

Working for NHS Lothian

JOB TITLE: Consultant Urologist specializing in general urology and diagnostics – Borders General Hospital

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Borders General Hospital, Melrose, Scottish Borders TD6 9BS





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Section 1: Person Specification

REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications and Training	<p>GMC registered medical practitioner</p> <p>Be on, or be eligible for inclusion on within 6 months of interview, the GMC Specialist Register</p> <p>Evidence of regular appraisal Learning and continuous professional development</p> <p>Licence to practice</p>	<p>Additional post-graduate qualifications, e.g. MD/ PhD/MSc</p>
Post Specific Experience	<p>Experience in General Urology sufficient to independent patient management and operating</p>	<p>Subspecialist skills depending on candidate's interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOO surgery • Prostate biopsy, urodynamics/intravesical Botox /endourology/laparoscopic skills
Ability	<p>Evidence of ability to take full responsibility for independent management of patients</p> <p>Ability to communicate effectively and clearly with patients and other team members</p>	<p>Ability to redesign clinical service or processes</p>
Academic Achievements	<p>Commitment to participate and contribute to research, publications and presentations</p>	<p>Evidence of research and publications in peer reviewed journals</p> <p>Evidence of previous experience in successful research funding</p> <p>Evidence of poster or oral presentations at national or international meetings</p>
Teaching and Audit	<p>Commitment to formal and informal teaching and training of Junior Medical Staff and medical students.</p>	<p>Evidence of training in clinical and / or educational supervision</p>



	<p>Evidence of participation in audit projects</p> <p>Evidence of commitment to learning and continuing professional development</p>	<p>Experience of simulation training</p> <p>Evidence of teaching qualification</p> <p>Experience of designing and effecting audit programmes</p>
Motivation	<p>Evidence of commitment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • patient-focused care • effective and efficient use of resources • continuous professional development and life-long learning 	<p>Evidence of development of services for patients</p> <p>Evidence of participation in patient safety initiatives</p>
Team Working	<p>Ability to work in a team with colleagues in own and other disciplines</p> <p>Ability to organise time efficiently and effectively</p> <p>Reliability</p> <p>Excellent communication skills</p>	<p>Ability to motivate colleagues</p> <p>Evidence of previous managerial training and experience</p>
Circumstances of Job	<p>Required to work at any of NHS Lothian's sites and the Borders General Hospital</p>	



Section 2: Introduction to Appointment

Job Title: Consultant Urologist Specialising in General Urology/Diagnostics
Department: Urology Department
Base: Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

Post Summary:

This post is a substantial post for a consultant Urologist who wishes to provide a high-quality Urology service. The post holder will be a key member of the team delivering General Urology and Diagnostic Services for the population of the Lothians and the Scottish Borders.

The majority of elective sessions will be delivered at Borders General Hospital, Melrose.

Development of specialist services according to the need of the population will be encouraged and will depend on the skills and training of the individual Consultant. Emphasis will be given to prostate diagnostics and management of BPH as well as protocolised follow up of patients with urological malignancy and medical andrology.

Complex Urology services are provided by the Lothian. Borders cases are discussed at the Lothian MDT with colleagues in both health boards working in collaboration. The post holder will be required to also provide General Urology OPD at the Western General Hospital and participate in the Lothian Consultant Urology on call rota based at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. There is no provision for the postholder to provide out of hours cover for the BGH.

This post is full-time – 40 hours per week/10 PAs. Extra Programmed Activities (EPAs) may be available once established, subject to mutual agreement.



Section 3: Departmental and Directorate Information

Urology services at the Western General Hospital and the network are currently delivered by a team of nineteen consultants, covering well-developed sub-specialist interests in all the major disease areas with variable contributions to General Urology as follows:

Ms V Granitsiotis	Clinical Director. Female Urology, Urodynamics and reconstructive urological surgery
Mr A. Alhasso	Female Urology, Urodynamics and reconstructive urological surgery
Miss S Hina	Female Urology, urodynamics and general urology
Mr J Blackmur	Minimally invasive/open upper tract reconstruction & general urology
Mr S Phipps	Endo-urology & minimal access surgery, Scottish Lithotripter Service.
Mr B. Thomas	Endo-urology & minimal access surgery, Scottish Lithotripter Service
Mr M Cutress	Endo-urology & Scottish Lithotripter Service
Mr M Trail	Endo-urology & Scottish Lithotripter Service – BPH
Mr CJ Shukla	Andrology
Mr A Laird	Renal cancer- open and minimally invasive
Mr S Leung	Renal cancer- open and minimally invasive
Mr P. Mariappan	Bladder malignancy
Mr R Bajis	Bladder malignancy – Minimal invasive RARC
Mr J Krishnan	Minimally invasive management of prostate cancer (Sept 2025)
Mr A Sharma	Prostate cancer – RARP
Mr S Chintzoglou	Prostate cancer - RARP (fixed term)
Ms H Smith	General Urology
Mr E Mains	General Urology, renal cancer
Miss J Ayers	General Urology (Sept 2025)

Who are we?

Urology in NHS Lothian is a well-equipped unit with endoscopic facilities in all theatres, a full range of endoscopic and laparoscopic- Robotic equipment (Da Vinci) and a full complement of video-urodynamic equipment. The well-developed subspecialist organisation of the unit has allowed it to develop a tradition of leading developments in Urology in Scotland, in all areas from andrology to minimal invasive pelvic and renal surgery. The bladder cancer team is at the forefront of leading new developments and academically active.

The Scottish Lithotripsy Centre is a well-renowned part of the Department of Urology based at the Western General Hospital, which provides a secondary and tertiary service for the management of patients with urinary tract stones.

The functional urology service includes regional SNS service, male and female incontinence, regional urethroplasty service, support to the regional transition for complex paediatric services, urology cover of the regional endometriosis service and urology cover of major pelvic oncology and benign surgery.

Urology services at St John's Hospital include Day Case surgery, Green Light Laser prostatectomy, Rezum, flexible cystoscopy and clinics. There is a need to optimise and expand the current Benign Prostate Hyperplasia Service further and that work is underway. Nurse urology support for SJH is based at WGH.

Urology Services at ELCH Hospital are predominantly for diagnostic services including flexible cystoscopy and clinics and Local anaesthetic procedures.



The unit provides training as part of the East of Scotland Training Programme in Urology which currently offers training to five specialty trainees and 3 Subspecialty training fellows who share on-call commitments on a 1:8 non-residential on-call rota. Training opportunities are focussed according to the specific needs of each trainee.

