

**JOB DESCRIPTION & PERSON SPECIFICATION**

**Clinical Fellow in Retina (MR/VR)**

at

**MILTON KEYNES UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

December 2022

Dear Colleague

Thank you very much for expressing an interest to join our team here at Milton Keynes University Hospital.

Milton Keynes is a vibrant and self-confident town, growing at an unrivalled rate. The town offers much to its residents, with outstanding leisure facilities and easy reach of both the picturesque Buckinghamshire countryside and the many attractions of London.

Milton Keynes University Hospital shares this vibrancy and self-confidence with the town, with a young and dynamic consultant body which has expanded significantly over the last few years. Our Associate Specialists, Specialty Doctors and postgraduate trainees make an energetic and positive contribution to all aspects of the life of the hospital and its wider community.

The University of Buckingham has established the UK's first independent Medical School and we are the key NHS partner in this enterprise. The development of this fresh approach to undergraduate education leads to a period of change, excitement and professional opportunity on the campus. We now have over a hundred undergraduate medical students (from both Buckingham and Oxford) on site at various point in the year.

We hope that you will chose to develop your career here with us, and help us in our goal of providing high quality care to the population of Milton Keynes, achieving professional and personal fulfilment on the way.

I look forward to meeting you if you plan to visit the hospital and commitments allow.

Kind regards

Dr Ian Reckless  
Medical Director

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## **1. About Milton Keynes University Hospital and the City**

Milton Keynes University Hospital (MKUH) NHS Foundation Trust is a medium sized district hospital that provides a full range of acute hospital services and an increasing number of specialist services to the growing population of Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas. With around 550 beds and employing more than 4,000 staff, the hospital sees and treats appropriately 400,000 patients each year comprising of both outpatient and emergency attendances.

We have a busy A&E department that manages all medical, surgical and child health emergencies seeing 87,000 patients a year. The Trauma Unit is a registered Level 2 Unit and the department deals with all emergencies. As our local population grows (current catchment is 300,000), we continue to develop our facilities. In addition to providing general acute services, Milton Keynes University Hospital increasingly provides more specialist services such as cancer care and complex cardiology.

All inpatient services and most outpatient services are provided on the main hospital site. The Trust is organised into four clinical divisions (medicine, surgery, women and children and core clinical) and a number of corporate directorates. The executive directors, and clinical service unit (CSU) leadership teams, are responsible for the day-to-day management and running of the hospital's services, with ultimate management accountability resting with the Chief Executive.

Over the last 10 years, the Trust has invested significantly in its site and has developed a number of new services and pathways to improve outcomes for patients, as well as the experience they receive whilst in our care. A number of further developments are planned for the coming years as the health demands of the local population change.

The Trust entered into a partnership with the University of Buckingham to establish the first independent Medical School in the country. The first cohort of University of Buckingham medical students began full-time clinical training with the Trust in 2017, and are now working across the NHS.

### **Some quick facts:**

- The Trust employs 4,000 staff.
- We have 550 inpatient beds.
- 87,700 people attend our Accident and Emergency Department every year
- We treat approximately 24,500 elective patients, 350,000 outpatients, and deliver approximately 4,000 babies every year.

### **Foundation Trust Status**

We have been an NHS Foundation Trust since 2007. This means that patients, the public and staff have a greater say in the future of the hospital, and in planning and developing services.

### **Our origins**

Development of the new town of Milton Keynes started at the end of the 1960s, but by the middle of the 1970s there was still no local hospital. A campaign under the banner 'Milton Keynes is Dying for a Hospital' was started. This resulted in the commitment to build a hospital and Milton Keynes Hospital was officially opened in 1984.

Since then, the estate of the hospital and the services we offer have dramatically increased meaning that, in many cases, where local people had once had to travel to receive specialist treatments they are now able to receive them closer to home.

### **Location**

The hospital is situated in a very rapidly growing city in the beautiful Buckinghamshire countryside.

