

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Consultant in Infectious Diseases/Medical Microbiology (jointly trained)
Base: Stoke Mandeville Hospital
Dates of post: Mutually agreed date
New or Replacement Post: Two replacement posts
Remuneration (Salary Scale): £93,666 - £126,281 per annum (YC72 Consultant pay scale)
Full Time / Part Time: Full time / Permanent
Standard Hours: 20PAs plus 2 potential of additional PA for lead roles (10 PAs for each post with a potential for 1 additional PA per post for Lead Infection Prevention and Control Doctor or Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead)
On Call Supplement: Category A
Relocation expenses: Included as standard, applicants are able to claim up to £8,000 in relocation expenses (subject to eligibility, policy available on request).
Managerial Accountability & Professional Accountability: Medical Director Reports to: SDU Director
Any applicant who is unable, for personal reasons, to work full time will be eligible to be considered for the post. If such a person is appointed, modification of the job content will be discussed on a personal basis with the employing body in consultation with consultant colleagues.
<p>Annual Leave Arrangements: Leave should be arranged by mutual agreement of consultant colleagues and approval of the clinical director and/or general manager, in accordance with standard Trust and NHS regulations. It is essential that six weeks' notice is given to allow proper planning of rota commitments.</p> <p>The post holder has a responsibility to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to cover their clinical duties during any absence and that all leave is coordinated with colleagues to ensure adequate cover arrangements. This includes all forms of leave.</p>

Departmental Consultants:

Both posts are replacement posts. The post-holder will share in the provision of a first-class clinical microbiology service to the areas covered by the laboratory, along with the other two Consultant Microbiologists: Dr Ruby Devi and Dr Karthiga Sithamparanathan.

The Trust has an OPAT team which is closely supervised by the Consultant Microbiologists and Dr Devi is the lead Microbiologist for this service.

Dr Sithamparanathan is the Microbiologist who leads for Serology and Virology.

The Department also has an ST3 Microbiology/Infectious Diseases trainee from the Oxford Thames Valley deanery rotation working Mon-Fri 9-5pm.

Over the next few years, we are aiming to broaden the scope of microbiology services at our Trust and are therefore particularly interested to hear from jointly trained candidates who would be interested in helping us to drive transformation and service improvements for our patients.

If the candidate has a specialist interest, the department will try to accommodate this, for e.g. – setting up an ID clinic.

The 2 posts offer the suitable candidate an opportunity to take the lead role for either Antimicrobial Stewardship or Infection Prevention and Control.

The appointees, together with consultant colleagues, will be responsible for the provision of a comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective Clinical Microbiology, Virology and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) service to the Trust and other users of the service.

You will participate in a 1 in 4 weekly on call-rota with prospective cover. Category A on call supplement applies.

On call is undertaken from home with remote access to the usual suite of applications, including Winpath – the laboratory IT application for reviewing and authorising microbiology results.

Biomedical Scientists:

Dave Pritchard – Head BMS

Senior BMS's Micro:

Alison Semmens

Farah Mohammed

Debbie Binns

Stephanie Warren

Kwaku Kumi

Senior BMS Serology:

Salina Milne

Infection Prevention & Control Team:

The Director of Infection Prevention & Control (DIPC) is the Chief Nurse, Karen Bonner. The Deputy DIPC is Jo Shackleton, who manages the IPC OPAT and Surgical Site Infection Surveillance teams.

ICD Doctor role – currently vacant.

Terms and Conditions of Service

The post is covered by the Terms and Conditions of the new Consultant Contract (England 2003).

General Conditions of Appointment

The Trust requires the successful candidate to have and maintain full and specialist registration with a current licence to practise with the General Medical Council (GMC) and to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of a doctor as set down by the GMC.

The successful candidate will be required to live within 10 miles of 'principal place of work' at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, or 30 minutes travelling time when on call.

