SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN MEDICAL ONCOLOGY
PROGRAMME IN WESSEX DEANERY

This is a 4 year training programme in Medical Oncology at ST3 aimed at doctors who can demonstrate the essential competencies to enter this level of training. The programme is designed to support training for a CCT in Medical Oncology. Entry is competitive at ST3 and MRCP is an essential requirement. Trainees are encouraged to undertake a postgraduate qualification (MD/PhD) during their training. An interest in research (clinical or preclinical or both) is an essential requirement for a career in medical oncology. Southampton is fortunate to have a Cancer Research UK building and Welcome Research Unit on site.

The programme is based in hospitals in the Wessex Deanery including:

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Wessex Deanery is a relatively small deanery with a defined geographical area. Please note that applications are to the Wessex Deanery as a whole. Trainees will rotate between the Cancer Centres in Southampton, Bournemouth and Portsmouth.

The Wessex Deanery covers a geographical area from Basingstoke in North Hampshire to Dorchester in West Dorset and the Isle of Wight to the South; in addition some programmes rotate to Jersey and Chichester in West Sussex. This is a spread of approximately 65 miles North to South and 76 miles East to West. The Wessex Deanery serves a population of around 2.8 million people.

The Wessex Deanery is part of NHS Education South Central within South Central Strategic Health Authority that covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire in the north (under Oxford Deanery) and Hampshire and Isle of Wight. In addition, Wessex Deanery provides training programmes within Dorset and South Wiltshire under a formal agreement with the South West Strategic Health Authority. The Wessex Deanery is responsible for the training of some 2,500 trainees.

Rotation Information
In general, trainees will spend a year at either Portsmouth and Bournemouth and three years at Southampton. However it may be necessary for trainees to spend time at Bournemouth and Portsmouth on occasion. Posts rotate in the first week of May and November each year. It is anticipated that most trainees will start at Southampton and rotate to Portsmouth/Bournemouth in year two or three.

There are nine National Training Number posts (NTN) in Wessex deanery with 4 or 5 at Southampton and 1 post at Portsmouth and Bournemouth. It is anticipated that some trainees will be out of programme.

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**Study and Training**

The primary aim of the post is to meet the training needs of the trainee. The curriculum for medical oncology can be found on the JRCPTB website. The trainees are expected to attend a two year MSc course run by the Institute of Cancer Research on day release. [http://www.icr.ac.uk/education/msc_in_oncology/introduction_to_the_msc_in_oncology/index.shtml](http://www.icr.ac.uk/education/msc_in_oncology/introduction_to_the_msc_in_oncology/index.shtml)

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**Cancer Research Centres in Wessex**
[(http://www.suht.nhs.uk/Research/Links/WellcomeTrustCRFatSouthampton.aspx](http://www.suht.nhs.uk/Research/Links/WellcomeTrustCRFatSouthampton.aspx)

Across the Cancer Centre and Cancer Sciences Division at Southampton there are regular journal clubs, expert lecture series and a bimonthly joint training day for Clinical / Medical and Palliative Care specialist registrar trainees.

The Deanery is committed to developing postgraduate training programmes as laid down by PMETB, 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 Postgraduate Medical Education Training Board (PMETB) in accordance with their standards for training.

Study leave is granted in accordance with Deanery/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. Supervise, monitor and assist the House Officer (F1) in the day-to-day management of in-patients in posts with an attached F1.
2. Liaise between nurses, F1 and F2 Doctors, patients, relatives and senior medical staff.
3. Attend and participate in ward rounds as timetabled
4. Attend outpatient clinics.
5. Take part in roistered emergency work.
6. Dictate discharge summaries.
7. Study for higher examination and maintain continued professional development.
8. Attend weekly educational and multidisciplinary sessions.
9. Undertake audit at various times throughout the rotations.
10. Teach medical students as directed.
11. Co-operate with members of the personnel department when monitoring hours of work and other personnel issues.
12. Attend induction in each hospital or new department
13. Comply with all local policies including dress code, annual and study leave

**Cancer Centres within Wessex**
The Specialty Training scheme for Medical Oncology is based across 3 Cancer Centres.

**Southampton University Hospital Trust (SUHT)**
The SUHT Cancer centre serves a population of 1.7 million with specialists from the centre visiting cancer units in Basingstoke, Salisbury, Winchester, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. In addition SUHT is the regional centre for Neurosciences, Paediatrics, Upper gastrointestinal, Pancreas and Gynae-oncology. There are weekly multidisciplinary meetings in all major cancer sites and the regional specialist areas.

