SPECIALTY DOCTOR – CARE OF THE ELDERLY

JOB DESCRIPTION

DETAILS OF THE POST

Job Title – Specialty Doctor in Care of the Elderly

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

Hospital Facilities

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

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

This has 3 operating theatres for day case surgery and a treatment room for minor operations. The theatre suite is modern and well equipped. There is a patient recovery area and a small patient reception area. These theatres provide for day case and short-stay surgery only. Specialties covered are gynaecology, orthopaedics, urology, general surgery, plastics, dental surgery, and chronic pain. There are new facilities for overnight stay and there are current plans to expand this capability.

DIVISION OF MEDICINE

Relationships

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

Dr S Arya, Consultant Cardiologist is the Divisional Medical Director. All the clinical directorates are under the leadership of the Medical Director, Dr Umesh Prabhu.

DUTIES OF THE POST

There are 81 acute Care of Elderly beds under the directorate (24 Orthogeriatric beds, 21 stroke unit beds, 36 acute general geriatrics. The Consultants are supported by one Associate Specialist, Three SpRs, 6 CMTs GPVTs and 6 FY doctors. There are also specialist nurses in Stroke medicine and Parkinson’s disease

In addition to General Care of Elderly clinics there are specialist clinics dedicated to Stroke/TIA, Falls, Parkinson’s disease and Dementia. There is a one stop TIA clinic with same day Carotid Doppler scanning, CT-Brain service with access to vascular team.
Duties of Post

- Care of patients on Medical Wards
- Ward rounds with Consultant and Specialist Registrar
- Safe drug prescription and VTE assessment
- Requesting and chasing results of relevant investigations
- Carrying out ward jobs
- Assessing patients on ward, escalating care if needed
- Doing discharge letter (EPRs) promptly to improve patient flow
- Attendance at appropriate out-patients clinics for training
- Formal meetings with patients and relatives
- Cross covering other team members as required

b) Administrative

The post holder will be expected to complete all the administrative work related to the job.

Clinical Governance

There is a well-structured programme of clinical governance within the department. The Clinical Governance meetings are held every two months and outcomes and actions are reported to the Medical Division’s Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) which then reports to the Trust Board. The Trust chair of clinical audit and effectiveness co-ordinates the production of an annual audit cycle from the directorates, emphasising the multi-disciplinary teams and team working. The Trust is committed to continuous quality improvement and would expect all staff to embrace the tenets of clinical governance.

The Trust is committed to allowing time and providing funding for continuing professional development, and supports research activity. Participation in continuing professional development is mandatory. The post will be subject to annual appraisal and job plan review. Appropriate time will be made available for this activity.

Teaching & Training

The successful applicant will be involved in the training of medical and nursing staff within the service as well as students and those attached for training from other related services. The Directorate places the highest priority on postgraduate training. There is a dedicated teaching programme for Core Medical Trainees and the Foundation Years 1 and 2 doctors. The appointee will be expected to play an active role in this teaching and training programme. In addition, there will be educational supervision responsibilities for Foundation Year 1 and 2 doctors.

Audit & Continuing Medical Education

The Trust has an active department of Clinical Audit. The General Medicine and Rehabilitation & Care of the Elderly directorates undertake multi-disciplinary audits one half day per month with presentations by junior medical staff, consultants and other therapists.
Annual Leave

The present annual leave entitlement is 27 days per annum.

Study leave is available for appropriate courses and applications should be made at least 6 weeks in advance of the date of the course, meeting, conference, etc.

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.

Informal enquiries to the hospital are encouraged and may be made direct with:

Dr S Arya, Divisional Medical Director, Consultant Cardiologist
Dr M Malhotra, Clinical Director Care of the Elderly
Dr A Ashish, Clinical Director, Scheduled Care
Dr A Cairns, Clinical Director, Scheduled Care
Dr S Gulliford, Clinical Director, Unscheduled Care

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