The appointee will be expected to cover for colleagues' absence from duty based on agreed arrangements in the department and with the employing Trust.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE POST

You will be one of 4 consultants working in a rota to provide clinical support to all hospital sites and local GPs. This includes supporting our OPAT team to manage patients in the community, including weekly virtual OPAT rounds - when covering OPAT, attending orthopaedic, Spinal Surgery, Spinal Injuries and Haematology MDT meetings and undertaking daily ICU ward rounds.

BHT is part of the South 4 Pathology Partnership and works in close collaboration with Oxford University Hospitals, Great Western Hospital Swindon, and Milton Keynes University Hospital, in the delivery and development of Microbiology services.

BHT Microbiology laboratory is working towards UKAS accreditation against ISO: 15189:2022 standards. Close working relationships between clinical and laboratory staff are maintained through regular meetings and supported by the South 4 Partnership. A single LIMS across all four trusts will be operational from mid-2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Clinical Responsibilities

The post-holder will provide, along with the other Consultants, a full consultation service to clinicians in both the hospital and community setting, in addition to overseeing the work of the laboratory.

Medical Education and Training

The successful applicant may be asked to help train junior staff, assist the College Tutor in preparing them for postgraduate examinations and take an active part in auditing the work of the Department. It will be also expected that the successful candidate will take part and contribute to the Trust Grand rounds and Wednesday morning medical Directorate teaching. The Trust requires the successful candidate to have and maintain full and specialist registration and hold a licence to practise with the General Medical Council (GMC) and to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of a doctor as set down by the GMC.

The post holder is required to understand their responsibilities in relation to junior clinical staff, in particular the duty to provide adequate clinical supervision to doctors in training and non-consultant career grade doctors in their clinical team.

Clinical Audit and Clinical Governance

Participate in clinical audit across the department in line with Trust policy and guidelines
Implement audit and research findings across the department comply with the Trust clinical governance processes in a timely manner

Continuing Professional Development

We expect all staff to be committed to the concept of lifelong learning, we will support you to achieve this using personal development plans. You will have 1 SPA within your job plan for CPD; within this core SPA, you will be able to prepare for revalidation, undertake personal study, attend educational meetings, undertake QI/Audits, complete appraisals, mandatory training and support basic teaching sessions. In addition, there are a variety of roles that attract additional SPA, such as being an Appraiser, taking on lead roles and educational supervision.

Lifelong learning is vital to the maintenance of a safe, patient focused, effective service and we expect all team members to participate in academic development of our department. We actively offer a range of medical education opportunities to our colleagues.

The post holder will be given access to the Trusts Consultant Mentoring scheme which aims to support new consultants in the transition from trainee to consultant and moving to a new hospital. Your mentor will be allocated from outside of your own speciality enabling a more open conversation, they will be an experienced consultant who has received training in mentoring.

Job plan

Your job plan will include - Direct clinical care (DCC) and supporting activities. Most direct clinical care activities will be performed at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital site and the laboratory based at Stoke Mandeville site; these will be undertaken within non-premium time plus out of hours on-call including weekends and bank holidays. Total DCC is 9PAs, which also counting the predictable and unpredictable emergency on-call of 1PA. Clinical and on call activities run in a four-weekly rota. There will be 2 days of Time off in lieu every 4 weeks due to on-call activities happening in 1:4 rota. 1 SPA is allocated for CPD and revalidation purposes. Additional SPA time may be available for specific defined roles such as Educational Supervisor.

Direct clinical activities are cross-site (both Stoke Mandeville and Wycombe Hospital) medical and surgical specialties, ITU, Buckingham community hospital, Florence Nightingale Hospice and Amersham Hospital, primary care in Buckinghamshire and Serology work.

If you wish to lead on Antimicrobial Stewardship or take up the role of the Infection Control Doctor – the total number of PAs will be allocated in accordance with 'Infection service guidance' and mutual agreement. Some of the clinical PAs will then be released to be backfilled.

