Head of Wessex Foundation School

The Wessex Deanery currently covers the health communities of South Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire, and the Isle of Wight and the States of Jersey incorporating acute, primary and mental health Trusts – approximately 15 Trusts. The purpose of the Deanery is to provide high quality clinical education and training for some 2,400 doctors and dentists in training to ensure that they are competent and fit to practise.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a forward thinking and dynamic Consultant to be the Head of Wessex Foundation School. The School provides a framework for partnership between the Deanery, Southampton Medical School, UK Foundation Programme Office, local Trusts and other medical schools, to ensure the highest standards of specialty training.

The Head of School will have a pivotal role in driving forward the implementation of the new curricula and integrating all key stakeholders; consultants, trainees, specialties, and service providers into a united voice for the foundation programme. The Head of School will chair the Foundation Strategy Board and also ensure that Trusts are actively engaged in the strategic development of the foundation programme across the region.

This is a challenging role and requires the ability to demonstrate leadership in postgraduate education, negotiating with key stakeholders and ensuring high standards all the way. There is a busy immediate agenda, ensuring Board priorities are assured including the implementation of ARCPs in Foundation, as well as overseeing recruitment to the foundation programme for 2013. The post offers a genuine opportunity to shape foundation training across Wessex and influence future developments at a time of unprecedented change in medical training.

4 PAs are available for this role; in addition, the Deanery would support your personal and educational development.

If you are interested in the role, please visit the Deanery website (www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk) where the role profile and application form are shown. To apply, please submit your application form as shown on the website. The closing date is 2012.

For an informal discussion about any aspect of this role, please contact Dr Simon Plint, Wessex Deanery Postgraduate Dean 01962 718412 or Dr Paul Sadler, current Head of Foundation at paul.sadler@wessexdeanery.nhs.uk

Interviews will be held on Thursday 2 August 2012.