Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh

NHS Foundation Trust

Specialty Doctor in Anaesthesia

JOB DESCRIPTION

DETAILS OF THE POST

Job Title – Specialty Doctor in Anaesthesia.

Background Information of the Trust

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust is a major acute trust serving the people of Wigan and Leigh. Innovative and forward thinking, the trust is dedicated to providing the best possible healthcare for the local population in the Wigan Borough and surrounding areas. The Trust aims to continuously provide safe quality care to all patients. Over £220 million is spent each year on a diverse range of reputable general and specialist acute services.

Recently voted Provider Trust of the Year at the recent HSJ Awards, Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust is innovative, ambitious, forward thinking and committed to providing the best possible care for our patients. The most recent initiatives ‘Christies at Wigan’ and investment into the award winning Diagnostics and Treatment Centre at Leigh Infirmary mean you will be joining a Foundation Trust at it’s most exciting and energetic best.

The Trust has three hospital sites, a state-of-the-art outpatient’s centre and offices located at Buckingham Row in Wigan town centre.

Location & Environment

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust is situated to the West of Manchester. The Trust services a stable population of 310,000 and is coterminous with the Wigan Metropolitan Borough. The area is served by a single CCG which is the major purchaser of services.

Wigan is a pleasant mixed urban – suburban and rural area on the north western edge of Greater Manchester conurbation with easy access to excellent residential, recreational and general amenities. It is renowned for its friendly people, its rugby league and football team. It is surrounded by pleasant countryside and is well connected by regional and national motorway network. It is within easy reach of Manchester and Liverpool as well as the Lancashire holiday resorts, The Lake District and the North Wales. There is a fast inter-city rail service to London, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Manchester International Airport is within easy reach.

Hospital Facilities

A comprehensive pattern of health care is offered via the hospitals and supporting community facilities.

The Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (RAEI) lies a mile north of Wigan town centre in pleasant suburban surroundings. Leigh Infirmary lies 8 miles to the east towards Manchester, whilst Wrightington Hospital, 5 miles Northwest, is in more rural surroundings.
In addition to all the usual specialities, visiting consultants in neurology, nephrology, neurosurgery, oncology, plastic surgery, radiotherapy, and cardio-thoracic surgery hold regular consultative clinics in the Trust’s hospitals.

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (also known as Wigan Infirmary)

This hospital has 513 inpatient beds. Inpatient facilities include all the acute beds for general medicine, paediatrics, general surgery, ENT, urology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology and oral surgery. General Medicine, surgery and trauma have established emergency assessment units.

There have been several major developments in the past 15 years with more planned in coming years.

Wrightington Hospital

Wrightington Hospital has an international reputation as a Centre of Excellence for Orthopaedics, specialising in joint replacement surgery of both upper and lower limbs and the medical management of Rheumatic Diseases. The most commonly used form of hip replacement was developed by Professor John Charnley in Wrightington in the 1960s.

Wrightington Hospital services a supra-regional population with the Wigan, Bolton and South Lancashire CCGs acting as the major purchasers, but with services provided to the majority of districts in the North Western Region and some much further afield. The hospital has 105 beds.

Leigh Infirmary

Leigh Infirmary concentrates on non-acute care and mental illness. Developments at Leigh include new out-patient accommodation, rehabilitation and an endoscopy suite associated with the day surgery unit, a new dermatology suite, and upgraded cardiology facilities.

DEPARTMENT OF ANAESTHESIA

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

- The main theatre complex consists of six operating theatres and a recovery area. The complex has new anaesthetic machines and monitoring. The types of surgery undertaken here include general, vascular, trauma, ENT, dental, gynaecology and urology.

- ICU/HGU consists of seven ICU and four HDU beds which we use flexibly. We are part of the Greater Manchester Network of Critical Care Units. We have recently installed new Phillips bedside monitoring system and are in the process of commissioning a replacement clinical information system. There are facilities for bedside echocardiography. The Unit will take a mix of medical and surgical patients.

- There are currently 16 Consultants on the general on-call rota, and eight Consultants on the ICU rota.

- There is a dedicated maternity anaesthetist providing a 24 hour epidural service.
• Three resident anaesthetists on the Wigan site provide an overnight emergency service separately for theatre, ICU and maternity. Anaesthetists accompany critically ill patients on inter-hospital transfers, both within and outside the Trust.

**Wrightington Hospital:**

• Situated approximately 5 miles north of Wigan, Wrightington Hospital specialises in joint replacement surgery of both upper and lower limb, and the management of rheumatic diseases.