The Cancer centre comprises 46 inpatient beds on two wards, a purpose built outpatient chemotherapy suite, day unit and oncology pharmacy. There are 6 modern linear accelerators, a CT and a conventional simulator and facilities for gynae/prostate brachytherapy, radiiodine and radioimmunotherapy.

There are at present 13 Medical Oncology and 13 Clinical Oncology Consultants working in site specialist teams. Three of the Medical Oncology Consultants hold University positions ensuring a close link between the Cancer Sciences Division within the University and the NHS. These links provide an excellent opportunity for trainees to consider clinical and/or translational cancer research.

**Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Bournemouth**
The Dorset Cancer Centre serves a population of 700,000 across Dorset. Approximately 3500 new referrals are seen by the 7 Clinical Oncology and 3 Medical Oncology Consultants per annum. The Consultants work in site specialist multidisciplinary teams and attend weekly meetings in Bournemouth, Dorchester and Poole. The medical oncology trainee will be based at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

The department is committed to clinical research with participation in clinical trials in all major tumour sub-sites. There are regular clinical governance and teaching sessions and regular training of junior staff and non-medical personnel.

**Portsmouth Oncology Centre, Queen Alexandra Hospital**
The Portsmouth Oncology Centre serves a population of 800,000 and is located at the at new Queen Alexandra hospital. The centre has 8 Clinical Oncology and 5 Medical Oncology Consultants. They work in site specialist teams and attend weekly MDTs.

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The current and new Cancer Centre provides integrated in-patient, outpatient and day care facilities. The Radiotherapy department has 4 linear accelerators, Orthovoltage and Superficial machines, a CT and conventional simulator. The department is committed to clinical research with participation in clinical trials in all major tumour sub-sites. There are regular clinical governance and teaching sessions and regular training of junior staff and non-medical personnel.

**Medical Oncology Curriculum**
The Specialist Trainee in Medical Oncology will receive training in all aspects of the non-surgical treatment of cancer within the Wessex Medical Oncology training programme. The curriculum for medical oncology can be found on JRCPTB website [www.jrcptb.org.uk](http://www.jrcptb.org.uk).

**Teaching**
The trainees are expected to attend a two year MSc course run by the Institute of Cancer Research on day release. Trainees are encouraged to undertake a postgraduate qualification (MD/PhD) during their training.

There is a bimonthly Wessex deanery training programme for medical oncology, clinical oncology and palliative care specialist registrars. Trainees are encouraged to attend.

**Main Conditions of Service**
The posts are whole-time and the appointments are subject to:

1. The Terms and Conditions of Service (TCS) for Hospital Medical and Dental Staff (England and Wales)
2. Satisfactory registration with the General Medical Council
3. Medical Fitness – You may be required to undergo a medical examination and chest x-ray. Potential applicants should be aware of the Department of Health and GMC/GDC requirements with regards to HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis viruses. Candidates must be immune to Hepatitis B. You will be required to provide, in advance of appointment, evidence of immunity or have a local blood test (as deemed necessary by the Occupational Health Department)
4. Right to work in the UK
5. Criminal Records Check/POCA check carried out by the Trust Medical HR department.
6. Pre-employment checks carried out by the Trust Medical HR department.