The medical team at WGH is supported by an excellent team of theatre and ward nursing staff and nurse practitioners who undertake roles such as prostate biopsies, flexible cystoscopy and junior doctor support with venepuncture, intravenous cannulation and antibiotic administration. The Nurse Urology Unit houses facilities for assessment and follow up of patients with bladder outflow obstruction and incontinence. This unit also takes pressure off the ward with regard to performing trial without catheters and teaching intermittent self-catheterisation. It supports the emergency service by providing urgent access for catheter related problems. The Surgical Assessment Unit offers an area for assessment of emergency patients and a treatment room. The Team is also supported by two experienced ANPs with main duties to support the oncall team and emergency admissions.

The NHS Borders Urology Service is currently delivered by 4 visiting consultants from NHS Lothian who attend BGH on a rotational basis during the week Monday-Thursday. On appointment of this post the department will include:

Consultant Urologist 10 PAs (this post)
Consultant Urologist 5 PAs (visiting from NHS Lothian) – Mr Ben Thomas
Associate Specialist 10 PAs – Mr Tahir Kamran

The Urology Service at Borders General Hospital (BGH), Melrose receives approximately 1500 referrals per year. The service comprises outpatient clinics and operating in fully equipped theatres allowing endoscopic and day case procedures. This currently includes lower urinary tract Urology, eg TURP's and TURBT. Diagnostic work includes Flexible cystoscopy, prostate biopsy, a urodynamic session with a nurse specialist, and monthly intravesical Botox services. Prostate cancer diagnostics, prostate assessment and catheter clinics are run by Urology Nurse Specialists alongside the consultant staff. The successful applicant is expected to support the nurse practitioners and modernise the service further according to national and local guidelines.

Junior doctor support with venepuncture, intravenous cannulation and antibiotic administration is provided via the general surgical colleagues as is ward cover for inpatient care. The Associate Specialist and consultants provide daily weekday ward rounds for urological patients as well as reviewing patients who may require urological emergency input during office hours. The receiving Borders General surgical team covers the majority of urological admissions with advice as required by the urological team during office hours. For emergency cases requiring urological input after hours this is provided via NHS Lothian after appropriate communication with the Lothian on call urology team. Where necessary patients are transferred to Lothian for specialist inpatient care.

The Urology Service is part of the Surgical Service at the Borders General Hospital. There are 5 fully equipped theatres, and an endoscopy unit. The Surgical Unit comprises two wards: Ward 7, Ward 9, and elective Planned Surgical Admission Unit in Ward 17. The in-patient wards accommodate general surgery, urology, orthopaedic, and ENT patients (both elective and emergency).



Within the surgical unit there are five Foundation Year 1 House Officers; two Specialty Registrars on rotation from the South East Scotland (General Surgery) Training Scheme; two CDFs; three Associate Specialist / Specialty Doctor Surgeons; and one Core trainee. They will assist with the day-to-day management of in-patients and provide emergency medical cover.

Facilities at the Borders General Hospital provide a high standard of both diagnostic and interventional radiology support including easy access to Nuclear Medicine, Spiral CT and MRI scanning.

The consultant will be a member of the Clinical Specialty of General & Specialist Surgery. The present senior medical staff are:

General Surgery Consultants:	Mr M Berlansky (Head of Clinical Service) Mr J Young Mr K Pal Mr Al-Sabounchi Mr Srihari Vallabhajousula Ms D Twelves
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AS / SD doctors:	Mr T Kamran (Urology) Miss Susie Shrestha Mr A Moe Mr H Bahri Ms N Bruce
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Urology Consultants	This post Mr B Thomas
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ENT Consultants:	Mr E Carr Vacant post
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Orthodontics Consultant:	Vacant post (commencing June 2024)
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Oral Surgery	Mr S Moore Ms S Taylor
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Section 4: Main Duties and Responsibilities

Clinical:

- The duties of the post holder will include undertaking daily ward rounds, e-triage (both from GP referrals and intradepartmental referrals), General Urology operating, diagnostic sessions and clinics.
- The post holder will be expected to actively contribute to or lead the development of prostate cancer diagnostic services, including streamlining existing services and development of One Stop Clinics.
- The post holder will be encouraged to lead development to BPH services to align availability of BPH treatments to the rest of Scotland
- Contribution to administrative processes will be expected, as well as outpatient clinics.

Out of Hours Commitments:

- The post holder will contribute to the Urology Consultant On-call rota at the Western General Hospital. This is currently a 1 in 18 rota. On call is for 7 days from Friday to Friday, during which time all elective clinical activity is cancelled. There will be no out of hours commitment at the Borders General Hospital, but the postholder will be expected to contribute to the in-hours management of acute admissions.

Location:

- The post will be formally based at the Western General Hospital. Elective activity will predominantly take place at BGH.

Provide high quality care to patients:

- Maintain GMC specialist registration and hold a licence to practice
- Develop and maintain the competencies required to carry out the duties of the post
- Ensure patients are involved in decisions about their care and respond to their views

Research, Teaching and Training:

- Where possible to collaborate with academic and clinical colleagues to enhance NHS Borders research portfolio, at all times meeting the full requirements of Research Governance. Existing research interests will be supported in general within the department, but the post does not hold any specific research time allocation or resources.
- To contribute to high quality teaching to medical undergraduates and members of other health care professions as required by the Clinical Director
- To act as educational supervisor and appraiser as delegated by the clinical Director to ensure external accreditation of training posts with an appropriate allocation of SPA time for these roles

Medical Staff Management:

- To work with colleagues to ensure junior doctors' hours are compliant in line with EWTD and New Deal.



- To support the systems and procedures in place to control and monitor leave for junior medical staff and to help ensure that there is appropriate cover within the clinical areas, including on-call commitments
- To participate in the recruitment of junior medical staff as and when required
- To participate in team objective setting as part of the annual job planning process

Governance:

- Participate in clinical audit, incident reporting and analysis and to ensure resulting actions are implemented
- Ensure clinical guidelines and protocols are adhered to by doctors in training and updated on a regular basis
- Keep fully informed about best practice in the specialty areas and ensure implications for practice changes are discussed with the Clinical Director
- Role model good practice for infection control to all members of the multidisciplinary team

Strategy and Business Planning:

- To participate in the clinical and non-clinical objective setting process for the directorate

Leadership and Team Working:

- To demonstrate excellent leadership skills with regard to individual performance, clinical teams and as part of both NHS organisations, and when participating in national or local initiatives
- To work collaboratively with all members of the team
- To resolve conflict and difficult situations through negotiation and discussion, involving appropriate parties
- Adhere to appropriate departmental guidelines on leave including reporting absence
- Adhere to NHS Borders' and NHS Lothian's values.