Main Duties of the Role include

Clinical practice and liaison

- Provision of a comprehensive infection service. This includes direct clinical care and proactive liaison in a timely manner with consultant colleagues, other hospital staff, medical microbiology colleagues, Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) physicians and lead respiratory physicians for tuberculosis management, general practitioners, antibiotic pharmacists, IPC nurses, health protection consultants and CCDCs concerning the diagnosis and management of patients, and control and prevention of infection.
- Regular departmental visits and commitments to specific units including Intensive Care, Haematology/Oncology, Medical/Surgical admission units, regular and *ad hoc* visits to wards, and departmental commitment to IPC.
- Regular departmental commitments to committees such as, Antimicrobial Stewardship Group, Pathology Business meetings, Microbiology Consultants Senior Laboratory Staff meetings and IPCT meetings
- Regular commitments to Orthopaedic multidisciplinary team (MDT), Spinal Injuries MDT, Spinal Surgery MDT and Haematology MDT meetings.

The appointee will take equal (or appropriate share of) responsibility for departmental commitments.

Laboratory

All consultants will be expected to contribute to the following:

- Day-to-day supervision of diagnostic methods and examination of specimens.
- Authorisation and interpretation of results.
- Involvement in Policy and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) preparation.
- Responsibility for quality assurance performance within the department, including taking part in all relevant External Quality Assurance programmes.
- Responsibility for achieving and maintaining full accreditation with United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) ISO15189 or equivalent. This also includes accreditation of Infection During Pregnancy Screening (IDPS) services by UKAS.
- Business planning, including the assessment and introduction of new methods, and forward planning for staff and equipment requirements.

Infection Control Doctor role:

- Be an integral member of IPCT, advising and supporting the IPC Practitioners as agreed with the Deputy DIPC
- Contribute to the Trust and ICB infection prevention control committee
- Lead on finding solution to IP&C issues where appropriate
- Support the Trust Deputy DIPC (if appropriate) in preparing the IPC work programme
- Lead and support clinical effectiveness systems within the Trust as appropriate.
- Advise and support the Laboratory, Care Group Chairs, Trust Executive Medical Director regarding infection control issues.
- The infection control doctor will, subject to agreement on priorities and within the time and resources allocated in the contract:
- Advise and support the Trust executive team (through the DIPC if relevant) on all aspects of infection control in the hospital and on implementation of agreed policies, including compliance with the code of practice on the prevention and control of infections. Such matters include surveillance and control of aspects of hospital infection, sterilisation and disinfection methods, types of ventilation, operating theatres, isolation facilities, kitchens, laundries, housekeeping, waste disposal, pest control, antibiotic usage and infection control aspects of medical and nursing procedures
- Be an active member of the hospital infection control committee
- Advise and contribute to the planning and implementation of relevant activities required to achieve the Trust's aims and objectives and NHS standards and targets as set by regulatory authorities at the time
- Contribute to the planning, delivery and implementation of standards required to achieve the indemnity level appropriate to employing body
- Lead, or, where relevant, assist the DIPC in the investigation and management of outbreaks of hospital infection. Close liaison with the CCDC may be necessary
- Advise and support infection prevention and control staff (including ICNs, link nurses, etc.)

- Assist in the preparing and updating of infection prevention and control policies, as agreed in the annual work plan
- Participate in the preparation of tender documents for support services and advise on infection aspects of these services following award of a contract
- Be involved in the planning and upgrading of hospital facilities

Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) lead role:

- Conduct regular Antimicrobial Stewardship ward rounds.
- Together with the Antimicrobial Pharmacist, produce a quarterly Antimicrobial Stewardship report for the Trust's Infection Prevention and Control Committee meeting.
- Chair the Antimicrobial Steering Group (ASG) meetings: Quarterly.
- Present the finalised minutes from the ASG meeting to Medicines Management Committee: and the IPCC Quarterly
- Together with members of the ASG, produce and update Trust wide antimicrobial prescribing guidelines.
- Aim to produce antibiotic resistance data at least yearly.
- Together with the Antimicrobial Pharmacist, support the delivery of antimicrobial related Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) indicators
- Education of all relevant staff about Antimicrobial Stewardship.

Department Information

Description of laboratories: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Organisation

The Clinical services within the trust are currently organised into 4 Care Groups each represented on the Trust Management Board. Pathology falls under Specialist Services Care Group (SSCG). The Co-Clinical Directors of the Specialist Services are Dr Helen Eagleton and Mr Ian Currie. Isobel Day is the Director of Specialist Services.

The SSCG is made up of 7 Service Delivery Units supported by human resources, information technology and finance departments. Pathology, within which the post holder will work, represents one of these Service Delivery Units. Dr Gayathri Wathuge and Dr Gayani Weerasinghe are the Co-SDU leads that represent Pathology on the Divisional board meetings along with Mr Azuma Kalu who is the Head of Operations, Pathology and Trust lead Healthcare Scientist.

Department of Microbiology:

Laboratory is currently working towards accreditation against ISO 15189:2022

Information technology: Currently the laboratory information system is Winpath version 5.3. The Pathology department is working towards a single LIMS system across South 4 Pathology Partnership. Winpath Enterprise (version 7) is due to go-live in Microbiology in end of 2024.

Laboratory equipment:

The laboratory was designed in collaboration with the staff and has a range of modern equipment including a BACTEC FX blood culture system, MALDI-TOF bacterial identification, Phoenix automated sensitivity test platform, the Mast UriSytem for the analysis of urine samples, and the Kiestra Inoqula for automated specimen processing. Molecular

testing of stool samples is performed on the EntericBio and Biofire Filmarray is used for CSF's and blood cultures. Other molecular platforms include the BDMax, QuantStudio5 and the Cobas4800. Serology utilises the Abbott Architect and the Diasorin Liaison XL. The laboratory also has a Category 3 facility for safe processing of specimens including the culture of TB samples on the BD MGIT. The laboratory takes a proactive approach to evaluating new methods and technologies to improve the quality of the service offered.

WORKLOAD	2021/22 (% from Primary Care)
Stools MC&S/PCR	6122 (65%)
Stools OCP	459 (85%)
Clostridium difficile detection	3992 (40%)
Faecal virus antigen detection (rotavirus/adenovirus)	973 (85%)
Genital samples	14291 (65%)
Wound Swabs	13395 (50%)
Fluids, Tissues, Pus including CSFs	3854
Respiratory cultures	10382 (65%)
Mycobacterial culture	934
Legionella and pneumococcal urinary antigen detection	725
Urine Culture and sensitivity	74650 (70%)
Mycology	2538 (70%)
Blood cultures	16493
MRSA screens	34219

SEROLOGY	
Molecular (serology)	19679
Interferon Gamma detection	1172
Syphilis antibody	14747
H. pylori antigen	2906
HIV antibody	17751
Hepatitis A IgM	1003
Hepatitis B sAg	9844
Anti-HBs	2180
Anti-HBc IgG/total antibody	7319
Hepatitis C antibody	5921
Rubella IgG	1253

There is no food/water or environmental microbiology undertaken in the laboratory

Facilities and resources required for delivery of duties and objectives:

Access to shared secretarial support
 Personal office space
 Personal Computer available
 Access to library/books/journals
 Study / Professional Leave (10 days per year)

Registration:

The post holders will have a broad base of training in Infectious Diseases /Medical Microbiology and must hold full registration with the General Medical Council and have CCT (or equivalent for non-UK applicants of equivalent status), or be accredited (or equivalent), and be on the GMC Specialist Register in the specialty appropriate for this consultant post at the time of taking up the consultant appointment. Alternatively, candidates can hold or be within 6 months of their CCT at interview.

Administration arrangements

The Consultant will have their own office accommodation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and will have access to comprehensive IT facilities.

There are 3 secretaries in Microbiology, one part-time senior medical secretary and two Full-Time Band 2 secretaries

Accountability and responsibility

The post holder will be professionally accountable to the Medical Director.

Supervision

The post holder is required to understand their responsibilities in relation to junior clinical staff.

Leadership

The Trust promotes clinical leadership at all levels in the organisation. It is expected that the post holder will support the lead clinician(s) in promoting ensuring strong and effective leadership and teamwork within the department.

