

# Working for NHS Lothian

**JOB TITLE: Clinical Fellow in Spinal Deformity Surgery**

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## Section 1: Person Specification

Requirements	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications and training	Registered with the GMC. Licensed to practise. FRCS, MRCS or equivalent	FRCS (Tr & Orth) or equivalent
Experience	Training and experience in neurosurgery or orthopaedics with some experience of spinal surgery. Minimum three years higher surgical training or equivalent. Level 2 child protection training or equivalent	Experience in spinal deformity surgery in children. Experience in spinal deformity surgery in adults. PALS or APLS instructor Level 3 child protection training.
Academic achievements	Understanding of the principles of medical research; able to evaluate published research evidence.	Evidence of commitment to research, publication and presentations. Previous experience of research. Presentation at academic meetings with publication of original work in peer review journals
Teaching and audit	Evidence of commitment to formal and informal teaching and training of registrars, junior doctors and medical students. Evidence of commitment to undergraduate and post graduate education including training and teaching in spinal surgery anaesthesia. Participation in audit projects	Previous experience of teaching, designing and effecting audit programmes. Formal teaching qualification.
Motivation	Evidence of commitment to patient focused care, learning and continuous professional	



	<p>development, effective and efficient use of resources.</p> <p>Understanding of and commitment to the relevant work streams of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme.</p>	
Personal attributes	<p>Good communicator with ability to organise and time manage effectively.</p> <p>Able to work in a team with colleagues in own and other disciplines</p> <p>Able to organise time efficiently and effectively</p>	

## Section 2: Introduction to Appointment

**Job Title:** Clinical Fellows Spinal Deformity Surgery

**Department:** Spinal Deformity Surgery

**Base:** Royal Hospital for Sick Children Edinburgh  
You may also be required to work at any of NHS Lothian's sites.

### Post Summary:

These two posts are full time, non-resident Fellows in Spinal Surgery at this nationally designated centre. They are available from 01 August 2020 for one year. The posts are designed for orthopaedic or neurosurgical trainees who already have some experience of spinal surgery. This post is recognised for specialist training. The posts provide training in paediatric and adult spinal deformity surgery ideally suited for trainees who wish to take up a consultant appointment in full time spinal surgery. The surgical activity is based at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh with some out patient activity at Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.



### Section 3: Departmental and Directorate Information

The Scottish National Paediatric Spine Deformity Service was established in April 2005. The current Service is commissioned at a National Level by the National Services Division with central funding. The paediatric service is based at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (RHSC) in Edinburgh. This is a 141 bedded hospital with intensive care and high dependency. The hospital provides general and specialist services for children. The adult spinal deformity service is based at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh, which has more than 900 beds and provides a full range of acute medical and surgical services.

The National Spine Deformity Service is a multidisciplinary unit supported by many other departments including intensive care and anaesthesia, respiratory medicine, cardiology, pain management and radiology. There is an active programme of both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. The yearly number of operative procedures is approximately 250 including some two stage cases. There is a weekly clinical meeting of the surgical work of the unit and monthly multidisciplinary meetings for complex patients.

The two theatres used at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children are equipped with laminar flow and a Jackson type table is currently used with a dedicated image intensifier. The patients treated through the unit benefit at all stages from the high level of support offered by all departments throughout the hospital.

A weekly clinical meeting is held within the department to discuss patients treated the week before and those coming in for surgery the following week. A once monthly multidisciplinary complex planning meeting is held to plan in advance for complex cases. There is a monthly business meeting to plan for the current and future needs of the service. There is a 6 monthly meeting with National Service Division looking mainly at the strategic goals of the service and the solutions to achieve them.

#### Consultants:

Mr Thanos Tsirikos  
Mr Christopher Adams  
Mr Enrique Garrido

#### Supporting Medical Staff

One Specialist Registrar (from the South East of Scotland Trauma and Orthopaedic Training Programme)  
Two Foundation Year 2 Doctors (ward based)

#### Nursing Staff

Two Spinal Deformity Liaison Nurses



## Section 4: Main Duties and Responsibilities

### Clinical:

Actively become involved in the in-patient and out-patient management of spine deformity patients.