Section 5: NHS Lothian – Indicative Job Plan

Post:	CONSULTANT UROLOGIST		
Specialty:	UROLOGY		
Principal Place of Work:	Borders General Hospital		
Contract:	Full Time		
Programmed Activities:	10	EPAs:	0
Availability Supplement:	3%		
Out-of-hours:	Yes		
Managerially responsible to:	Ms Vicki Stewart, Clinical Service Manager, NHS Lothian Ms Pauline Burns, Clinical Service Manager, NHS Borders		

The Job Plan is indicative and will be agreed between the successful applicant, the Clinical Directors and the Clinical Service Managers. Initially, consultants are allocated 10 PAs made up of 9 PAs in Direct Clinical Care (DCC) and one core SPA for CPD, audit, clinical governance, appraisal, and revalidation job planning, internal routine communication and management meetings.



Timetables of activities that have a specific location and time:

INDICATIVE JOB PLAN

DAY	TIME	TYPE OF WORK	DCC	PA	SPA	Total
Monday (BGH)	0830-12.30	Inpatient theatre	1			4
	1330 -1730	Outpatient clinic/SPA	0.25		0.75	4
Tuesday (BGH)	0930-13.30	OPD	1			4
	1330-17.30	Administration	1			4
Wednesday (BGH)	0900-1130	MDT	1			4
	1130-1300	MDT related admin				
	1300 -1700	Flexible cystoscopy	1			4
Thursday (BGH)	0830-12.30	Administration/Nurse practitioner supervision /support	1			4
	1330 - 1730	Prostate diagnostics	1			4
Friday (WGH)	09:00-13:00	WGH OPD alt weeks	0.5			2
	13:00-17:00	Week 1 BM /departmental meeting/SPA	0.25		0.25	2
		Week 2 M&M /Xray meeting /admin				
ON CALL (WGH)			1			4
Travel					tbc	
Total Hours						40



Section 6: Contact Information

Informal enquiries and visits are welcome and should initially be made to:

NHS Borders

Mr Martin Berlansky	Clinical Director	01896-826916
Mr Ben Thomas	Consultant Urologist	01896-826929

NHS Lothian

Ms P Granitsiotis, Clinical Director and Consultant Urologist

E-mail: youla.granitsiotis@nhs.scot

Secretary Ida Landgren 0131 537 3261



Section 7: Working for NHS Lothian

Working in Edinburgh and the Lothians

Who are we?

NHS Lothian is an integrated teaching NHS Board in Scotland providing primary, community, mental health and hospital services. Professor Caroline Hiscox is the Chief Executive, Professor John Connaghan CBE is the Chair and Tracey Gillies is the Executive Medical Director.

NHS Lothian provides services for the second largest residential population in Scotland – circa 850,000 people. We employ approximately 26,000 staff and are committed to improving all patient care and services and engaging staff in service planning and modernisation.

Over the next year across Scotland there will be significant changes in the way health and social care services are provided. In April 2015, integration came into effect in local areas led by four Health and Social Care Partnerships in East Lothian, Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian. Working together will help us provide even better services for our communities and, where appropriate, people will receive high quality care closer to home. There is work underway in relation to the operational and governance capacity required, ensuring that planning for unscheduled and scheduled care is done in tandem between the four Integrated Joint Boards and the acute service.

Further information about Edinburgh and NHS Lothian can be found on our Intranet site: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/>

Location

Edinburgh and the Lothians are on the eastern side of Scotland's central belt in the heart of the country. Four main areas make up Edinburgh and the Lothians – Edinburgh, East Lothian, Mid Lothian and West Lothian.

Edinburgh and the Lothians are a place of exceptional beauty and contrast, from Edinburgh's historic skyline to the scenic countryside and coastline that surround it. Edinburgh is famous for its castle, military tattoo, fringe and international festival.

Edinburgh and the Lothians are home to top-ranking state and private schools and world class universities and colleges. Edinburgh offers a rich diversity of parks and gardens to spend time relaxing with friends and family. Whether you want to buy or rent Lothian also offers a diversity of accommodation ranging from city centre based flats, waterfront living, Victorian or Georgian villas to more rural farm houses or coastal homes.

Local and wider transport networks are excellent. Glasgow is less than 50 minutes away by train. The Scottish Highlands are accessible in a few hours offering opportunities for skiing and walking. National and international transport links make it easy to keep in touch with friends and family via Edinburgh Airport which offers a variety of international flight opportunities.



If you are thinking about joining us from overseas further information can be found at [TalentScotland - find a job in Scotland or attract international talent \(sdi.co.uk\)](http://TalentScotland - find a job in Scotland or attract international talent (sdi.co.uk).).

What we can offer you

Working with NHS Lothian offers a variety of opportunities and benefits:

- Access to the NHS pension scheme
- Assistance relocating to Edinburgh
- NHS Lothian is an equal opportunities employer and promotes work-life balance and family-friendly policies
- A beautiful setting to live and work and to take time out after a busy day or week
- Access to a transport network offering easy travel links to the rest of the UK and Europe, as well as international options

Teaching and Training Opportunities

NHS Lothian has one of the largest and some of the most successful teaching hospitals in Scotland. We have a growing national and international reputation for medical teaching and research and are recognised as a centre of excellence.

We successfully train medics, nurses and other healthcare professionals from all over the UK and the world, many of whom choose to remain in employment with NHS Lothian and continue to contribute to the development of the organisation, promoting new techniques and going on to train the doctors, surgeons and nurses of tomorrow.

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS Lothian recruits junior medical staff both UK and worldwide. We are committed to providing a high standard of medical education and are able to offer training in a variety of specialties at foundation and specialty level, with the majority of training posts in the South East of Scotland rotating through Edinburgh and Lothian hospitals.

Information regarding training with links to the appropriate UK websites can be found at <http://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk/> and <http://nes.scot.nhs.uk/>

We enjoy close links with the University of Edinburgh (<http://www.ed.ac.uk/home>) whose Medical School is renowned for preparing its medical students to become world-class doctors. Alongside NHS Lothian, the University of Edinburgh offers state-of-the-art medical teaching facilities at the Chancellors Building, including lecture theatres, seminar rooms, clinical skills training area, computing suites, as well as library facilities at the main university, Western General Hospital and Royal Hospital for Sick Children.



