SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY IN HEALTH EDUCATION ENGLAND – WESSEX

This is a 4 year training programme in Clinical Neurophysiology at ST3 level aimed at doctors who can demonstrate the essential competences to enter this level of training. The programme is designed to support training for a CCT in Clinical Neurophysiology. Details of essential competences and qualifications are detailed in the national person specification for Clinical Neurophysiology at ST3 level which is available from http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/

It is anticipated that completion of this training programme, subject to satisfactory progression at the ARCP, will lead to a CCT in Clinical Neurophysiology.

The programme is based in hospitals in Health Education England – Wessex including:

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Health Education England – Wessex is responsible for the planning, development, education and training of the healthcare and public health workforce across Hampshire, Dorset, Isle of Wight and Salisbury. We also provide medical training for the States of Jersey and GP appraisal services for Jersey and Guernsey. We believe that the key to improving the health and healthcare of the 2.8 million people living in Wessex is investment in the skills and values of the 52,000 people working in the NHS and in primary care.

Within the field of postgraduate medical education and training, we manage across primary and secondary care for these health communities – totalling around 2,400 doctors in training at any one time across 12 Trusts and 160 GP practices. In addition, we support the workforce development for GP Practice Nurses and Public Health practitioners as well managing a bespoke GP appraisal service for established GP Practitioners to meet the requirements for revalidation in accordance with the statutory requirements set by the General Medical Council.

We manage training programmes for postgraduate medical training according to the statutory standards set by the General Medical Council (GMC) and have responsibility for establishing and maintaining quality management systems for all posts and programmes as required by the GMC.

The work of Health Education England – Wessex is guided by the principles embedded within the NHS constitution.
**Rotation Information**

Trainees will be allocated to Units within Health Education England – Wessex which are appropriate for their own educational needs, or in line with the job description as advertised. Trainees are expected to rotate to any of the units listed above if it is in their best educational needs.

**Study and Training**

The primary aim of all posts is the training programme developed and there is a region wide syllabus and minimum standards of education agreed by all Trusts within the rotation.

Health Education England – Wessex is committed to developing postgraduate training programmes as laid down by GMC, Colleges and Faculties and by COPMED - the Postgraduate Deans Network. At local level college/specialty tutors work with the Programme Director and Directors of Medical Education in supervising these programmes. Trainees will be expected to take part in these programmes (including audit) and to attend meetings with their nominated educational supervisor.

All posts within the training programme are recognised for postgraduate training by the General Medical Council (GMC) in accordance with their standards for training. Study leave is granted in accordance with Health Education England – Wessex/Trust policy and are subject to the maintenance of the service.

All posts have a service element and the following covers the majority of duties.

There will be minor variations in different hospitals but the list is aimed at covering the majority of duties:

1) Learn mostly by observation and supervised practice, supplemented by self-directed reading. Daily case discussions with the consultants are encouraged and throughout your training you'll be expected to put acquired knowledge and training into practice, investigating both outpatients and inpatients. Knowledge and training is assessed continuously by means of Mini-CEX and DOPS.

2) The training and experience you want can be gained in a variety of ways, depending on your needs. There are opportunities to work as the neurology ward registrar and the hospital neurology liaison registrar.

3) You can also attend any neurology clinics that you feel are of benefit and there is also a weekly neurology teaching session, which neurophysiologists often attend.
Curriculum

All posts will provide training in line with the Royal College of Physicians agreed curriculum for training in Clinical Neurophysiology which is available from www.jrcptb.org.uk

Teaching

There is a monthly paediatric EEG meeting and a monthly neonatal EEG meeting with the paediatric neurologists, which fosters sharing of knowledge. There is also a monthly Wessex-wide neurophysiology training meeting, which rotates around the neurophysiology departments, providing an opportunity for training from consultants beyond Southampton.

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TRUST SPECIFIC INFORMATION

University Hospital Southampton

At Wessex Neurological Centre in Southampton you will be trained in almost the entire range of neurophysiological investigations – EEG, ambulatory EEG, videotelemetry, EMG, single-fibre EMG, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, evoked potential studies and Intraoperative monitoring for spinal surgeries. This will include experience in both paediatric and adult cases.

There are five neurophysiology consultants who are keen to share their knowledge in an environment that you will find is very supportive of trainees. We encourage trainees to get involved in the educational activities at the centre – including, for example, presenting cases at MDT meetings.

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We encourage you to go to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London for further experience of paediatric EMGs and Wessex will be very supportive if wish to gain other relevant experience, such as undertaking a period of research or specialist clinical experience, whether it be with Wessex or elsewhere. Trainees are supernumerary so time is always found for such activities, within the boundaries of what is allowed during the specialty training programme.

**Main Conditions of Service**

The posts are whole-time and the appointments are subject to:
- The Terms and Conditions of Service for NHS Doctors and Dentists in Training (England).
- Satisfactory registration with the General Medical Council.
- Right to work in the UK.
- Criminal Records Check/POCA check carried out by the Trust Medical HR department.
- Pre-employment checks carried out by the Trust Medical HR department - [http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employment-checks](http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employment-checks)

**Educational supervisor**

The employer will confirm your supervisor on commencement.

**General information**

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Other Policies & Guidance