The city lies midway between Northampton and Aylesbury and is traversed by the M1. It is on the West Coast Mainline (fast train to Euston currently 30 minutes).

Milton Keynes was designed from a visionary blueprint, at a time when Britain was rebuilding its communities devastated by the Second World War. Faced with the county's population forecasted to grow considerably, architects and designers were tasked to design an easily accessible town that could allow organic expansion. The result is a unique network of roads built on a grid system, configure by dual-carriageways, many roundabouts, underpasses and bridges.

Culturally, Milton Keynes is a vibrant and diverse city bringing together theatre, museums, art galleries, and yes the iconic, if infamous cow sculptures, created by the Canadian artist Liz Leyh. Nearby, is Bletchley Park and the beautiful grounds of Stowe House. The town has plenty of amenities to keep you busy, with two huge shopping centres, many restaurants, bars and leisure centres, plus Xscape, an indoor ski range right within the city centre.

Due to the design of the city, it also boasts 300km (186 miles) of cycle paths set amongst three ancient woodlands and housing estates that shelter from the road network. The Grand Union Canal passes through the town, providing the space to walk, cycle, run or relax. MK has been Britain's fastest growing city in terms of jobs and number of businesses over the past decade.

### **Board of directors**

Made up of executive and non-executive members, the Board of Directors has collective responsibility for the performance of the Trust and exercises power on behalf of the Trust.

The Board of Directors is accountable for setting the strategic direction of the Trust, monitoring performance against objectives, ensuring high standards of corporate governance and helping to promote links between the Trust and the local community.

The roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors can be found <https://www.mkuh.nhs.uk/about-us/our-structure/board-of-directors>.

### **The MK Way**

The MK Way is our refreshed vision, values, strategy and objectives and has been developed in collaboration with our staff. Our values outline what we believe is important in how we work and provide the framework in which we operate.

All staff members have a huge part to play in contributing to our goal of providing exceptional patient care. Through creating our new strategy, values and objectives, each and every staff member will understand how they can support the organisation in delivering our vision.

### **Vision**

Our vision for Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is to be an outstanding acute hospital and part of a health and care system working well together.



**We care:** We deliver safe, effective and high quality care for every patient. We treat everyone who uses our services, and their families, friends and carers, with dignity, respect and compassion; and we treat each other as we would wish to be treated ourselves.

**We communicate:** We say #hellomynameis; we keep patients informed, involved and engaged in their treatment and care; and each other informed about what’s happening in our hospital. We know we can speak up to make sure our hospital is safe and our patients are well cared for.

**We collaborate:** We are #TeamMKUH. We work together and with GPs, primary care, community care, social care and mental health providers and other hospitals to deliver great care and services for people in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire and beyond.

**We contribute:** We develop goals and objectives in support of the hospital’s vision and strategy. We are willing to join in and play our part to make our hospital the best it can be. We acknowledge and share good practice so that others can learn what works well and why, and we learn from others so that we keep improving the care and services we provide.

**Objectives**



## 2. The Post

### Job Description

Title of Post: Clinical Fellow in Retina

Nature of Appointment: Full Time for 1 year

No. of hours: 40 hrs per week

On-call/banding: No on-call currently (Expected to change in the future)

Responsible To: Medical Retina Consultant & Operational Manager

Accountable To: Clinical Lead in Ophthalmology

Employing Authority: Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation trust

The post will be based at Milton Keynes University Hospital.

### Job Profile

This is a new full-time post for 12 months in the first instance. We are looking to recruit a Retina Fellow to start as soon as possible.

The post will support the team consisting of Consultant, Speciality Doctors, and Trainees in the Retina Team. The successful candidate will complement SAS doctors and will be expected to play an active role in the delivery of service. The successful candidate will obtain training in both Medical and Vitreo-retinal clinics, Laser, and Injection clinics. Training will emphasise on the management of both simple and complex cases, laser, and surgical management options. The candidate should have good knowledge in general ophthalmology and the management of acute ophthalmic conditions. The post will provide an excellent opportunity to develop experience in managing medical and surgical retina patients.

