential information belonging to the Trust or relating to the Trust's affairs or dealings which may come to their knowledge during employment.

Compliance with the Health & Social Care Act 2008 – Code of Practice on the Prevention and Control of Infections and related guidance – the post holder is required to fulfil a proactive role towards the reduction and management of healthcare related infection in all of their actions. This entails compliance with Trust Infection Prevention and Control policy and related Standard Operating Procedure (SOP's); along with risk assessment of all situations; as staff have a statutory duty of care for their own personal safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions. Staff must be fully compliant with Trust Infection prevention and Control eLearning policy.

All applicants to any post within the Trust are required to declare any involvement either directly or indirectly with any firm, company, relevant person or organisation which has any interest with the Trust, the services provided by the Trust or any element of patient care. Failure to do so may result in an employment application being rejected, or if it is discovered after appointment the omission of such information could lead to dismissal. This includes any form of private practice relating to medical care.

Compliance with Trust Policies and Procedures including the Code of Conduct.

Compliance with Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs) – The SFI's identify the financial responsibilities which apply to everyone working for the Foundation Trust and its constituent organisations including trading units. Failure to comply with Standing Financial Instructions can in certain circumstances be regarded as a disciplinary matter that could result in dismissal. Compliance with the SFIs is monitored by the Finance Department and post holders are therefore required to understand their responsibilities outlined within this document and ensure compliance with its instructions.

Responsibility for all records (including patient health, financial, personal and administrative) that they gather or use as part of their work within the trust. The records may be paper, electronic, microfiche, audio or videotapes, x-ray images.

Any other duties appropriate to the grade. The range of duties and responsibilities outlined above are indicative only and are intended to give a broad flavour of the range and type of duties that will be allocated. They are subject to modification in the light of changing service demands and the development requirements of the postholder.

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