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Our vision, values and strategic aims

We strive to provide high quality, safe, effective and person centred healthcare, continually improving clinical outcomes for patients who use our services and for our population as a whole.

To achieve this, we are committed to ever-closer integrated working with patients and our other partners in healthcare and to embedding a culture of continuous improvement to ensure that:

- Our staff can contribute fully to achieving the best possible health and healthcare, based on evidence and best practice
- Everything we do maximises efficiency and delivers value for patients and the public

We have identified six strategic aims to ensure we can deliver safe, effective and person-centred health and social care:

1. Prioritise prevention, reduce inequalities and promote longer healthier lives for all
2. Put in place robust systems to deliver the best model of integrated care for our population – across primary, secondary and social care
3. Ensure that care is evidence-based, incorporates best practice and fosters innovation, and achieves seamless and sustainable care pathways for patients
4. Design our healthcare systems to reliably and efficiently deliver the right care at the right time in the most appropriate setting
5. Involve patients and carers as equal partners, enabling individuals to manage their own health and wellbeing and that of their families
6. Use the resources we have – skilled people, technology, buildings and equipment – efficiently and effectively.

The specific areas of focus and actions needed to achieve each of these aims are detailed in “Our Health, our Future: NHS Lothian Strategic Clinical Framework 2014 – 2024,” consultation document which you will find at:

<https://org.nhslothian.scot/Strategies/Pages/default.aspx>



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Our Health, Our Care, Our Future

NHS Lothian works to help people live healthier, longer lives – no matter who they are or where in the region they live. Much progress has been made, but significant challenges and opportunities lie ahead. NHS Lothian draft strategic plan - Our Health, Our Care, Our Future – sets out what we propose to do over the coming decade to address these challenges and continue to provide a high quality, sustainable healthcare system for the people of Lothian.

In developing the strategic plan we have:

- asked staff and patients what and how things need to change to deliver our aims
- brought together local plans into an integrated whole
- identified opportunities to make better use of existing resources and facilities
- prioritised areas that will make most difference to patients

The plan outlines a range of proposals, which will allow us to:

- improve the quality of care
- improve the health of the population
- provide better value and financial sustainability

Over the coming months we will discuss the need for change and the proposals set out in the plan with staff, patients, communities and other stakeholders. A summary of the plan can be found at

<https://org.nhslothian.scot/Strategies/OurHealthOurCareOurFuture/Pages/default.aspx>

NHS Lothian's Clinical Quality Approach – Quality Driving Improvement

This is a new way of approaching quality in NHS Lothian. With this approach to service improvement we aim to deliver 'high quality, safe and person-centered care at the most affordable cost'. This acknowledges that every £1million of waste, unnecessary or inappropriate costs in one area of our system, denies us the opportunity to invest that £1million in another area of our system.

In all highly reliable healthcare organisations, it is clear that senior leadership commitment to the importance of the work, the introduction of consistent improvement methodology, the use of good quality data and building improvement capability within the workforce, are key to the successful delivery of improvement strategies.

To allow NHS Lothian to meet the needs of our population today and in the future, we need to build on the good work that is already being done to redesign services and create a whole organisation approach to quality improvement.



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NHS Lothian Values into Action

NHS Lothian is determined to improve the way their staff work so we have developed a set of common values and ways of working which we need to turn into everyday reality - to the benefit of everyone working in the organisation and, most importantly, to the benefit of people using our services.

Our Values are:

Quality

We continually look for ways to make what we do even better.

Dignity and Respect

People are communicated with in a way that they understand and staff check that the individual has understood the information given.

Care and Compassion

We take time to ensure each person feels listened to, secure, understood and is treated compassionately.

Openness, Honesty and Responsibility

We continually listen & learn from staff, people receiving care, carers and family.

Teamwork

We understand and value each other role and contribution.

Throughout the recruitment process candidates will need to demonstrate they meet all of Our Values. More information on Our Values can be found by clicking on the link at the bottom of our Careers website front page: <https://careers.nhslothian.scot/>



Section 7: Working for NHS Borders

Why Work for NHS Borders

Why work for us?

Our Values are at the heart of all that we do:

- Care and Compassion
- Quality and Teamwork
- Dignity and Respect
- Openness, honesty and responsibility

Patients are at the centre of everything we do in our daily working lives at NHS Borders ensuring they are safe, cared for efficiently, effectively by suitably experienced and qualified staff driving quality at the heart of patient care. We apply Values Based Recruitment, and seek to test competence, clinical skills and knowledge in the interview/assessment process but also assess that the values and behaviours of individual candidates align to the Values of the NHS in Scotland.

NHS Borders has an entirely integrated structure for management of health services. Decision-making is firmly embedded within an integrated Clinical Executive, part of a natural evolution towards more integrated care, which has seen health and social services within the Borders develop nationally recognised joint initiatives.

The NHS Borders Board covers an area co-terminus with the local authority and has developed close and effective links with Scottish Borders Council, including the creation of a Joint Health and Care Partnership Board.

Some key statistics:

- Size of Area – 1804 square miles
(5.9% of the area of Scotland)
- Population – 115,000 (2.2% of the Scottish population)
- The area has 12 main towns i.e. with over 1,500 population, the largest being Hawick (14,573), Galashiels (14,361) and Peebles (8,065). However, some 30% of the population lives outwith towns of 1,000 population or more (compared to Scottish average of 12%).
- The proportion of the population over 65 is the highest in Scotland

45 – 59 years	20.84% (19.29% Scottish average)
60 – 74 years	15.83% (13.98%)
75+ years	8.86% (7.09%)
- There are 4 Community Hospitals providing GP acute, intermediate care, palliative care, rehabilitation and NHS continuing care beds – primarily for frail elderly patients.

Borders General Hospital

The Borders General Hospital is the district general hospital serving the Scottish Borders Region. It has 320 beds with 93 acute medical beds of which 12 are in a higher dependency area with monitoring and telemetry facilities. The hospital offers services in General Medicine, Haematology, Palliative Care, Medicine for the Elderly, Stroke Medicine, Paediatrics, General Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Ophthalmology, ENT, Obstetrics and Gynaecology. There is a



6 bedded ITU and an active outreach programme for critically patients. A recent development is the opening of the Margaret Kerr Unit in January 2013 has provided palliative care services in the Scottish Borders with a purpose-built environment from which to deliver specialist palliative care.