He or she will also be expected to participate in the general workload of the department, perform relevant audits, quality improvement projects, provide clinical teaching to medical students, and possibly involvement with some clinical research opportunities.

### Duties and responsibilities:

**Clinical:** The post holder will, together with colleagues, be responsible for the provision of ophthalmic services within the ophthalmology department at MKUH including:

- (a) Diagnosis and treatment of patients in the medical retina and vitreo-retinal clinics.
- (b) Treatment of patients using laser procedures.
- (c) Treatment of patients with intravitreal injection. i.e., age-related macular degeneration
- (d) To manage acute ophthalmic conditions in BUS (Booked urgent service clinics)
- (e) To diagnose and treatment General ophthalmic conditions.
- (f) To provide cover for clinics where there is a clinical need.

## **Training:**

All medical staff will be expected to participate & contribute to the training and support of doctor's nurses and allied health professionals as well as undergraduate medical students.

## **Further Information**

Candidates wishing to discuss more details of the post, please contact:

Mr Julian Robins, Clinical Lead, Ophthalmology, MR/VR Consultant, 01908 995531  
[Julian.robins@mkuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Julian.robins@mkuh.nhs.uk) (NB. This email is not to be used by 3<sup>rd</sup> party companies advertising locum posts, any such requests will be rejected)

For further details / informal visits contact:

Areeb Moosavi Consultant:  
[Areeb.Moosavi@mkuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Areeb.Moosavi@mkuh.nhs.uk) (NB. This email is not to be used by 3<sup>rd</sup> party companies advertising locum posts, any such requests will be rejected)

## **Application Information**

Applicants who are unable, for personal reasons, to work full time will be eligible to be considered for the post. Job share applicants are also welcomed. If appointed, modification of the job content will be discussed on a personal basis in consultation with consultant colleagues.

This job description reflects the present requirements and objectives of the post; it does not form part of your contract of employment. As the duties of the post change and develop, the job description will be reviewed and will be subject to amendment, in consultation with the post holder.

Potential applicants who are visiting the Trust are welcome to approach the Executive team through the relevant lead Executive in order to meet on the day if this can be arranged. Shortlisted applicants for consultant posts are encouraged to meet with the Chief Executive and /or Medical Director.

Successful applicants will have both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching as part of their job plans.

We are moving towards a seven-day working pattern and welcome applications from people of all ages including people over 65.

Applications are to be submitted in the form of an online application through the NHS Jobs Website

**Interview Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### 3. Job Plan

The provisional programme is detailed below. This is a typical timetable in terms of overall structure but may be subject to minor modifications in terms of the timing and type of various clinics.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>AM</b>		Admin	Theatres VR/Cataract	MR Clinic	VR Clinic
<b>PM</b>	General Clinic	SPA	MR Clinic	Injection Clinic	BUS/Laser
<b>Evening</b>	BUS				

\*BUS – Booked urgent service

Through its inclusive and comprehensive job planning process, the trust commits to providing equitable working conditions to medical colleagues across specialties and their sub-specialties. Delivery of job plans, whilst owned by consultants and their Clinical Service Unit Leads, is overseen by the Divisional Director and subject to peer challenge at divisional level, thus enabling a further layer objectivity to our commitment in this regard.

#### **Review of Job Plan**

The job plan is subject to review once a year and is signed off between the post holder, the CSU Lead and an Executive Director of the Trust. Participation in annual appraisals is a contractual requirement. The Trust has procedures for resolving disagreements concerning job plan, either following appointment or at annual review.

#### **Teaching**

There are a number of specific roles within the hospital relating to our joint endeavours with the University of Buckingham Medical School. These roles involve teaching and the wider management of the undergraduate training programme. These activities are recognised explicitly in job plans. Day-to-day teaching on the wards and in clinic is accounted for within direct clinical care (DCC) time.

