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Clinical Fellow (Registrar) in Gastroenterology

JOB DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION PACK

INTRODUCTION

Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton is a successful and progressive District General Hospital, the largest in Somerset, with an excellent reputation for providing a comprehensive range of medical, surgical and specialist services.

We are looking for ambitious middle grade Doctors who are aiming to obtain entry onto the GMC specialist register via the portfolio pathway (formerly CESR).

This post is for 4 years and provides excellent training in gastroenterology, general medicine and endoscopy equivalent to that provided on the HEE training scheme without the need to relocate each year.

The department of gastroenterology at Musgrove Park Hospital (Taunton and Somerset Hospital) provides a comprehensive service to West Somerset (350,000 population) with over 2,000 new outpatient referrals to the department and over 11,000 endoscopy procedures in the last year. There are currently 7 consultant gastroenterologists providing the full range of gastroenterological care. Gastroenterology is part of a Service Group that incorporates Colorectal & Upper Gastrointestinal/Bariatric surgery, as well as Vascular surgery.

Members of staff

Consultants: *Clinical interests & Managerial roles:*

Dr Nicola Hare Inflammatory bowel disease lead

Dr Timothy Jobson Clinical Service Lead for Gastroenterology, ERCP

Dr Tom Johnston Hepatology, upper GI cancer lead, GI stenting, EUS.

Dr Rudi Matull	Hepatology lead (incl. viral hepatitis), alcohol lead, ERCP, gastrointestinal stenting.
Dr Daniel Pearl	Clinical nutrition (incl. intestinal failure), inflammatory bowel disease, capsule endoscopy, bowel cancer screening (BCSP) practitioner and programme lead.
Dr Paul Thomas	ERCP; Bowel cancer screening endoscopist, oesophageal manometry and pH testing.
Dr Emma Wesley	Endoscopy Clinical Service Lead, Clinical nutrition (incl. intestinal failure), inflammatory bowel disease, specialty tutor for gastroenterology
Dr Daniel Wheatley	Large polyps, upper GI cancer, IBD

Nurse specialists:

We have a full team of specialist nurses that support the service. These include:

- IBD nurses
- Hepatology nurses (including viral hepatitis, paracentesis)
- Nutrition nurses
- Upper GI cancer nurses
- Nurse endoscopists
- Bowel cancer screening nurse practitioners
- Research nurses

Inpatient Care

For inpatients, a ward based system is in operation with 21 beds (all side rooms) allocated to gastroenterology on Hestercombe North ward. The wards are supervised by, one F1 doctor, two F2 doctors, one IMT1/2 and three gastroenterology specialty registrars (StR) from the higher specialist programme who are part of the Severn Deanery Regional Training Programme, as well as the consultant gastroenterologist of the week (GoW). Currently, six consultants provide ward cover on a rolling rota.

The ward consultant provides at least two formal ward rounds per week along with daily reviews of any new patients or sick patients who require review. There is an early review each day of any new patients admitted overnight and transferred directly to the ward some of them have not been seen on the medical post-take ward round.

There is a 24/7 on-call gastroenterology service which comprises 6 gastroenterology consultants who cover emergency endoscopy.

Gastroenterology Service

Endoscopy

Lead Nurse: Jessin Jijo

Clinical Lead: Emma Wesley (clinical lead, Endoscopy)

There is a 3-room endoscopy unit at Musgrove Park Hospital where we carry out the full range of endoscopic techniques including EUS, EMR, argon plasma coagulation and narrow band imaging (NBI). State of the art Olympus equipment is used throughout including variable stiffness colonoscopes with Lucera processors and 'scope guide' imaging. The unit uses a web-based endoscopy reporting system (HICSS) with digital image capture that is accessible throughout the hospital.

We also have a 3 procedure room endoscopy unit at Bridgwater Community Hospital where we carry out diagnostic endoscopy including nasal OGD and GI physiology.

There are three ERCP sessions each week (one as part of a GI stenting list) performed in the radiology department at Musgrove Park Hospital.

We are planning to open our new purpose built endoscopy unit on the Musgrove Park site in October 2025 which will enable us to carry out all GA and X-Ray endoscopic procedures within the unit.

Cancer Services

Gastroenterology has particular responsibility for running the upper GI cancer fast-track service and managing these patients, together with the specialist nurse team. The lower GI fast-track service is managed by the colorectal surgeons. There is a weekly upper GI cancer meeting (MDM) held with dedicated radiology, histopathology, oncology and palliative care support (Wednesday 08:30-09:30 am). The MDM is supported by a core group of gastroenterologists (Drs Wheatley & Johnston), and we provide a regular 'rapid access clinic' (Monday 09:30-12:30 am). Upper GI cancer surgery (hepato-biliary, oesophageal & gastric) is carried out at the Bristol Royal Infirmary (UBHT). The Beacon Centre, our Oncology Unit, allows much of the chemotherapy and radiotherapy to be delivered in Taunton.