Within the Department of General Medicine there are specialists in Cardiology, Respiratory Medicine, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Neurology and Rheumatology. Visiting consultants provide clinics for Oncology, Dermatology, Renal Medicine and Clinical Genetics.

The Emergency Department provides facilities for the reception, resuscitation, examination and treatment of patients in the Scottish Borders who require emergency admission, or immediate care and discharge. The ED service is well integrated with the Borders Emergency Care Service (BECS), which is the Primary Care out-of-hours service for Borders. The department is managed by two consultant emergency physicians. Specialty Doctors, Salaried GPs, training grade doctors (FY2s, GP, orthopaedic and surgical trainees) manage ED patients supported by speciality medical staff from within the hospital. Nurse staffing within the ED is comprised of 23 registered nurses and 3 nursing assistants led by a senior charge nurse.

There is a 6 bedded ITU run by the Anaesthetic Department who also run an acute haemodynamic support service with outreach staff from ITU liaising with ward staff.

There is an up to date laboratory service covering Haematology, Microbiology and Clinical Chemistry with ready access to more specialised investigations in Lothian laboratories and other laboratories in Scotland. The Radiology Department is well equipped for routine radiology, CT scanning, ultrasound, Doppler studies, nuclear medicine and MRI. CT coronary angiography and cardiac MRI are well established in the department.

There is an active post graduate programme under the direction of the Director of Medical Education, with excellent facilities in the on-site Educational Centre.

Education Facilities and Development

On commencement you will have the opportunity to attend the hospital's corporate induction programme (or if preferred we can arrange a bespoke Consultant induction).

Corporate Training and O.D. Leads are available as a consultancy to advise on development activities tailored to particular service needs and for individual consultants. Bespoke programmes seek to provide you with support for the development of leadership and management skills, such as difficult conversations, modules on consultants as leaders, managing people and performance. Workshops provide a structured opportunity for facilitated discussion, learning through experience, reflective practice and networking with peer consultants. There are also opportunities for professional coaching and mentoring – an established BGH consultant will be identified as a “buddy” in your first few weeks.

There is an excellent staffed library within the Borders General Hospital grounds with good Internet access. The library is staffed Monday – Friday and security swipe card access in out of hours period, 7 days per week. As well as a range of textbooks and journals, there is access the health e-library and to the online clinical enquiry and response service (CLEAR) from Healthcare Improvement Scotland and NHS Education for Scotland.

Post graduate and continuing medical education is actively encouraged and supported. There are weekly department education meetings and a hospital wide monthly educational half day.



There is an excellent weekly x-ray meeting with the department of radiology which has a spiral CT scanner and Gamma camera, up to date Doppler echo facilities and a purpose-built CT and MRI suite.

The Borders General Hospital is a teaching unit for undergraduate students in medicine. Appointed consultants act as educational supervisors for individual students attached to different teams.

The Scottish Borders

The Hospital is situated on the outskirts of Melrose in the Scottish Borders. The Borders covers a large and scenically beautiful area of the Southern Uplands of Scotland. Predominately rural, it is historically a unique part of the country, the home of the Border Reivers, where annually each town maintains its links with the past during the season of Common Ridings. Seven-a-side rugby originated in Melrose, and the Melrose event in particular draws large crowds each year. The Borders has tremendous facilities for sport and leisure. Glentress and Innerleithen mountain bike parks are world renowned for both cross country and downhill biking. The beautiful Berwickshire coast provides options for sea kayaking, surfing, diving and sea fishing. In addition there are facilities for fishing, golf, swimming, horse riding, cricket, football, hiking and many other activities. Excellent cultural opportunities in terms of music and art societies, drama, and small theatres in Melrose and Selkirk as well as amateur opera. There are excellent restaurants, cinemas and shops. Excellent Fitness Centre in Galashiels and other Borders towns. There is a purpose built nursery in the grounds of the hospital.

The Scottish Borders offers all the benefits of rural life with very easy access to major cities such as Edinburgh (37 miles) Glasgow (75 miles) Newcastle (75 miles). Edinburgh is renowned for its cultural activities including every year there is the world famous Edinburgh International Festival and Fringe Festival. Local transport links from Scottish Borders to Edinburgh have improved greatly in the last two years or so.

After an absence of almost 50 years, the Borders Railway has now opened, with train services to central Edinburgh running every thirty minutes (journey time 50 minutes approx). Tweedbank Station is a few minutes walk from the Borders General Hospital. On opening the railway Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth said "**The Borders railway brings so much promise for sharing and invigorating this most beautiful countryside as a place to work, live and enjoy.**" There are rail links to the rest of the country at Berwick Upon Tweed, and Carlisle and there is easy access to Edinburgh Airport (approximately 1 hour 15 minutes) and Newcastle Airport (approximately 1 hour 30 minutes).

By the way **MELROSE has taken the title of the best place to live in Scotland in a new national ranking** - <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/melrose-in-the-borders-is-best-place-to-live-in-scotland-says-sunday-times-survey-8hrlq8lqb>

Please see Websites:

Scottish Borders Tourist Board - www.scot-borders.co.uk

Southern Reporter - www.borderstoday.co.uk

NHS Borders – <http://www.nhsborders.co.uk>

See the microsite for the views of some of your prospective colleagues on living and working in the Scottish Borders video at <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/recruitment-fair>



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Section 8: NHS Lothian Terms and Conditions of Employment

For an overview of the terms and conditions visit: <http://www.msg.scot.nhs.uk/pay/medical>.