#### **The Appointee**

The appointee will have access to an office, and secretarial support will be available. Offices are equipped with a Personal Computer with suitable peripherals and connectivity. The library has access to current books and journals.

#### **Annual appraisal**

All doctors must have an annual appraisal and review of the job plan part of which will include completion of Mandatory Training. Trust appraisers are appointed by the Medical Director for appraisal and revalidation. Key issues arising from the appraisal process are relayed to the CSU Lead and Medical Director.

#### **Continuous Personal Development**

The Trust is fully committed to CPD. There are internal meetings (with certificates issued) plus a study leave allowance of 30 days over 3 years with funding available. As part of the job plan there is a core SPA (1PA) for supporting professional activities and CPD.

## Personal development and training

The Trust actively encourages development within the workforce and employees are required to comply with trust mandatory training.

The Trust aims to support high quality training to NHS staff through various services. The Trust is committed to offering learning and development opportunities to all full-time & part-time employees.

## General Responsibilities

All Medical and Dental Staff employed by the Trust are expected to comply with hospital health and safety policies, clinical governance, and other risk management policies.

The Chief Executive of the Trust or the CSU Lead / Divisional Director may from time-to-time delegate managerial responsibilities by agreement with the post holder.

## Trust Management Structure

Full details of the Trust's current management structure can be viewed online. In summary, there are four clinical divisions each made up of constituent clinical service delivery units (CSUs). Each Division and CSU is led by a triumvirate of Divisional or Clinical Director (typically a doctor), general manager and lead nurse (or allied health professional). Medical staff are encouraged to take an active role in leadership and management, developing our clinical pathways over time and offering both high quality and value for money.

## 4. The Department

The work includes routine outpatient work, special clinics and operating sessions. Apart from general clinics, the following special clinics are held:

Oculoplastic Clinic, Vitreo-retinal Clinic, Paediatric Clinic, Medical Retinal Clinic, Injection clinic, Strabismus Clinic, Diabetic Clinic, Laser Clinics, Glaucoma Clinic, Booked Urgent Service (BUS) clinics

### Consultant Staffing

The Consultants in post and their special interests are:

Mr Julian Robins	Clinical lead, MR/VR
Mr Areeb Moosavi	Glaucoma
Miss Rebecca Papadopoulos	Glaucoma
Miss Bina Parmar	Paediatrics
Miss Jennifer Doyle	Oculoplastics
Miss Zuzana Sipkova	Oculoplastics
Mr Ammar Miri	General MR/Cataract

The Consultants are supported by:

Associate Specialist	1
SAS doctors	5 (1 trainee)
Clinical fellow	1 (This post)

## Wards

Emergency Department	A fully equipped Category 1 department that is open 24/7 and able to treat all types of accidents.
AMU 1	AMU (Acute Medical Unit) is a facility where patients with medical conditions referred by their GP or by the Accident & Emergency Department can be assessed by a specialist medical team. This service operates 24 hours a day.
Short Stay Unit	28 bedded medical ward.
Ward 3	Female Medical Ward (Care of the Elderly)
Ward 4	Paediatric Assessment Unit and Paediatric Day Unit with an Escalation Bay
Ward 5	Paediatric In-Patient Ward with 22 beds. It cares for children with both emergency and elective needs.
Ward 6	Department of Critical Care
Ward 7	Hyper Acute Stroke Unit
Ward 8	A general medical ward with an interest in gastroenterology.
Wards 9 & 10	For Antenatal women identified in clinic or the Day Assessment Unit as requiring additional care and monitoring. Ward 10 has two 6 bedded bays, one of which is utilised for transitional care and 2 side rooms.
Labour Ward	Delivery Suites
Phoenix Ward 14	Previous Rehabilitation Ward - Currently Closed ( Apr 21)
Ward 15	Male Respiratory Ward
Ward 16	Female Respiratory Ward
Ward 17	Coronary Care Unit and Cardiology Ward
Ward 18	Male Medical Ward (Care of the Elderly)
Ward 19	General Medical Ward ( Care of the Elderly and Diabetes/Endocrinology)
Ward 20	Surgical Ward - Colorectal
Ward 21	Gynaecology and Urology
Ward 22	Escalation Ward
Ward 23	Trauma and Orthopaedic & ENT
Ward 24	Surgical ward – Elective surgery
Ward 25	Purpose Built Oncology and Haematology ward within the cancer centre

