

CONSULTANT NEUROLOGY POSITION

This is a newly developed large and modern hospital complex which caters for most of the major specialties and has 557 acute beds. There are 172 general medical and care of the elderly beds including coronary care and renal beds and a 51 bedded combined medical and surgical assessment unit including short-stay (up to 72hrs) beds. There is a large, well-staffed Accident and Emergency Department. There are at present 108 general surgical beds, a 20 bedded critical care unit (level 2 and level 3), a 10 theatre suite and 3 orthopaedic wards. There is an Ophthalmic Unit, Adult Day Care Unit, an ENT department and a purpose built fully equipped department of Clinical Oncology. The large X-Ray Department is situated close to the Outpatients and has sophisticated x-ray facilities with modern CT and MRI scanners. There is also a fully developed Medical Physics Unit. There is a modern and well-organised Outpatient Department which is at present used by all the surgeons and physicians.

The Neurology department, together with Neurophysiology is part of the Pan Trust Medical Specialties Business Unit. The Department presently has 2 Full time Consultants. The Department also has a Clinical Nurse Specialist for Multiple Sclerosis providing follow up care and support for MS patients. It is hoped the new appointees, would take the service forward with the development of further services for seizure disorder and Parkinson's disease. The trust is committed to improving the service with more specialist nurse support.

Neurology Contract Demand for 2011/12

Day Case	First Outpatients Follow Up	Outpatients
359	2568	3452

The Department of Neurophysiology is based at the Hospital and comprises a Consultant Neurophysiologist and three Clinical Physiologists.

Development

There is significant potential for the successful candidate for this post to help drive the expansion and development of this department. The Trust is looking to expand the current service to provide a more equitable and forward thinking service to the whole county. With ongoing projects and development in acute stroke management as well as an increased demand for outpatient and inpatient general neurology services it has become time to re-evaluate the direction of these services.

Research

There are few on-going neurology research at the hospital. The successful candidate would be encouraged to establish their own research and attract funding for the time from that research, or alternatively agreeing an arrangement with the Trusts R&D team for them to fund this work on the basis that research would then be undertaken.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To provide inpatient & outpatient assessment, diagnosis and treatment to patients requiring access to Neurology services at the Hospital.

In addition he / she will be required to:

- Attend weekly ward rounds and CPD training at the department of Neuroscience, at the nearby University Hospital .
- Undertake such other duties as may be identified to meet the needs of the service. This may include providing regular support to the other hospitals in the Trust
- To provide cover for colleagues in the Department of Neurology during periods of absence.

- Carry out teaching duties and take part in the Postgraduate Medical Education programme and in the teaching of junior medical staff.
- To attend regular departmental & directorate meetings.
- Have continuing responsibility for patients in his / her care.
- Take part in team, department, regional and national audits.
- Be actively involved in research.
- Undertake domiciliary visits where agreed
- Participate in the development of Neurology services in the county.