Consultant Mentorship

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust provides and support mentoring for new Consultants

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Terms for the post are based on the nationally agreed Terms and Conditions of Service for Hospital Medical and Dental Staff and Doctors in Public Health Medicine and the Community Health Service.

Pay

The basic salary scale range for this post is £ £93,666 - £126,281 per annum (YC72 Consultant pay scale).

General Conditions of Appointment

Terms for the post are based on the nationally agreed Terms and Conditions of Service for Consultants (England) 2003).

The appointee will be expected to cover for colleagues' absence from duty based on mutually agreed arrangements with the department and with the employing Trust. This is arranged by mutual agreement of consultant colleagues and approval of the service director, in accordance with standard Trust and NHS regulations. It is essential that six weeks' notice is given to allow for proper planning and prevent cancellations of patients' appointments/surgery. This includes all forms of leave.

The Trust requires the successful candidate to have and maintain full registration with the General Medical Council (GMC) and to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of a doctor as set down by the GMC.

All appointments are subject to satisfactory Occupational Health clearance being obtained.

Supervision

The post holder is required to understand their responsibilities in relation to junior clinical staff and to provide adequate clinical supervision. There is an arrangement in place for a registrar

(ST3 and above) to rotate from Oxford (OUH), every 6 months. You will be responsible for the trainee during their stay at the Trust as Clinical Supervisor. This role is shared equally amongst all four Consultants on a rolling basis. Candidates desiring to fulfil the role of medical educator wishing to take on full responsibility for the trainee, will be welcome. I don't understand this sentence.

Leadership

The Trust promotes clinical leadership at all levels in the organisation. It is expected that the post holder will support the lead clinician (s) in promoting multi-disciplinary working and ensuring strong and effective leadership and teamwork within the department.

Pensions

This post is subject to the provisions of the NHS Superannuation Scheme, which is contributory. The rate of contribution may be varied from time to time at the discretion of the Scheme. Membership of the scheme is automatic, but an employee may opt out at any time. After opting out of the scheme the employee will assume full responsibility for his/her pension provision and compliance with the Social Security Act 1986.

References & Health Screening

Any offer of appointment will be subject to the receipt of two satisfactory references.

Registration

The person appointed will be required to be fully registered with the GMC and included on the Specialist Register for Diabetes/endocrinology and General Medicine.

Starting Date

The post is to start on a mutually agreed date.

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act

Because of the nature of the work for which you are applying, this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4 (2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exception) Order 19. Applicants are therefore not entitled to withhold information about convictions, which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provision of the Act, and, in the event of employment, any failure to disclose such convictions could result in the dismissal or disciplinary action by the Trust. Any information given will be completely confidential and will be considered only in relation to an application for positions to which the Order applies.

[For relevant posts - Within the terms of DHSS Circular (HC) (88) – Protection of Children – applicants are required when applying for this post to disclose any record of convictions, bind-over orders or cautions. The Trust is committed to carefully screening all applicants who will work with children, and you will be expected to undertake a 'disclosure' check.]

Removals

Removal expenses shall be reimbursed as per the Trust's policy, only when the Trust is satisfied that the removal from the employees' home is required, and the arrangements proposed are reasonable. The Trust will take due account of the Terms and Conditions applicable to Hospital and Dental Medical Staff as appropriate. There is a maximum sum payable and further information can be obtained from Human Resources.

Consultant Mentorship

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust provides and support mentoring for new Consultants.

Governance

The post holder will aim to ensure that areas of the trust under their responsibility comply with “Standards for Better Health” Core and Developmental Standards and bring deficiencies to the attention of their director”.

Clinical Governance

The post holder will participate in clinical governance activities as required by the Trust and external accrediting bodies. These include clinical audit, risk management activities and annual appraisal of the post holder. He/she will be required to keep himself/herself fully up to date with relevant areas of practice and be able to demonstrate this to the satisfaction of the Trust.

The Trust supports the requirements for Continuing Medical Education as laid down by the Royal College and is committed to providing time and financial support for these activities.