**Outpatient Clinics**

The purpose built out patient building provides standard facilities, including X-ray. Clinics are run from designated rooms in outpatients.

**Inpatients**

Ophthalmology elective patients are cared for in the Treatment Centre and Day Surgery Unit. Children are cared for in the Paediatric ward and Paediatric Day Surgery Unit.

**Department Critical Care**

DOCC is a facility offering critical care to all acute hospital patients specifically invasive and non-invasive ventilation, intracranial pressure monitoring, haemofiltration and invasive cardiac monitoring. There is a split on-call rota (anaesthetics and critical care), and DOCC is led by consultants from both anaesthetic and physician backgrounds.

**Theatres**

There is a dedicated Ophthalmology theatre within the suite of 12 theatres, with sessions also being available in the other theatres with full microscopic and endoscopic facilities available.

**Imaging**

There is a modern imaging department staffed by 13 Consultant Radiologists. The department provides plain x-rays, image intensification, digital screening, ultrasound, CT and MRI scanning and has an interventional suite. There are plans for further CT and MRI Facilities.

**Cardiology**

There is a modern Cardiology department providing diagnostic facilities for both inpatients and outpatients. They include exercise testing, electrocardiograph testing, ultrasound scanning, pulmonary function testing and twenty-four hour monitoring and echocardiography.

**Endoscopy**

There is a modern Endoscopy unit. We provide both diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy including ERCP and thoracoscopy.

**Pathology Laboratory**

There are full facilities on site for haematology, histopathology, microbiology and biochemistry.

Specialist Clinical Support Services are well provided for from Oxford University Hospitals, our main Tertiary Centre. A number of our departments have joint appointments, and there are excellent relationships at all levels. Specialist Eye and Plastic Surgery are provided at Stoke Mandeville.

**Management and Organisational Administration**

The Chairman is Alison Davis

The Chief Executive is Professor Joe Harrison

The Executive Medical Director is Dr Ian Reckless

**Clinical Structure**

Milton Keynes Hospital has 4 Clinical Divisions supported by a number of Clinical Service Units. The Divisional Director for OMF is Hamid Manji and the CSU Lead is Alison Hunt. The Division is managerially represented by Jennifer Kearney.

**Patient Experience Team**

As a part of the Trust medical team, you must be committed to providing the best possible care and experience for every patient every time. The patient is at the heart of everything we do.

Patients, with their families and carers, should be involved in and consulted about decisions about their treatment and care. As a member of the Trust you should facilitate and support patients, families and carers to feedback on the service we deliver, and to act upon what we hear from feedback

#### **Local Negotiating Committee (LNC)**

A LNC meets on a regular basis with Management to advise policies and procedures that affect Medical and Dental staff. These include a regular review of the Clinical Excellence Awards for Consultants and Associate Specialists.

#### **Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)**

The Medical Advisory Committee is chaired by Mrs Gaural Patel, Consultant Breast Surgeon, and meets monthly to discuss issues as they affect Medical Staff. It is open to all Consultants and Associate Specialists.

### **5. Undergraduate and Postgraduate Facilities**

The link with the University of Buckingham is an important step towards establishing the trust as a first rate centre of teaching excellence. The first students arrived at the hospital in May 2015. In 2017 the first rotation of clinical students (phase 2) commence full time hospital practice and a Medical School building, The Academic Centre, will open. These developments will also create exciting opportunities in the future for all staff in the fields of clinical research and education.

