

Consultant Job Description

Grade: Locum Consultant in Upper GI and General Surgery

Department: Surgery

Reports to: Clinical Director



Job Summary:

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust is looking to appoint an enthusiastic, forward-thinking Locum Consultant in Upper GI and General Surgery.

Key Responsibilities:

This is initially a locum post to replace a departing upper GI surgeon and to meet the increasing demands for expertise in benign UGI surgery. Advanced minimal access and/or robotic surgery experience is of particular importance. The post is based in the UGI Surgical Unit to work very closely with 6 consultant colleagues on a day-to-day basis to cover general aspects of UGI work. We aim to appoint a well-trained specialist in upper GI surgery with sufficient general surgical experience to be confident in the management of general surgical emergencies. Training and experience in a tertiary referral centre for UGI disease will be preferable, and a higher degree, UGI publications and ongoing UGI research interests will be looked upon very favourably. Ability to work very flexibly as a team member with existing colleagues is essential.

Minimal access surgical training in emergency surgery and benign UGI surgery (including cholecystectomy, hernias & hiatal surgery) is an essential part of this post, as most patients are operated on laparoscopically in this unit. Being a competent surgeon entails more than just operative skills, and evidence will be sought as to the appointee's ability & judgement to collaboratively manage post-operative complications and/or critically ill patients.

They will be expected to be capable of UGI endoscopy including therapeutic procedures such as stenting.

Elective work:

The appointee will join a team of 6 surgeons, 4 of whom have a major interest in oesophago-gastric & bariatric surgery. The appointee will be expected to be familiar with and to have had training in all aspects of UGI surgery including laparoscopic cholecystectomy & bile duct exploration (emergency and daycase), fundoplication, abdominal wall reconstruction and laparoscopic hernia repairs (groin and incisional). A high proportion of elective work is performed using the *da Vinci* surgical robot; a grounding in robotic surgery and familiarity with this system are desirable.

Emergency work:

The appointee will have a broad training in general surgery and will be able to provide an on call service in general surgery. Vascular emergencies, head injuries and surgery for children under 5 years are provided separately and would only be covered by the appointee under exceptional circumstances. "On take" the consultant will be supported by a team of SpR, SHO and two House Officers. The trainees work shifts which meet with doctors' hours regulations.

Portsmouth operates an emergency surgery service, on a 1 in 16 basis, with consultants carrying out 2 weeks of emergency surgery work every 16 weeks, in direct partnership with a colorectal colleague. A third of the on call service relates to biliary disease; Portsmouth has a culture of urgent cholecystectomy, mostly laparoscopic, increasingly robotic; the successful candidate must embrace this philosophy. A high proportion of emergency surgery is performed laparoscopically and is thus more consultant-delivered than usual; again, the successful candidate must buy into this ethos.

The on-call consultant will lead a SAU ward round at 8am, then supervise CEPOD and conduct a further ward round at 5pm before a telephone hand-over to the night consultant. In addition, at weekends the Consultant will also do a full ward round of upper GI and general surgery patients on E level, SHCU and ITU. It is expected that patients with diagnosed LGI or breast disease will be handed over to the relevant specialist teams if needed or sent to the relevant clinic if not urgent.

Two CEPOD operating lists are available for use most days (currently shared with other specialities).

Person Specification

Qualifications

Essential

- Full GMC registration with a licence to practice
- FRCS or equivalent

Desirable

- Postgraduate thesis
- Higher degree

Clinical Experience

Essential

- Entry on the GMC specialist register via CCT (proposed date must be within 6 months), CESR or European Community Rights
- Appropriate training at SpR level (or equivalent) for general and UGI surgery
- Trained in General Surgery and able to manage common surgical emergencies
- Proficiency in upper GI endoscopy

Desirable

- Expertise in laparoscopic surgery, experience of robotic surgery
- Therapeutic endoscopy

Clinical Skills

- Demonstrable skills and experience of Upper Gastrointestinal, General Surgery and common Emergency Surgery

- Understanding of clinical risk management

Knowledge

- Able to demonstrate appropriate level of clinical knowledge
- Knowledge and use of evidence-based practice
- IT skills
- Effective, confident presentation ability
- Experience in and outside speciality

Other

- Evidence of participation in audit
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Publications
- Prizes and honours
- Logical thinking, problem solving and decision making
- Demonstrable collaborative and team-working skills, both clinical & managerial.

Job holders are required to act in such a way that at all times the health and well-being of children and vulnerable adults is safeguarded. Familiarisation with and adherence to the Safeguarding Policies of the Trust is an essential requirement for all employees. In addition, all staff are expected to complete essential/mandatory training in this area.

Print Name:

Date:

Signature: