

POST OF CLINICAL FELLOW IN ENDOSCOPY



Job Description

General

Aberdeen

With a population of approximately 250,000, the city of Aberdeen stands between the Rivers Dee and Don. This historic city has many architectural splendours and the use of the sparkling local granite has earned Aberdeen the name of the 'Silver City' Aberdeen is recognised as the oil capital of Europe but nevertheless retains its old-fashioned charm and character making it an attractive place in which to live.

Aberdeen enjoys excellent communication services with other British cities – e.g. flying time to London is just over one hour with regular daily flights, road and rail links to all points North and South are excellent.

There is a wide choice of high quality housing available within easy commuting distance.

Well known for its superb quality of life, Aberdeen enjoys first class amenities including: His Majesty's Theatre, Music Hall, Art Gallery, Museums and Beach Leisure centre. Education facilities are excellent and in addition to Regional Education Authority schools, there are two fee-paying schools for girls and one co-educational college. All three cater for primary and secondary pupils.

There are two high-ranking universities in Aberdeen. The University of Aberdeen is a fusion of two ancient universities: Kings College founded in 1495 and Marischal College which dates from 1592. The University maintains an outstanding record in scholarship and supports a high level of teaching and learning underpinned by a first class portfolio of research programmes and currently has 10,000 matriculated students.

The Robert Gordon University has earned wide recognition for its pragmatic approach to higher education both in Scotland and internationally. For generations it has produced qualified professionals across a broad spectrum of careers in the arts, management, engineering, sciences, pharmacy, health and the professions allied to medicine. Around 5,800 students study almost 100 full-time and part-time courses at undergraduate, post-experience and postgraduate levels. The University is actively involved in applied research in a variety of fields and many short course programmes are being formulated to meet the growing needs of the community.

Foresterhill Health Campus

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital and the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital are co-located with the University of Aberdeen Medical School on the Foresterhill site. The Suttie Centre is a purpose built clinical skills and postgraduate centre. The Institute of Medical Sciences is brings together medical scientists and clinicians in a fully integrated research facility. The Rowett Institute is at the forefront of nutritional research. It includes a clinical investigation unit, a metabolic research facility and a body composition suite, alongside extensive state-of-the-art laboratories.

Description of Hospitals in the acute sector.

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Foresterhill, with a complement of 1027 beds, is the principal adult acute teaching hospital of the Grampian Area providing a complete range of medical and clinical specialties. It is situated on a large open site to the North-West of the city centre. The

Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital and the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital are also located on this site. The Matthew Hay Building (previously known as the Emergency Care Centre) brings together emergency and urgent care services into one building.

Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital (RACH) with a complement of 109 beds together with the Neonatal Unit, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital (AMH) provide all specialist care for children up to the age of 16 years in the Grampian Region and the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

Aberdeen Maternity Hospital with a complement of 177 beds is the main Maternity Hospital for the Area. It has both ante-natal and post-natal beds.

Matthew Hay Building with a complement of 353 inpatient and day case beds brings together urgent and emergency care services within one building. Accident and emergency (A&E), GMED (primary out- of- hour's service) and NHS24 are also housed within this building.

Work of the Department

The Department of Digestive Disorders functions as the main GI referral centre for Grampian and surrounding regions with a catchment population including tertiary referral of approximately 650,000. A full range of services is provided including the subspecialties of Hepatology, IBD and Nutrition. There is a 29 bed ward within the Emergency Care Centre in addition to dedicated GI Bleeding Unit incorporated within the Medical High Dependency facility. In patient services are delivered by 2 consultant-led teams (Liver and Luminal).

The main Endoscopy Unit comprises 3 suites and there are two further fully equipped suites located elsewhere on the ARI site, including a dedicated endoscopy suite within the Emergency Care Centre, co-located with the GI ward, for emergency and unscheduled procedures. ERCP work is undertaken in the Radiology Department. Endoscopy procedures are also performed at the Aberdeen Health Village and a number of community hospitals. A full range of endoscopic services are provided including ERCP, EUS, Enteroscopy, EMR and RFA advanced interventional endoscopy, with over 12000 endoscopic procedures performed per year. Radiofrequency ablation for biliary and pancreatic cancers is also available. The unit is the one of the few centres in Scotland to offer Spyglass testing for biliary disease. A new 7 suite Endoscopy Unit is planned as part of the National Treatment Centre in the coming years.

The department has been involved with delivery of the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme for many years and was one of the original pilot sites in the UK.

There is a dedicated GI physiology laboratory providing a full range of test including pH monitoring, manometry, BRAVO studies, capsule enteroscopy and a variety of hydrogen and C13 breath tests.

There are regular audit, histopathology, radiology, morbidity and mortality meetings, in addition to monthly postgraduate training sessions. There are also excellent interventional radiology, dietetics and pharmacy services to complement the department.