A commitment to revalidation is required

Risk Management

All staff have a responsibility to report all clinical and non-clinical accidents or incidents promptly and when requested to co-operate with any investigations undertaken.

Conflict of Interest

The Trust is responsible for the service to the patients in its care and to meet the highest standards. Equally, it is responsible for ensuring that staff do not abuse their official position for personal gain or for the benefit their family or friends.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Trust Values



Collaborate



Aspire



Respect



Enable

Health and Safety at Work Act

The post holder is required to take responsible care for the health and safety of him/herself and other persons who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions at work. The post holder is also required to co-operate with Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to ensure that statutory and departmental safety regulations are adhered to.

Confidentiality

The post holder has a responsibility to maintain confidentiality and ensure the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and all applicable laws and regulations relating to Processing of Personal Data and privacy, including where applicable the guidance and codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner are applied to patient, staff, and Trust business/information.

Equal Opportunities

The Trust welcomes all persons without regard to age, ethnic, or national origin, gender or sexual orientation, religion, lifestyle, presenting illness, marital or parental status or disability. We aim to always provide a non-judgemental service.

Managing Risk: Maintaining skills and learning from problems

Reducing risk is everyone's responsibility. All staff in the Trust must attend training identified by their manager or stated by the Trust to be mandatory. The Trust uses risk assessments to predict and control risk and the incident reporting system to learn from mistakes and near misses and so improve services for patients and staff. All staff are expected to become familiar with these systems and use them. The Trust has designated the prevention and control of infection as a core issue in the organisation's clinical governance, managing risk and patient safety programmes. In consequence, all employees are expected to:

- i) Follow consistently high standards of infection control practice, especially with reference to hand hygiene and aseptic techniques,
- ii) Be aware of all Trust infection control guidelines and procedures relevant to their work.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) \(Amendment\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2021](#) that require all persons working or deployed in any CQC registered activity to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, are being rescinded from 15 March 2022.

If you are successful at interview, you will still be asked your vaccination or medical exemption status, as part of the pre-employment screening process undertaken by Occupational Health, but this will not impact your offer of employment.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults

During your employment with the Trust, you have a responsibility to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. You are required to complete statutory and mandatory training and take appropriate action as set out in the Trust's policies and procedures.

Governance

Post holders will aim to ensure that areas of the trust under their responsibility comply with "Standards for Better Health" Core and Developmental Standards and bring deficiencies to the attention of their Director"

Information Management/ Data Quality

The post holder must ensure that Trust records are documented, secured, stored and disposed of appropriately and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and all applicable laws and regulations relating to Processing of Personal Data and privacy, including where applicable the guidance and codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner. In addition, information recorded must be fit for purpose - accurate, relevant, up to date and complete.

Freedom of Information

The post holder must be aware that any information held by the Trust in theory could be requested by the public, including emails and minutes of meetings. It is therefore essential that records are accurately recorded and maintained in accordance with the Trust's policies.

Travel to other sites

You may be required to travel to other Trust locations. Please complete travel expenses using the online system. Details of allowances can be obtained from the Human Resources Department.

Smoking statement

Smoking is not permitted in any premises or grounds managed, leased or owned by the Trust. Smoking is not permitted in Trust vehicles or in any vehicle parked on Trust premises.

General

The duties outlined above are not intended as a restrictive list and may be extended or altered to include other tasks that are commensurate with the grade. Should you have any queries or concerns relating to the contents of this letter, please contact the Recruitment team, Amersham Hospital, Whielden Street, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0JD.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications to be submitted online

Closing date for receipt of applications:

Please apply online at www.jobs.nhs.uk quoting ref:

Expenses of short-listed candidates will be reimbursed as per the Trust Policy on interview expenses.

Committed to Equal Opportunities

Visiting arrangements:

1. Dr Gayani Weerasinghe
Consultant Chemical Pathologist and Co-SDU Lead for Pathology
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Consultant Medical Microbiologist
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01296 315000 Extension 5593/5322
3. Dr Ruby DEVI
Consultant Medical Microbiologist
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Trust Profile

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is an integrated Trust providing community, acute and specialist care in our hospitals, community locations and in people's homes. We care for patients from across Buckinghamshire and the borders of Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire, Berkshire and Bedfordshire with a catchment population of approximately 550,000.