The medical school offers exciting opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, and enhanced research facilities.

We believe the continued growth of the hospital will allow us to expand and improve our services to offer the very best care to the people of Milton Keynes, and beyond.

There is an active Postgraduate Education Centre, which houses the hospital library. There is a programme of clinical meetings and lectures. The medical library is stocked with most general medical journals. It has a good selection of books, CD ROM / DVD facilities, and online resources.

The Director of Medical Education, Miss Debbie Phillips, FRCS, has overall responsibility for organising the postgraduate education programme, and active participation of Consultants, Trainees and General Practitioners is strongly encouraged. There is an active Speciality Tutors Committee that meets regularly.

In addition to the University of Buckingham Medical School, the Trust hosts Oxford university medical students from the graduate entry programme, in a number of specialties.

The Clinical Governance Support Unit has good resources and provides regular support in department projects. There are clinical governance half days on a monthly basis which includes peer review followed by specialist sessions to include clinical audit and learning which are held in the Postgraduate Education Centre.

Training grade doctors appointed to posts at MKUH have a wealth of education and training available to them on both a local and regional basis. This includes simulation sessions in our clinical skills and simulation facilities.

We also run a full programme of CPD opportunities for Consultants and SAS grades and have close links with Health Education Thames Valley for external educational opportunities. We have a vibrant SAS Drs Committee with a rolling programme of development, For Consultants we have recently introduced a 'new Consultant Development Programme', and for those wishing to take on a formal medical leadership role in the future, we are about to launch the 'Aspiring Clinical Leaders programme'.

The education centre also houses a Dental Suite with phantom heads for the education of Foundation Dentists and Dental Practitioners.

## 6. Terms and Conditions

### **Basic pay and thresholds**

Basic pay is £55,329 and, subject to satisfactory appraisal, job planning and review, will rise through threshold increases to £63,152 per annum. The starting salary for this new post will be at the minimum of the payscale in accordance with the Medical & Dental Terms and Conditions, although previous consultant service may be taken into account when determining the starting salary.

### **Clinical Governance**

The Trust has a Clinical Governance framework and a rolling programme of half days set aside for Clinical Audit and learning. Clinical Risk systems have been developed with cross-directorate working where appropriate.

Appointees are expected to participate fully in the clinical governance activities and procedures of the Trust, including adhering to and encouraging amongst junior staff compliance with best practice with regard to Infection Control procedures.

### **Data Protection**

The post-holder must, if required to do so, obtain, process and/or use information held on a computer in a fair and lawful way: to hold data only for the specified, registered purposes and to use or disclose data only to lawful persons or organisations as instructed.

### **Health and Safety**

Employees must be aware of the responsibilities placed on them under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and the Manual Handling Operations Regulations (1992). This ensures that the agreed safety procedures are carried out to maintain a safe environment for employees, patients and visitors to the Trust.

### **Risk Management**

All staff have a responsibility to report all clinical and non-clinical accidents or incidents promptly using the Datix system and when requested to co-operate with any investigation undertaken. Staff should also comply at all times with any regulations and policies issued by the Trust, especially those governing Health and Safety at Work and Infection Prevention and Control and to ensure that any defects which may affect safety at work are brought to the attention of the appropriate manager.

Reducing risk is everyone's responsibility. All Trust employees are to ensure that they work at all times in a way that promotes the safety of our patients, staff and public by proactively preventing and managing patient safety incidences.

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 'bare below the elbow', hand hygiene and aseptic techniques,
- ii) Be aware of all Trust infection control guidelines and procedures relevant to their work.

## **Equality and Diversity**

The Trust has a clear commitment to Equality and Diversity and it is the duty of every employee to comply with the detail and spirit of the policies.