Staff in Unit

Dr Gillian Bain	Consultant Gastroenterologist <i>Training Programme Director</i>
Dr Umesh Basavaraju	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Dr Chaitra Chandrashekar	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Dr Shirley English	Associate Specialist
Dr Gillian Leggett	Consultant Gastroenterologist

Dr Stephen MacPherson	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Dr Lindsay McLeman	Consultant Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist
Dr Emma Metcalfe	Consultant Gastroenterologist <i>Endoscopy Training Lead</i>
Dr Francesca Moroni	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Dr A Mukhopadhy	Consultant Gastroenterologist <i>Clinical Service Director</i>
Dr PS Phull	Consultant Gastroenterologist <i>Clinical Lead for Bowel Screening Programme</i>
Dr Sandeep Siddhi	Consultant Gastroenterologist Clinical Lead for Endoscopy
Dr MG Smith	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Dr John Thomson	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Dr B Vijayan	Consultant Gastroenterologist

Senior staff are supported by 6 Speciality Registrars, 1 SCRED Registrar, additional ward based junior medical staff, a physicians associate and a team of specialist nurses (Endoscopy, Liver, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Bowel Screening and Nutrition). The Endoscopy service is also supported by 2 nurse endoscopists.

Duties

This post is for a training fellowship of up to 1 year in advanced endoscopy, suitable for individuals in the latter stages of their Specialist Registrar training in Gastroenterology. The applicant will join a large academic department of Gastroenterology based at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and the University of Aberdeen. There are specialist clinics for IBD, and all aspects of Liver disease. Service commitment would be expected in the form of 4-5 endoscopy lists but there is no ward or on-call commitment. The endoscopy service is currently providing a 7 day service, and the successful candidate may be required to undertake some of the service lists at the weekend. An endoscopy-related clinic could be incorporated into the job plan.

Advanced endoscopy training for 3 lists per week will be matched to the needs of the applicant. Time will be available in the job plan for attendance at MDT meetings and clinical administration. In addition, participation in research/audit projects would also be expected, under the supervision of one of the consultants. There is an expectation of participation in teaching within the endoscopy service.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to be trained in ERCP (including Spyglass and biliary manometry), and Endoscopic Ultrasound (including pseudocyst drainage); at least a year of training in grade I ERCP is necessary. Previous experience in endoscopic ultrasound would be advantageous but not a prerequisite.

Overall supervision would be provided by the Clinical Lead for Endoscopy.

The following should be regarded as an indicative job plan only and will be subject to detailed planning on appointment dependent upon the individuals needs.

Weekly timetable Proposed (subject to change)

Weekday	am	pm
Monday	Endo service list	Training list
Tuesday	HPB MDT/ Admin	Service list
Wednesday	Training list	Service list
Thursday	Admin/research	Training list
Friday	Training list	Clinic

Location of Duties

Endoscopy will be undertaken principally within Aberdeen Royal Infirmary but may involve some lists at other sites within NHS Grampian.

Informal enquiries should be directed to DrSandeep Siddhi, Clinical Lead for Endoscopy (sandeep.siddhi@nhs.scot).

PERSON SPECIFICATION



The Person Specification should meet the demands of the job and comply with current legislation. Setting unnecessary standards may, for example, unfairly discriminate against one sex, the disabled or minority racial groups. Applicants should be assessed in relation to their ability to meet the real requirements of the job as laid down in the job description. Shortlisted candidates **MUST** possess all the essential components as detailed below.

POST/GRADE: CLINICAL FELLOW IN ADVANCED ENDOSCOPY.

LOCATION/HOSPITALS: ABERDEEN ROYAL INFIRMARY

WARD/DEPARTMENT: ENDOSCOPY SERVICE / DIGESTIVE DISORDERS

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB ChB, MB BS or equivalent • MRCP (or equivalent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD or PhD • CCST/CCT/CESR (CP) in Gastroenterology or appropriate Specialty
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full GMC Registration • Experienced Specialty Registrar Year 5/6 equivalent • Experience in managing patients with gastrointestinal disease. • Competence in diagnostic gastroscopy & colonoscopy with appropriate JAG accreditation (or equivalent) • At least one year of ERCP experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent in therapeutic upper GI endoscopy. • Advanced Endoscopic skills or training experience (eg ERCP, EUS, EMR etc)
Research & Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of methodology and principles of research and audit • Evidence of participation in research and audit projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications in peer-reviewed journals
Personal Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly motivated individual keen to contribute to an active GI Team within a major teaching hospital • Commitment to teamwork within a multi-disciplinary and multi-professional setting • Organisational & Leadership skills • Good verbal and written communication skills • Caring attitudes • Honesty & Reliability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of skills useful for service redesign, and improved patient care.

Teaching	An interest in undergraduate and post graduate teaching	An interest in endoscopy teaching/training
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MAJOR RISKS IN DOING THIS JOB

Performance of procedures which may expose the individual to blood-borne pathogens.
Some manual handling issues may arise as part of routine endoscopy.

Other Requirements:

All posts are subject to SCRO checks, and checks against GMC records.
Candidates should have good health and attendance and should not be in breach of NHSG attendance at work policy.