• The hospital comprises 145 beds which incorporates 109 beds for elective orthopaedic surgery/rehab, 17 beds for rheumatology, and 19 rooms in a purpose built private patient wing including out-patient facilities.

• The hospital has 7 wards, an out-patient department, a pre-operative assessment clinic, 10 theatres and a post-anaesthetic care unit (PACU).

• There are daily pre-operative anaesthetic assessment clinics, with relevant support services.

• There are a number of ultrasound machines for guiding regional blocks, and facilities for invasive monitoring.

• The Unit has also benefited from a £6m investment to increase theatre capacity from 8 to 10 laminar flow theatres. A further £18.1 barn theatre and wards opened in December, 2015.

**Leigh Infirmary:**

• Situated approximately 8 miles east of Wigan, Leigh Infirmary has three operating theatres which provide for day case surgery only. Specialties covered are gynaecology, urology, ophthalmology, general surgery, plastics, dental surgery, and chronic pain.

• There are two sessions per week for electro-convulsive therapy (ECT) under general anaesthesia, carried out in a separate area of the hospital.

• The Chronic Pain Service has clinics and theatre sessions at Leigh Infirmary.

• There is a recently opened Diagnostic and Treatment Centre on the Leigh site – The Hanover.

**Relationships**
The Trust Board runs the Trust. The Chief Executive is Mr A. Foster. The Chairman of the Trust is Mr R Armstrong.

Mr J Husain, Consultant Urological Surgeon, is the Divisional Medical Director. All the clinical directorates are under the leadership of the Medical Director, Dr Umesh Prabhu.

The Anaesthetics Department has a Clinical Director Mr Rafat Saad, who is supported by the Directorate Manager for Anaesthesia. Regular Departmental meetings are held under the chairmanship of the Clinical Director.

The Directorate of Anaesthesia is largely autonomous with its own business plan, and has regular meetings with the other specialties within the Surgical Division to co-ordinate services. The Directorate also has a seat on the Clinical Advisory Board where representatives of all specialties meet monthly to discuss clinical policies for the whole Trust.

Named consultant anaesthetists take responsibility for managing different areas of the department such as obstetrics, acute pain, chronic pain, day case surgery, ITU, rotas, audit, education and training etc.

Consultant Anaesthetists:

John Alfa (Anaesthetic Lead for Wrightington)
Timothy Boyd
Paul Clements (College Tutor)
Oswald D'Mello
Gillian Field
Nicholas Flatt (LNC Chairman, and Anaesthetic Lead for Paediatrics)
Robin Foster (Anaesthetic Lead for Obstetrics, and Rota)
George Ghaly
Julia Goeke (Anaesthetic Lead for Chronic Pain)
Tarek Ibrahim
Muthu Hulgur (Anaesthetic Lead for Audit)
Toni Hundle
Varun Jaitly
Madho Jingree
Bhadri Koppada
Fares Koussa
Ram Krishnamoorthy
Nervana Mahmoud
Carmel Martin
Sean McAfee
Arun Mohanraj
Subash Nandalan
Ravi Natesan
Neelam Patel
Rafat Saad (Anaesthetic Lead for Critical Care)
Neeraj Sharma
DUTIES OF POST

Attached is a demonstrative job plan but there may be opportunities for change depending on the availability of sessions and personal interests.

AUDIT, TEACHING AND RESEARCH AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

All anaesthetists are encouraged to take part in audit; and to also make use of the 10 days per year study leave entitlement. The Trust supports study leave for CPD and provides assistance with funding up to an agreed limit.

Yearly appraisals will take place, in line with the GMC Revalidation Guidelines. In addition a yearly M Med Performance Review will be carried out to determine continued participation in the M Med Programme.

There is a new post-graduate and skills centre on the Wigan site

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND OFFICE FACILITIES

The Anaesthetic Department is based on the Wigan site in a large open-planned office with its own separate meetings room, and has an office manager/rota co-ordinator, 2.5 WTE medical secretaries and a part-time clinical support secretary. There is also a WTE medical secretary based on the Wrightington site. Computer facilities are widely available and anaesthetists have offices in Wigan Infirmary, the Intensive Care Unit, Wrightington Hospital and Leigh Infirmary.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE
The appointment is subject to terms and conditions of service of the Medical and Dental Staff Whitley Council and the General Whitley Council.

The Trust operates a no-smoking policy.

INFORMAL ENQUIRIES/VISITS

Informal visits to the Department are welcomes and may be made with:

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Tenure of the Post

There is a 3 months probationary period and regular appraisal review

NOTE: This job description is not intended to be a complete list of duties and responsibilities.