

Liver, Renal and Surgery Division

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post:	Senior Clinical Fellow in HPB medicine
Department:	Hepatology
Location:	Denmark Hill
Hours:	40 hours
Responsible to:	Clinical Lead – Dr Abid Suddle
Accountable to:	Dr Deepak Joshi

LIVER UNIT AND INSTITUTE OF LIVER STUDIES

The Liver Transplant programme, Adult and Paediatric is the largest (>175 cases p.a.) and most prestigious in the country offering groundbreaking techniques such as split liver, the use of auxiliary livers and the pioneering living-related transplantation programme. Complimenting the transplant programme is an expanding service in hepatobiliary surgery (HPB).

The Liver ITU provides the most comprehensive service for the management of critically ill patients with liver disease (acute liver failure, decompensate chronic liver disease, hepatobiliary surgery and trauma and liver transplantation) and has a reputation for innovative research into novel clinical treatments such as extra corporeal liver support. The ITU facilities housed in 15 bed area in close proximity to the liver wards, theatres and laboratories.

The ward services have recently expanded to provide in patient beds for 58 patients with all aspects of liver disease. Patients are admitted as local, regional, supra-regional or international referrals. There is supporting the ward based service a dedicated outpatient service, providing daily clinics to all our patient groups.

Endoscopic services also feature as part of the total package of care with over 2000 endoscopies and 700 ERCPs performed annually on local and nationally referred patients. Endoscopic ultrasound is also offered.

There are close links with other specialist services such as liver radiology with regular multidisciplinary meetings. In house post graduate education programmes, audit and morbidity and mortality meetings in addition to journal clubs are all undertaken regularly.

The clinical care is facilitated by dedicated services including:

- Transplant and liver theatres

- Liver ITU
- Endoscopy and ERCP suite
- Separate Outpatient Clinic
- Dedicated laboratories including containment level III rooms
- In house histopathology, virology and immunosuppressive drug monitoring..

Summary of Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be involved in fixed clinical commitments which would be determined by both their clinical training needs and the service requirements of the Institute; an example timetable is outlined below. The focus of this post is ERCP and EUS. The successful candidate will also undertake a specialist HPB clinics a week. All ERCP at Denmark Hill is performed under general anaesthetic. The focus of this fellowship is HPB medicine and provides a thorough, holistic approach to patient care. Involvement in research projects is encouraged as well as participation in audit. Attendance of UK meetings (BSG) and international meetings (UEGW, DDW etc etc) can also be supported and again is encouraged.

Although there is no regular service provision, the post holder will also need to provide occasional ward cover during the day when required to cover study leave. There will be an element of administrative duties and the post holder will be expected to participate in the GI bleed on call rota as a 1 in 7 with prospective cover.

Acceptance of an offer of this post will be deemed to include acceptance of the changes including remuneration in accordance with the Provisions of the agreement and circular (MD 1/92).

Medical clearance and in some circumstances examination is required prior to appointment.

The Post is covered by the Terms and Conditions of Service of Hospital Medical and Dental Staff and the General Whitley Council.

Although these fellows' appointments are not accredited for training the appointees will be expected to participate fully in the educational and training programmes within the department and the hospital. Appointees will have a named educational supervisor and be expected to undergo annual review and appraisal and will be provided with equal training opportunities as the local trainees. Annual leave and study leave is commensurate with other post foundation doctors. The experience and opportunities offered would be excellent experience for applicants planning a career in Liver Medicine.

General

The post holder has a general duty of care for their own health, safety and well being and that of work colleagues, visitors and patients within the hospital, in addition to any specific risk management or clinical governance accountabilities associated with this post.

To observe the rules, policies, procedures and standards of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust together with all relevant statutory and professional obligations.

To observe and maintain strict confidentiality of personal information relating to patients and staff.

To be responsible, with management support, for their own personal development and to actively contribute to the development of colleagues.

This job description is intended as a guide to the general scope of duties and is not intended to be definitive or restrictive. It is expected that some of the duties will change over time and this description will be subject to review in consultation with the post holder.

All employees must hold an nhs.net email account which will be the Trust's formal route for email communication. You are therefore required to check this regularly and to deal with such communication promptly.

Infection Control Statement

The post holder has an important responsibility for and contribution to make to infection control and must be familiar with the infection control and hygiene requirements of this role.

These requirements are set out in the National Code of Practice on Infection Control and in local policies and procedures which will be made clear during your induction and subsequent refresher training. These standards must be strictly complied with at all times.

Other Facilities

- All Medical and Dental staff employed by the Trust automatically become members of the Medical School and therefore may use the sports and social facilities available.
- Library facilities are available in the Weston Education Centre. The Institute of Liver Studies also maintains a small journal library and a dedicated seminar room

The post holder will carry out the duties as an employee and service provider in line with the Trust's Equal Opportunities Policy, with strict regard to confidentiality and with respect of Health & Safety responsibilities.

King's College Hospital is a Non Smoking Organisation

Provisional timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	HPB clinic	ERCP	EUS	0800-0900: MDT ERCP	ERCP**
pm	EUS* ERCP**	Telephone clinic/audit	ERCP**	Admin	ERCP**

* Alternate EUS/ERCP lists

** These lists to include therapeutic EUS

The above is the weekly timetable. The HPB fellow has access to 6-7 training lists per week. There is no service provision within this fellowship. The HPB fellow is expected to undertake the JAUG EUS/ERCP audits and participate in HPB audits/research. The fellow will participate in the GIB rota.

SENIOR CLINICAL FELLOW

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ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
1. Qualifications	Registrable medical qualification	BSc
2. Higher qualifications	MRCP or equivalent	
3. Registration	Full registration with GMC	
4. Training and experience	Registrar or equivalent training in gastroenterology and/or Hepatology (ST 6 level or above). Accredited in basic and therapeutic OGD.	Hepatology training. Independent upper gastrointestinal endoscopist with some experience in managing variceal bleeding.
5. Audit	Understanding of principles of medical audit and undertaken audit projects	Previous involvement in research projects and published in peer reviewed journals
6. Research and publications	Understanding of the concept of research. Understanding of research governance and ethics	
7. Personal skills	Effective communicator, able to work in a close-knit team and co-operate with all medical and paramedical staff.	
8. Personal attributes	Familiarity with information technology and general computer skills Professional attitude towards work; reliability, good record of attendance and tidy personal appearance	
9. Teaching	Experience of undergraduate teaching	