SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN NEUROSURGERY IN WESSEX DEANERY

This is a 8 year training programme in NEUROSURGERY at ST1 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 NEUROSURGERY. Details of essential competences and qualifications are detailed in the MMC person specification for NEUROSURGERY at ST1 which is available from www.mmc.nhs.uk

It is anticipated that completion of this training programme, subject to satisfactory progression at the ARCP, will lead to a CCT or CESR (CP) in General Surgery.

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 which does lead to there being a single unit of application. In the majority of cases successful candidates will be asked to preference their choice of location for either one or two years. Some specialties will require successful candidates to preference both commencing location and specialty. Future placements will be based, as normal, on individual training and educational needs. Please note that applications are to the Wessex Deanery as a whole. This may mean that you may be allocated to any geographic location within the Wessex Deanery depending on training needs.

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. 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 South of England, comprising South Central, South East Coast and South West Strategic Health Authorities. The Wessex Deanery currently covers the health communities of South Wiltshire, Dorset, and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Wessex Deanery is responsible for the training of some 2,500 trainees.

Rotation Information

- Training takes place entirely at Southampton General Hospital
- In ST1 there are usually 3 four month placements in NICU, neurology and neurosurgery and In ST2, 8 months in neurosurgery and another 4 months in another surgical discipline (currently general surgery). Changes to the placements may be necessary to reflect the needs of trainees.
- ST3-8 years are equivalent to SPR grade and rotate at 6-12 monthly intervals around the 3 neurosurgical teams. Where possible trainees are allocated to a single consultant neurosurgeon.

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.
The Deanery 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 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 (F2) in the day-to-day management of in-patients in posts with an attached F2.
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 rostered 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

Trust Generic/Specialty Information

- The Wessex neurological centre provides neurosurgical care for 3 million people in Wessex. The unit has a dedicated NICU, neurosurgical, neurological and paediatric wards.

- Eleven consultant neurosurgeons are supported by 10 ST3 and above trainees and 5 ST1-2 trainees

- All major areas of neurosurgical practice are provided by the consultants working in 3 consultant teams.

- There are 3 operating lists per day, MDT meetings, OPD clinics and consultant ward rounds which trainees are expected to attend
Curriculum
The neurosurgical curriculum is detailed on the ISCP website at http://www.iscp.ac.uk/

Teaching
- Weekly teaching programme is held every Friday afternoon.

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 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.

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: http://www.nhsemployers.org/. 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/JuniorDoctorsDentistsGPReg/Pages/DoctorsInTraining-JuniorDoctorsTermsAndConditions150908.aspx

**Sick pay**

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

**Notice**

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
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 and in the national ‘Gold guide’ to Specialty Training at http://www.mmc.nhs.uk/specialty_training_2010/gold_guide.aspx