TYPE OF CONTRACT	FIXED TERM: INSERT DURATION
GRADE AND SALARY	INSERT GRADE INSERT SALARY SCALE
HOURS OF WORK	XX HOURS PER WEEK
SUPERANNUATION	New entrants to NHS Lothian who are aged sixteen but under seventy five will be enrolled automatically into membership of the NHS Pension Scheme. Should you choose to "opt out" arrangements can be made to do this via: www.sppa.gov.uk
REMOVAL EXPENSES	Assistance with removal and associated expenses may be awarded
EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT	NHS candidates who are requested to attend an interview will be given assistance with appropriate travelling expenses. Reimbursement shall not normally be made to employees who withdraw their application, refuse an offer of appointment. Non NHS employees are not normally awarded travel expenses.
TOBACCO POLICY	NHS Lothian operates a No Smoking Policy in all premises and grounds.
DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND	This post is considered to be in the category of "Regulated Work" and therefore requires a Disclosure Scotland Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) Membership.
CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO WORK IN THE UK	NHS Lothian has a legal obligation to ensure that it's employees, both EEA and non EEA nationals, are legally entitled to work in the United Kingdom. Before any person can commence employment within NHS Lothian they will need to provide documentation to prove that they are eligible to work in the UK. Non EEA nationals will be required to show evidence that either Entry Clearance or Leave to Remain in the UK has been granted for the work which they are applying to do. Where an individual is



	subject to immigration control under no circumstances will they be allowed to commence until right to work in the UK has been verified.
REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974	The rehabilitation of Offenders act 1974 allows people who have been convicted of certain criminal offences to regard their convictions as “spent” after the lapse of a period of years. However, due to the nature of work for which you are applying this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions Orders 1975 and 1986). Therefore, applicants are required to disclose information about convictions which for other purposes are “spent” under the provision of the act in the event of employment, failure to disclose such convictions could result in dismissal or disciplinary action by NHS Lothian. Any information given will be completely confidential.
MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE	In terms of NHS Circular 1989 (PCS) 32 dealing with Medical Negligence the Health Board indemnity will cover only Health Board responsibilities. Paragraph 63 of the General Medical Council's Good Medical Practice requires you to have adequate insurance or indemnity cover. You may wish to consider taking out additional medical indemnity e.g. with a Medical Defence Organisation to ensure that you have indemnity for the whole of your practice.
NOTICE	Employment is subject to one month notice on either side, subject to appeal against dismissal.
PRINCIPAL BASE OF WORK	You may be required to work at any of NHS Lothian sites as part of your role.
SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY	You are required to adhere to NHS Lothian’s Social Media Policy, which highlights the importance of confidentiality, professionalism and acceptable behaviours when using social media. It sets out the organisation’s expectations to safeguard staff in their use of social media.



Section 8: NHS Borders Terms and Conditions of Employment

Terms and Conditions

- i. The Terms and Conditions of Service are from the Consultant Grade Terms and Conditions of Service (New Consultant's Contract) issued March 2004 by the Scottish Executive Health Department.
- ii. This is a permanent appointment. The appointment will be made by NHS Borders on the recommendation of an Appointment Recruitment Panel, constituted in terms of the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 - NHS Circular CEL 25 (2009). Any person suitably qualified and experienced who is unable for personal reasons to work full-time, will be eligible to be considered for the post on a part-time basis.
- iii. The full-time salary for 10-programmed activities will be on the consultant scale per annum with scale placing as appropriate to previous consultant level experience and background. The appointment is available full time on a 10PA basis but applicants who wish to work part-time are welcome. Extra Programmed Activities (E.P.A.s) may be applicable subject to mutual agreement and subject to a separate contract.
- iv. The Job Plan must be agreed in association with the Clinical Director, with input from the General Manager and Associate Medical Director. Changes will be discussed and agreed with yourself in line with service needs and subject to annual review, or more frequently on request by either party.
- v. Possession of FRCS or an equivalent certificate is essential and you should be fully registered with the General Medical Council with a licence to practice and your name should appear in the Specialist Register for General Surgery or you may be a training grade doctor within 6 months of obtaining a CCT or equivalent.
- vi. The person appointed may be expected to take part in the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programmes.
- vii. The person appointed will have a continuing responsibility for the care of patients in his or her charge and will undertake the administrative duties associated with the care of his or her patients and an appropriate share in the running of the clinical department.
- viii. The appointment will be superannuable and subject to the regulations of the National Health Service. Superannuation Scheme and the remuneration will be subject to deduction of contributions accordingly, unless the appointee chooses to opt out of the Scheme.
- ix. It is a requirement that the private residence of the person appointed shall not be more than 30 minutes travelling time by road from the Borders General Hospital. This relates to the minimum recall time for being on-call, so your permanent residence can be elsewhere and we offer the facility of 2 bedroom shared house in the on-site



residencies (house number 6) for the exclusive use of Consultant Physicians and Anaesthetists when on-call. This has permitted colleagues to live full time in Edinburgh for example, commute daily but stay in the residencies when they are rostered on-call.

- x. NHS Borders is legally liable for the negligent acts or omissions of the employees in the course of their NHS employment. Medical staff are however advised to ensure that they have defence cover for activities not covered by the Board's indemnity.
- xi. All entrants to the NHS Borders must be certified medically fit and the appointment is conditional on such certification. Arrangements for medical screening (usually by questionnaire) are the responsibility of the Occupational Health Service.
- xii. Termination of the appointment will be subject to a 3 month notice period of notice on either side in accordance with the terms and conditions of service.
- xiii. Support for relocation is available for successful candidate in accordance with NHS Borders' Relocation Policy and up to full Inland Revenue limits.
- xiv. NHS Borders operates a No Smoking Policy. It is a condition of your employment that you must not smoke whilst you are on duty. Failure to observe this rule could result in disciplinary action. When selecting new staff, NHS Borders does not discriminate against applicants who smoke but applicants who accept an offer of employment will, in doing so, agree to observe the Board's policy on smoking.
- xv. NHS Borders Equal Opportunities Policy affirms that all employees should be offered equal opportunities in employment, irrespective of their age, gender, marital status, race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, colour or disability.
- xvi. The Ionising Radiation (Protection of Persons Undergoing Medical Examinations) Regulations 1988 will apply to this post.
- xvii. The holder of this post may be required to undertake on a regular basis or occasional basis exposure prone invasive procedures (EPPs). As this could potentially place patients at risk, candidates must show evidence of immune status to HEPATITIS B, or agree to undergo the necessary procedures.
- xviii. It should be noted that the offer of appointment is subject to confirmation that the successful candidate is HEPATITIS B immune. This is checked by the Occupational Health Service.



Section 9: General Information for Candidates

Application Process

- The purpose of an application form is to help evidence that the applicant has all the requirements applicable to carry out the job applied for.
- It is essential to read both the job description and the person specification to gain a full understanding of what the job entails and the minimum criteria required.
- Please note for equal opportunity purposes NHS Lothian do not accept CV's as a form of application.
- Your personal information will not be sent with the application for shortlisting. The application form will be identified by the candidate number only to ensure that no applicant will be unfairly discriminated against.
- Please complete all sections of the application form. Those sections that are not relevant please indicate 'not applicable', do not leave blank.
- Please visit <https://apply.jobs.scot.nhs.uk> for further details on how to apply.