## **Conflict of Interest**

The Trust is responsible for ensuring that the service provided for patients in its care meets the highest standard. Equally, it is responsible for ensuring that staff do not abuse their official position for personal gain or to benefit their family or friends. The Trust's Standing Orders require any employee to declare any interest, direct or indirect with contracts involving the Trust. Staff are not allowed to further their private interests in the course of their NHS duties.

The above duties and responsibilities are intended to represent current priorities and are not meant to be a conclusive list as the role will inevitably vary and develop over time. You may from time to time be asked to undertake other reasonable duties; however any changes will be made in discussion with you in the light of the service needs.

## **Staff Nursery**

[Busy Bees Nursery](#) is situated next to the hospital in Milton Keynes. The nursery is in a purpose built building and offers childcare from 3 months to 5 years.

## **Superannuation Scheme**

The post-holder will be entitled to join or remain in the NHS Superannuation Scheme, which provides:

- A pension and a tax free lump sum on retirement
- Life assurance cover
- Voluntary early retirement benefits (dependant on service, and meeting any statutory requirements)
- Ill-health retirement benefits (dependant on having at least two years' service)
- Redundancy benefits (dependant on having at least 5 years' service, and the appropriate age restrictions).
- Family benefits
- Options to increase benefits

All pension benefits are based on salary and length of membership of the Scheme. Legislative changes affecting the NHS pension scheme from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006 include the Gender Recognition and Civil Partnerships Acts and the Finance Act 2004, introduces new upper limits on tax free pension benefits and certain Child allowances. Medical and dental practitioners and other employees with relatively high earnings can find out more via [2015 NHS Pension Scheme guide for members \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](#) No contribution will be made by the Trust to personal pension plans for those who opt out of the above scheme.

## **General Conditions of Appointment**

- i. The Trust requires the successful candidate to have and maintain full and specialist registration with a licence to practise with the General Medical Council and to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of a doctor as set down by the General Medical Council.
- iii. All appointments are subject to satisfactory Occupational Health Clearance being obtained.
- iv. The appointment is exempt from the provisions of Section 4(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975. Applicants are not entitled therefore to withhold information about convictions which for other purposes are "spent" under the provision of the Act, and in the event of employing any failure to disclose such convictions could result in dismissal or disciplinary action by the Trust. Any information given will be completely confidential and will be considered in relation to an application for positions to which the Order applies.

- v With 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.

## 7. Person Specification

REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications/ Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBBS / MRCS / FRCS or equivalent medical qualification.</li> <li>• Full registration with GMC at time of appointment.</li> <li>• Postgraduate training in the UK (or equivalent EEA training)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MRCOphth or equivalent.</li> </ul>
Clinical Skills and Experience/Training	<p>Relevant specialty clinical knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to apply sound clinical knowledge relevant to the job.</li> </ul> <p>Clinical judgement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in making clinical decisions and managing risk. Knows when to seek help, able to prioritise clinical need.</li> </ul> <p>Practical skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows aptitude for practical skills required for the job</li> <li>• Proven ability to work effectively in different clinical settings required in the job.</li> <li>• Experience in performing intravitreal Injection</li> </ul>	<p>Surgical Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phacoemulsification cataract surgery</li> </ul> <p>Retinal Laser Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panretinal photocoagulation (PRP) Macular laser, Retinopexy</li> </ul>
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of clinical governance and ability to demonstrate ongoing CPD</li> <li>• Knowledge of the principles of evidence-based practice</li> <li>• Knowledge of the principles of clinical audit and direct experience of audit</li> <li>• Participation in relevant national audits</li> <li>• IT and Computer Skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of NHS, clinical governance, and resource constraints</li> <li>• Awareness of management issues – structures and planning</li> <li>• Active involvement in Audit</li> </ul>
Communication Skills and Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to demonstrate skills in written and spoken English that are adequate to enable effective communication about medical topics with patients and colleagues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest in Teaching</li> </ul>
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of the principles of research and ability to interpret and apply clinical research</li> <li>• Ability to apply research outcomes to clinical and surgical problems</li> </ul>	