**Hours**
The working hours for junior doctors in training are now 48-hours (or 52-hours if working on a derogated rota) averaged over 26 weeks (six months). Doctors in training also have an individual right to opt-out if they choose to do so, but they cannot opt-out of rest break or leave requirements. However, the contracts for doctors in training make clear
that overall hours must not exceed 56 hours in a week (New Deal Contract requirements) across all their employments and any locum work they do.

http://www.nhsemployers.org/PlanningYourWorkforce/MedicalWorkforce/EWTD/Pages/EWTD.aspx

**Pay**

You should be paid monthly at the rates set out in the national terms and conditions of service for hospital medical and dental staff and doctors in public health medicine and the community health service (England and Wales), “the TCS”, as amended from time to time. The payscales are reviewed annually. Current rates of pay may be viewed at http://www.nhsemployers.org/PayAndContracts/Pay%20circulars/Pages/PayCircularsMedicalandDental.aspx

Part-time posts will be paid pro-rata.

**Pay supplement**

Depending upon the working pattern and hours of duty you are contracted to undertake by the employer you should be paid a monthly additional pay supplement at the rates set out in paragraph 22 of the TCS. The current payscales may be viewed at xx. The pay supplement is not reckonable for NHS pension purposes. The pay supplement will be determined by the employer and should be made clear in their offer of employment and subject to monitoring.

**Pension**

You will be entitled to join or continue as a member of the NHS Pension Scheme, subject to its terms and rules, which may be amended from time to time.

**Annual leave**

Your entitlement to annual leave will be five or six weeks per annum depending upon your previous service/incremental point, as set out in paragraphs 205 – 206 of the TCS.

The TCS may be viewed at http://www.nhsemployers.org/PayAndContracts/MedicalandDentalContracts/JuniorDoctorsDentistsGPRereg/Pages/DoctorsInTraining-JuniorDoctorsTermsAndConditions150908.aspx

**Sick pay**

Entitlements are outlined in paragraphs 225-240 of the TCS.

**Notice**

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You will be required to give your employer and entitled to receive from them notice in accordance with paragraphs 195 – 196 of the TCS.

**Study leave**

The employer is expected to offer study leave in accordance with paragraphs 250 – 254 of the TCS. Local policy and procedure will be explained at your induction.

**Travel expenses**

The employer is expected to offer travel expenses in accordance with paragraphs 277 – 308 of the TCS for journeys incurred in performing your duties. Local policy and procedure will be explained at induction.

**Subsistence expenses**

The employer is expected to offer subsistence expenses in accordance with paragraph 311 of the TCS. Local policy and procedure will be explained at induction.

**Relocation expenses**

The employer will have a local policy for relocation expenses based on paragraphs 314 – 315 of the TCS and national guidance at http://www.nhsemployers.org/PayAndContracts/MedicalandDentalContracts/JuniorDoctorsGPReg/Pages/DoctorsInTraining-JuniorDoctorsTermsAndConditions150908.aspx

You are advised to check eligibility and confirm any entitlement with the employer before incurring any expenditure. In addition to local policy there is Deanery guidance which can be viewed on www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk

**Pre-employment checks**

All NHS employers are required to undertake pre-employment checks. The employer will confirm their local arrangements expected to be in line with national guidance at http://www.nhsemployers.org/RecruitmentAndRetention/Employment-checks/Pages/Employment-checks.aspx

**Professional registration**

It will be a requirement of employment that you have professional registration with the GMC for the duration of your employment.

**Health and safety**
All employers have a duty to protect their workers from harm. You will be advised by the employer of local policies and procedures intended to protect your health and safety and to comply with these.

**Disciplinary and grievance procedures**

The employer will have local policies and procedures for dealing with any disciplinary concerns or grievances you may have. They will advise you how to access these, not later than eight weeks after commencement of employment.

**Educational supervisor**

The employer will confirm your supervisor on commencement.

**General information**

The Deanery’s management of Specialty Training programmes, including issues such as taking time out of programme and dealing with concerns or complaints, is available at [www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk](http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk) and in the national ‘Gold guide’ to Specialty Training at [http://www.mmc.nhs.uk/specialty_training_2010/gold_guide.aspx](http://www.mmc.nhs.uk/specialty_training_2010/gold_guide.aspx)