

DUTIES OF THE POST

Title: Senior Clinical Fellow in Endoscopy

This is an exciting opportunity for a highly motivated, ambitious individual to join our Gastroenterology team at Northumbria Healthcare as a Senior Clinical Fellow in Endoscopy.

The Gastroenterology Team have a pedigree of leading and delivering high quality gastroenterology services and endoscopy practice across a broad range of subspecialties. For example, Dr Tom Lee is PI for a number of endoscopy related studies and is Chair of the National Endoscopy Database (NED) and Co-Chair of the Northern Region Endoscopy Group (NREG). This creates opportunities for research in this field to influence local and national practice. Research and audit activity is embedded within many of our clinical services, including sub-specialties across Hepatology, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD), Nutrition, alongside both Diagnostic and Therapeutic Endoscopy.

The Endoscopy Department at Northumbria Healthcare is delivered over multiple hospital sites with the acute endoscopy workload including GI Bleed and ERCP cases carried out at the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Cramlington. We are looking for an experienced endoscopist who wishes to consolidate their skills through practice as well as develop advanced therapeutic endoscopy skills through additional supervised training in ERCP.

This post will suit a Doctor in their late stages of training or in the immediate post CCT period. The candidate will already be performing diagnostic endoscopy and colonoscopy work certified as independent by JAG. They will show an interest and aptitude for training, audit and research and to join activities taking place in the Gastroenterology specialty and wider Endoscopy Service. They will be expected to support clinical work attached to the specialty, although this will primarily be endoscopy activity and some outpatient commitment – the job plan for this post will be negotiated with the successful candidate to meet both individual training and service needs.

This role aimed at candidates who are JAG accredited in upper and lower GI

endoscopy and wish to develop and consolidate their skills, alongside developing their own training and experience in ERCP cases. As well as exposure to upper and lower GI luminal therapeutics there is also the opportunity to develop skills in Emergency GI Bleed and Upper GI Therapeutic Endoscopy as part of Acute Rota at Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Cramlington with Consultant Gastroenterologist mentoring and support.

Outpatient clinic work is an expected part of the post, this will be assisting with the faster diagnosis cancer pathway and also developing skills in assessing patients prior to advanced endoscopy. There is job planned time for administration and CPD, alongside opportunities to participate in teaching and research based on the interests of the postholder.

There are no on-call out of hours commitments associated with this post.

Appointment

This post will be for 12 months in the first instance and will provide an ideal opportunity to undergo supervised training in ERCP and advanced therapeutic endoscopy, alongside the opportunity to deliver service lists for Gastroscopy and Colonoscopy. There will also be a regular commitment to Gastroenterology outpatient clinics as part of the role alongside Consultant Gastroenterologist colleagues.

The post-holder will benefit from regular Consultant led Educational supervision, be supported in their professional development and be provided with training opportunities in Gastroenterology and Endoscopy based on their individual aims and requirements.

Weekly Job Plan

Endoscopy Training: Depending on training requirements, opportunity for 2-4 ERCP Training Lists per week or 2 complex polyp lists per week along with opportunities to attend supervised Therapeutic/Acute GI Bleed lists.

Endoscopy Service: 4 Endoscopy Service Lists.

Outpatient and Inpatient Workload: 1 Outpatient Clinic or Inpatient Ward Round.

Administrative: 2 Sessions for Administration / CPD / Audit / Research.

Meetings:

Weekly complex polyp MDT

Weekly UGI MDT

Gastroenterology Specialty Meeting, Endoscopy User Group and Endoscopy Away Day.

Opportunity to attend specific CPD events eg BSG

The specific job plan will be designed with the post-holder to ensure balance of training and service delivery.

Supervision

The Senior Clinical Fellow in Endoscopy will report directly Dr Tom Lee, Consultant Physician in Gastroenterology and Clinical Lead for Endoscopy.

Head of Service for Gastroenterology is Dr Chris Haigh.

Aims

☐ To gain training in Gastroenterology and advanced endoscopy practice, including maintain diagnostic Gastroscopy and Colonoscopy competence.

☐ To facilitate and encourage high quality clinical research and audit within Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust relating to gastroenterology and endoscopy as required.

☐ To develop the skills and knowledge needed to conduct and deliver Gastroenterology and Endoscopy services within the Trust.

Objectives

☐ To provide access to and training in good practice in endoscopy including advanced endoscopic practice – this also extends to Gastroenterology subspecialty work to meet the individual aims of the postholder.

☐ To provide training in the assessment and management of acute and chronic Gastroenterology concerns, including endoscopy procedure, through a mixture of in-patient work and attendance at subspecialty outpatient clinics.

☐ Provide regular service commitment to endoscopy provision including both diagnostic Gastroscopy and Colonoscopy, alongside regular outpatient clinic

commitment.

Duration

This Senior Clinical Fellow in Endoscopy post is initially for 12 months.

Directorate/Service

The NHCFT multidisciplinary Gastroenterology service includes the following consultant staff:

Dr Chris Haigh

Dr Sophie Oxenburgh

Dr Tom Lee

Dr Richard Thomson

Dr Matt Warren

Dr Zafar Abbas

Dr Tom Manship

Dr Mumtaz Hayat

Dr Shelley Nair

Dr Stewart Bonnington

Dr Tom Hornung

Dr John Parr

Dr Anthoor Jayaprakash

Dr David Beaton

Integral to the Gastroenterology service, with a presence at all of our hospital sites, are IBD and Liver Nurse Specialists, Advanced Care Practitioners, Dietitians and Nurse Endoscopists,

Conditions of Service

- a. The post is full-time for a fixed term period of 12 months.
- b. Salary scale: as appropriate to the level of the post-holder on the standard clinical scale.
- c. For pre-employment health assessment purposes as part of the Trust's Occupational Health Service, the successful applicant will be required to

complete a medical questionnaire prior to commencement in the post. This will be treated in strict confidence and will be sent by the successful applicant directly to the Occupational Health Physician. The successful applicant may be required to undergo a medical examination and health screening.

Equal Opportunities

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is committed to the provision of Equal Opportunities both as an employer and in the services it provides.

All employees of the Trust and all applicants for employment have equality of opportunity for employment based on their abilities, qualifications and fitness for work.

The Trust is committed not only to the letter of the Law but also to the promotion of equality of opportunity in all fields.

Risk Management

To deliver the quality standards and targets outlined in the Trust's Risk Management Strategy and local operational policies.

Health and Safety

For managers

Managers have a duty to ensure that safe systems of work are used within their area of responsibility; to investigate accidents; to arrange for risk assessments to be conducted annually, and to ensure staff attend appropriate health and safety training.

For all staff

All employees have a duty to take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and that of others who may be affected by their activities; to cooperate with the Trust in complying with all health and safety rules and safe systems of work; and to inform their line manager of any work situation, or practice which may be considered a danger to health and safety