Job Interview Guarantee Scheme

As a Disability Confident Employer we recognise the contribution that everyone can make to the organisation. As part of our ongoing commitment to eliminate discrimination and advance equality for disabled people, all applicants who are disabled (including people who are neurodivergent) and who meet the minimum criteria expressed in the job description will be guaranteed an interview. Applicants are required to complete the relevant section of the application form to access this initiative.

We will arrange for adjustments at interviews for disabled candidates. For advice on what adjustments can be made and how to ask for them please click on this link:

<https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/ask-for-adjustments-at-interview>

References

All jobs are only offered following receipt of three satisfactory written references. At least one reference must be from your current/most recent employer or your course tutor if you are currently a student. If you have not been employed or have been out of employment for a considerable period of time, you may give the name of someone who knows you well enough to confirm information given and to comment on your ability to do the job.

Disclosure and Rehabilitation

The rules around criminal convictions and disclosure are complicated, so it is important you read the guidance below as part of making your application.

NHS Scotland is exempt from the 1974 Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exclusions & Exceptions) (Scotland) Order 2003. As part of any offer of employment, candidates will be subject to one of the following:



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- For posts in regulated work – Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme membership
- For all other posts which are subject to a criminal conviction record check – A Police Act check
- For posts not subject to a criminal conviction record check – A self-declaration

For further information please visit our careers site:

<https://careers.nhslothian.scot/recruitment-of-people-with-convictions/faq-disclosure-scotland-and-self-declaration-forms/>

Disclosure Scotland

Where a Police Act Disclosure or Protection of Vulnerable Groups Check is deemed necessary for a post, the successful candidate will be required to undergo an appropriate check. Further details on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders are available on our careers webpage: <https://careers.nhslothian.scot/recruitment-of-people-with-convictions/>

Work Visa

If you require a Work Visa, please seek further guidance on current immigration rules, which can be found: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

Overseas Registration and Qualifications

NHS Lothian will check you have the necessary professional registration and qualifications for this role. You will need to provide an official translation of qualifications notarized by a solicitor of your overseas qualifications to be checked by the recruiting panel. Please ensure that this is available before applying for the post.

Data Protection Act

During the course of our activities we will collect, store and process personal information about our prospective, current and former staff. The law determines how organisations can use personal information. For further information on the type of data that is handled, what the purpose is of processing the data and where and why we share data, please see the NHS Lothian Staff Privacy Notice, found at:

<http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/HR/az/staffprivacynotice/Pages/default.aspx>

For the purposes of this privacy notice, 'staff' includes applicants, employees, workers (including agency, casual and contracted staff), volunteers, trainees and those carrying out work experience.

Counter Fraud



<http://careers.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk>

NHS Lothian is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end will use the information you have provided on your application form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It will also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. More detail on this responsibility is on NHS Lothian intranet (Counter-Fraud and Theft page) and further information is available on the Audit Scotland website: <https://audit.scot/>

Workforce Equality Monitoring

NHS Lothian is committed to supporting and promoting dignity at work by creating an inclusive working environment. We believe that all staff should be able to fulfil their potential in a workplace free from discrimination and harassment where diverse skills, perspectives and backgrounds are valued.

In order to measure and monitor our performance as an equal opportunities employer, it is important that we collect, store and analyse data about staff. Personal, confidential information will be collected and used to help us to understand the make-up of our workforce that will enable us to make comparisons locally, regionally and nationally.

Equal Opportunities Policy Statement

NHS Lothian considers that it has an important role to play as a major employer and provider of services in Lothian. We are committed to encouraging equality and diversity among our workforce, and seek to eliminate discrimination. The aim is for our workforce to be truly representative and for each employee to feel respected and able to give their best.

The objectives of its policy are that no person or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender identity, gender expression, disability, marital status, age, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sexuality, responsibility for dependants, socio-economic status, political party or trade union membership or activity, HIV/AIDS status or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

Our Equal Opportunities in Employment policy can be viewed on our careers website: <https://careers.nhslothian.scot/equal-opportunities/>

NHS Staff Benefits

As a staff member in NHS Lothian, you will have access to a wide variety of offers and discounts from local and national businesses. For more information and to view these discounts, visit <https://www.nhsstaffbenefits.co.uk/>



Section 10: Staff Support & Wellbeing

Supporting the work life balance

NHS Lothian is committed to supporting our staff achieve a good work life balance. We have several policies in place to support this ranging from flexible work location to career break, full details of all the policies can be found at <https://workforce.nhs.scot/>

Carers Passport

NHS Lothian has introduced a Carers Passport which is intended to help support staff with caring responsibilities manage their work and caring responsibilities. Completion of the passport is voluntary, and it designed to be completed with reference to the NHS Scotland Workforce Policies: <https://workforce.nhs.scot/> which support work life balance e.g. Flexible Work Pattern, Flexible Work Location and Special Leave.

Staff Support and Wellbeing

NHS Lothian's vision is to promote, support and encourage staff to look after their own health, wellbeing and resilience (self-care). We have a wellbeing strategy and run regular events across the year on different health and wellbeing topics.

<https://org.nhslothian.scot/strategies/work-well-staff-wellbeing-strategy/>

We have a range of support options for our staff, these include staff counselling, peer support, 'Here 4 U' our psychological support service, staff listening service and occupational health.

Section 11: Equality and Diversity

Statement of Intent

NHS Lothian is committed to supporting and promoting dignity at work by creating an inclusive working environment. Working with our Staff Networks and Staff Side Organisations, we have agreed a Statement of Intent in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion as follows:

We continue to learn and build on our inclusive culture to make NHS Lothian a great place to work where our staff feel respected and valued. We are committed to recruiting a workforce that fully reflects and embraces the diverse make-up of our society. At NHS Lothian, we take a zero tolerance approach to discrimination and provide our staff with the leadership, tools and confidence to challenge discrimination and prejudice. We are a place where everyone can thrive and have good and respectful relationships with different groups of staff. Where everyone can develop and succeed based on their skill, knowledge and talent, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, socio-economic background, care experience or anything else that can be used to differentiate people from one another. We offer first-class flexible working benefits, excellent employee well-being support and a great pension. We are fortunate to have a range of excellent Staff Networks and are proud to be a



Disability Confident, Carer Positive and Living Wage Accredited employer with a partnership agreement with Trade Unions. We will fully support candidates with a disability, long-term condition or who are neurodivergent, and require adjustments in our recruitment process. We actively welcome applications from anyone who shares our commitment to equality and inclusion.