We have around 6,000 highly trained doctors, nurses, midwives, health visitors, therapists, healthcare scientists and other support staff all working to deliver the best healthcare to our patients; from newborn babies to elderly people needing help to live independently at home.

Our Hospital Sites

- Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury HP21 8AL
- Wycombe Hospital, Queen Alexandra Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2TT
- Amersham Hospital, Whielden Street, Amersham HP7 0JD
- Buckingham Hospital, High Street, Buckingham MK18 1NU
- Chalfont & Gerrards Cross Hospital, Hampden Road, Chalfont St Peter SL9 9SX
- Marlow Hospital, Victoria Road, Marlow SL8 5SX
- Thame Community Hospital, East Street, Thame OX9 3JT

- Florence Nightingale Hospice, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury HP21 8AL

Visit our website for more details on our services

www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk

Our vision

Our vision for Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is to become one of the safest healthcare systems in the country. By being ambitious and through collaboration, integration and partnership we will achieve our mission and deliver safe and compassionate care, every time.

The Trust's Clinical Divisions

The Trust's clinical services are currently organised into four care groups that form the core business areas:

- Surgery and critical care
- Integrated medicine
- Community and Rehabilitation
- Specialist Services

Care Group for Surgery and Critical Care	Care Group for Integrated Medicine	Care Group for Community and Rehabilitation	Care Group for Specialist Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anaesthetics /critical care • General surgery • Plastics and burns • Ears, Nose and Throat (ENT) • Ophthalmology • Pain team • Urology • Trauma and orthopaedics • Oral surgery and orthodontics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency medicine • Acute and general medicine • Respiratory • Diabetes and endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Neurology • Cardiology • Dermatology • Rheumatology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community locality teams • Medicine for older people /rehab • MuDAS • Palliative care • Integrated therapies • Falls and bone health • Rehabilitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiology • Pathology • Cancer performances • Pharmacy • Patient access, Bookings & Outpatients • Haematology, Oncology/Psychology • Women & Children (Acute)

Living in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire is an area of outstanding natural beauty and ranks as one of the top rural areas to live in the UK. Stretching from the outskirts of London to the Midlands, the county

offers a unique mix of bustling towns alongside the rolling Chiltern Hills and the River Thames. Country walks run between picturesque villages whilst the superb travel links give quick and easy access to the cities of London, Oxford, Milton Keynes and Birmingham.

Education

Schools in Buckinghamshire offer high quality education, preparing pupils for adult life. Our schools are amongst the best in the country, consistently performing above the national average. Buckinghamshire is one of the few counties in England to offer grammar school education alongside comprehensive secondary education. Admission to grammar school is selective and based on results of the eleven-plus exam. In addition, Buckinghamshire is well-served by many independent schools for children from the ages of five to 18.

Well Connected

Access to London, the Midlands and airports is very easy via the M40, M4 or M25 motorways. You can be in central London in under an hour.

- Just over 30 minutes by train from High Wycombe
- Around 40 minutes by train from Amersham
- Around an hour by train from Aylesbury

Heathrow Airport

- 20 miles from Amersham
- 21 miles from High Wycombe
- 38 miles from Aylesbury

Designer shopping outlet Bicester Shopping Village

- 17 miles from Aylesbury
- 34 miles from High Wycombe
- 45 miles from Amersham

The historic university town of Oxford

- 25 miles from Aylesbury
- 30 miles from High Wycombe
- 42 miles from Amersham

Some of our local attractions

- Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio Tour
- Close to Pinewood and Elstree film studios
- Wembley Stadium
- Windsor and Windsor Castle
- Around 15 National Trust properties, parks and monuments
- Indoor and outdoor ski slopes
- Stunning countryside for walking, biking, horse riding
- Roald Dahl museum
- Zoos and safari parks