Radiology

We are well supported by 4 dedicated GI radiologists and interventional radiologists performing the full range of hepato-biliary (including percutaneous trans-hepatic cholangiography & drainage) and other gastrointestinal (including embolisation) procedures, and participate in providing oesophageal stenting. They provide a cross-county-wide 24/7 interventional radiology service.

Other

There is a daily Nutrition Team round with a weekly review of all patients receiving parenteral nutrition and those with complex enteral feeding requirements, which is led by Drs Wesley and Pearl. They also coordinate the PEG and RIG services.

The Capsule endoscopy service is run by Dr Pearl. Oesophageal manometry and pH-testing is carried out by a nurse specialist, supervised by Dr Thomas.

MAIN DUTIES OF THE POST

Clinical duties

We are looking for a middle grade level doctor (post IMT3 equivalence). The successful candidate will have a bespoke job timetable according to their experience and training needs. This department developed training programme will run for a period of 4 years.

This will include:

- Support to the inpatient gastroenterology service (including reviewing referrals of inpatients from other teams)
- Regular outpatient clinics
- Endoscopy training in the relevant modality, if upper GI endoscopy is the main training requirement this will be offered in a high intensity manner with the aim of achieving independent practice (over 250 procedures) in the first 6 months of the post. This will then allow delivery of service lists during the remainder of the post.
- Commitment to the GIM on call rota (as medical registrar) – this can be negotiated according to training needs of the successful postholder and the other registrars. Over the 4 years this will be sufficient to ensure the requirements for GIM specialist registration can be applied for in conjunction with gastroenterology.

The post holder will be directly clinically supervised initially by Dr Wesley. The post holder will be supplied with a trust laptop with flexibility available that some sessions can be delivered remotely if desired.

It is hoped that at the end of the 4 year post the postholder will have sufficient documentation to apply for entry to the specialist register in gastroenterology and general medicine and therefore eligibility to apply for a substantive consultant post. The post will revert from the 'ST' pay scale to the speciality doctor scale after this time.

Clinical Audit

The gastroenterology team has participated in a variety of local and national audits. The post-holder will be encouraged to contribute to this programme.

Research

The gastroenterology department has an active research profile supported by two designated NIHR funded gastroenterology research nurses.

Dr Wesley and Dr Johnston are principal investigators on many NIHR and commercial studies in gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy with other new potential studies in the pipeline. The post holder will support the research team with patient selection, approach, consenting and study visits as required.

Dr Jobson has a large Innovate UK grant to support a programme of work looking at early identification of patients with significant liver disease. The post holder will have the opportunity to be involved in this work which is likely to rapidly lead to national and international publications.

Clinical Governance

All clinical staff are accountable and responsible for their own clinical competence and should limit their actions to those for which they are deemed competent. Clinical staff are required to comply with the requirements of their professional organisations regarding supervision.

Cover for Colleagues and Emergencies

The post holder will provide cover for colleagues in their absence and deal with emergencies as the occasion demands.

Management Arrangements

Clinical / Educational supervision: Dr Wesley

Managerially accountable to: Clinical Service Lead (Dr Jobson)

Professionally accountable to: Medical Director via Associate Medical Director, Clinical Director and Clinical Service Lead.

This post is within the Surgical Service Group, which also includes colorectal surgery, bariatric & upper GI surgery, and vascular surgery with its own dedicated administrative support. Key individuals in the management structure are detailed below:

Director of Operations:	Andrew Herron
Associate Medical Director:	Dr Helen Hopwood
Clinical Service Lead:	Dr Timothy Jobson
Service Group Director:	Fred Cock
Associate Director Patient Care:	Melody Schultz

VISITING ARRANGEMENTS

Applicants will be expected to understand the workings of the department before they attend for interview.

Potential applicants are encouraged to discuss this post and arrange a pre-interview visit with Dr Jobson or Dr Wesley (01823 344980), timothy.jobson@somersetft.nhs.uk or emma.wesley@somersetft.nhs.uk.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Clinical Fellow / Registrar in Gastroenterology

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBBS or equivalent • Full registration and licence to practice with GMC • Full MRCP (Part 1,2 and PACES) • ALS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCP
Training and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of CMT / IMT or ACCS training with satisfactory ARCP outcome OR Alternative Certificate of Core Competence Medical specialities • Able to carry out the duties described in the job description • 2 years experience of working in the NHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience at Specialist Registrar grade • Teaching of junior medical staff, nursing staff • Demonstrates a commitment to gastroenterology
Academic Achievements/ Research/Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of participation in audit / quality improvement locally and understanding of the principles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic training with research publication
Management/ Administrative Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willing and able to work with colleagues in management, nursing and other specialities to ensure the delivery of a high-quality, safe service • Familiar with clinical governance • Good IT skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in clinical governance
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication skills • Hardworking, enthusiastic, conscientious and flexible • Works well as part of a team and under pressure • Caring attitude to patients • Flexibility, enthusiasm • Good time management skills 	