Equality and Human Rights Strategy 2023 – 2028

NHS Lothian wants to improve the health of everyone in Lothian so that everyone lives a longer, healthier life, with better experiences and outcomes including people who work for and with us. Our equality and human rights strategy supports us to put equality and human rights at the centre of everything we do so that we achieve these aims and meet our legal requirements. It sets out six strategic priorities – each on helping us understand and act on the experiences and needs of people who work for us and use our services. Our priorities are:

1. Equality and human rights are a central part of our planning, decision-making, delivery and reporting.
2. We are an anti-racist organisation, and our work helps to eliminate racism and remove racialised inequalities and prejudice.
3. We anticipate and meet the needs of disabled people so they can access services, employment opportunities and have better outcomes.
4. We are gender inclusive, we do not discriminate on grounds of sex or gender identity and our work helps to tackle persistent gender inequalities.
5. We support people who use our mental health services and people with dementia to know about and claim their rights, and to make decisions about their care and treatment.
6. We reap the benefits of equality and human rights education and training.

Anti-racism

As a healthcare provider and employer NHS Lothian has a duty to stop racism, inequality, and discrimination. We have acknowledged and apologised for NHS Lothian's historical connections with transatlantic slavery and the impact on all the people who suffered. We are implementing recommendations made by an Independent Advisory Group to ensure we learn from our past and build a better future for everyone. More information, including a short video, is available on the NHS Lothian website: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/aboutus/atlantic-slavery-and-the-royal-infirmary-of-edinburgh/>

We have launched our anti-racism campaign, 'We are NHS Lothian':

<https://www.facebook.com/lothian.nhs/videos/927242979125104/> to encourage everyone to understand and acknowledge racism and take action to eliminate it. The campaign aims to drive forward the work NHS Lothian has started to achieve meaningful change in the diversity of its workforce and to embed a respectful, tolerant and inclusive culture for everyone.



Reasonable Adjustments

NHS Lothian strives to be an exemplary employer and an “employer of choice” by doing the following to support disabled staff:

- Creating a positive organisational culture where every individual employee is valued for the specific skills that they bring with them into the workplace;
- Enabling staff to feel empowered and to speak up when they require support;
- Helping staff to feel safe in sharing their personal information regarding their disability in order that the organisation can continue to improve support and awareness for the benefit of everyone;
- Creating a management culture where supporting disabled staff is delivered in a positive manner and based upon the desire to retain valuable skills within the organisation and not solely on any legal requirement to do so.

NHS Lothian recognises it has a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants and employees. NHS Lothian aims to ensure that it takes all reasonable steps to remove or adapt any provision, criterion or practice, or physical feature of premises that may put a disabled person at a disadvantage at any stage of employment. Wherever possible, we are committed to providing auxiliary aids and making sure information is provided in an accessible format to make sure disabled people are not put at a disadvantaged. Further information on the adjustments that may be made are outlined in our <https://careers.nhslothian.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Reasonable-Adjustments-Guidance.pdf>

Disability Passport

NHS Lothian has introduced a Disability Passport:

<https://careers.nhslothian.scot/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Reasonable-Adjustments-Guidance.pdf> which is intended to guide a conversation between the staff member and their line manager to find the best ways to reduce barriers and enable staff to thrive in their roles. It provides a framework within which to discuss the staff member’s disability and what changes/adjustments can be made at work to assist them. Completion of the passport is voluntary, and it designed to be completed with reference to NHS Lothian’s Reasonable Adjustment Guidance.

NHS Lothian Staff Networks

There are currently seven NHS Lothian staff networks:

- **BME Network** - primarily aimed at NHS Lothian employees from Black or Minority Ethnic backgrounds but open to any staff interested in helping to improve inclusion in NHS Lothian.
- **Carers Network** – open to any member of staff who has an unpaid caring role
- **Care Experienced Network** – open to any member of NHS Lothian staff, with a focus on supporting Care Experienced staff.
- **Disabled Employee Network (DEN)** – open to any member of NHS Lothian staff who identifies as disabled, neurodivergent, or with a long-term health condition. You



don't need a formal diagnosis, and you don't need to disclose your condition to your line manager or to other DEN members.

- **LGBT+ Staff & Allies Network** - primarily aimed at NHS Lothian employees who identify as LGBT+ but open those who identify as allies or have a positive interest in LGBT+ matters
- **Women's Network** - a network for all to join, encouraging inclusion and diversity, regardless of gender identity
- **Young Employee Network** - primarily aimed at young NHS Lothian staff but no fixed age limit and open to anyone with a positive interest in the network's ambitions

The networks have been established to advance equality for groups of staff we know are more likely to experience disadvantage, be under-represented or have different needs. They aim to provide peer support, social events, networking and a point of contact on equality and diversity issues. The networks are involved in creating the annual Advancing Equalities Action Plan and moving actions forward, thus helping to improve the working lives of all NHS Lothian staff.

Information about all staff networks can be found on the NHS Lothian website:

<https://staff.nhslothian.scot/staffnetworks/>

Workplace Equality Monitoring

In order to monitor the organisation's performance as an equal opportunity employer, NHS Lothian will request and retain data on the protected characteristics of its workforce. This data is processed and retained in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. The disclosure by applicants and staff of their protected characteristics is voluntary but this data is invaluable to NHS Lothian as it enables accurate review of progress and highlights any areas where NHS Lothian is failing to advance equality. The data is anonymised prior to analysis, review and reporting. It plays no part in making decisions about individual employees. Its function is to help make evidence based decisions about the organisation's equality performance in relation to employment.

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Strategy

NHS Lothian considers that it has an important role to play as a major employer and provider of services in Lothian. As outlined in our Statement of Intent, we are committed to encouraging equality and diversity among our workforce, and seek to eliminate discrimination. The aim is for our workforce to be truly representative and for each employee to feel respected and able to give their best. Our Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Strategy: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/equality-human-rights/> sets out our commitment to these principles and sets out the approach to be followed to ensure that these principles are consistently met.

Equality and Human Rights Team

NHS Lothian has an Equality and Human Rights Team who can provide advice and guidance on equality and human rights compliance and best practice in NHS Lothian. They can be contacted by emailing loth.equalityandhumanrights@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk



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