Perform spinal deformity surgery under the supervision of one of the consultant staff.  
This will involve -

Completing an entrance discussion about training goals for the contract period and having read the documents provided about the service patient management.

Completing a surgical log book with all cases during the period of employment. This log will be counter-signed at exit interview.

Support is available to attend spinal deformity courses.

This is an exposure prone post and evidence of the appropriate immunities will be required before starting work.

### Out of Hours Commitments:

One in four with prospective cover.  
Non-resident

### Research and Teaching

There is a long track record of research from the unit. There are a variety of on-going projects that the successful applicant would be able to participate in and contribute to. Beyond the spinal deformity service there is an active biomedical research environment in Edinburgh that provides other possibilities.

The Fellow will contribute to the provision of teaching for undergraduate and postgraduate students and some external teaching to other groups.

### Team Working:

To work collaboratively with all members of the team  
Adhere to NHS Lothian and departmental guidelines on leave including reporting absence

### Location:

It is anticipated the principal base of work will be the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

As part of your role, you may be required to work at any of NHS Lothian's sites especially the Royal Infirmary and also travel to Glasgow occasionally for outpatient clinics.



## Section 5: Contact Information

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

Mr Thanos Tsirikos, Consultant Spinal Deformity Surgeon, RHSC.

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## Section 6: 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. Tim Davison is the Chief Executive 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 at <http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/Pages/default.aspx>.

#### 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



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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 [www.talentscotland.com](http://www.talentscotland.com). For a comprehensive list of services to help moving to the City of Edinburgh, please visit the City of Edinburgh Council Website at: [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.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.

### **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.



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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 2013 – 2020,” consultation document which you will find at [www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/KeyDocuments](http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/KeyDocuments).

### **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

<http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/OurHealthOurCareOurFuture/Documents/NHSL%20Strategy%20Summary%20final.pdf>



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## **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.

### **Our Values and ways of working**

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

#### **NHS Lothian – Our Values into Action:**

##### **Care and Compassion**

- We will demonstrate our compassion and caring through our actions and words
- We will take time to ensure each person feels listened to, secure, understood and is treated compassionately
- We will be visible, approachable and contribute to creating a calm and friendly atmosphere
- We will provide a safe and caring setting for patients and staff, and an efficient, effective and seamless care experience
- We will meet people's needs for information and involvement in all care, treatment and support decisions.

##### **Dignity and Respect**

- We will be polite and courteous in our communications and actions
- We will demonstrate respect for dignity, choice, privacy and confidentiality
- We will recognise and value uniqueness and diversity
- We will be sincere, honest and constructive in giving, and open to receiving, feedback
- We will maintain a professional attitude and appearance.

##### **Quality**

- We will demonstrate a commitment to doing our best
- We will encourage and explore ideas for improvement and innovation
- We will seek out opportunities to enhance our skills and expertise
- We will work together to achieve high quality services
- We will use our knowledge and enthusiasm to implement positive change and overcome challenges.



## Teamwork

- We will understand and value each other's role and contribution
- We will be fair, thoughtful, welcoming and kind to colleagues
- We will offer support, advice and encouragement to others
- We will maximise each other's potential and contribution through shared learning and development
- We will recognise, share and celebrate our successes, big and small.

## Openness, Honesty and Responsibility

- We will build trust by displaying transparency and doing what we say we will do
- We will commit to doing what is right – even when challenged
- We will welcome feedback as a means of informing improvements
- We will use our resources and each other's time efficiently and wisely
- We will maintain and enhance public confidence in our service
- We will be a positive role model.

Throughout the recruitment process candidates will need to demonstrate they meet all of Our Values. Further information on our values into action can be found at <http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/Pages/OurValues.aspx>



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## Section 7: Terms and Conditions of Employment

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

<b>TYPE OF CONTRACT</b>	Fixed Term 1 year
<b>GRADE AND SALARY</b>	Clinical Fellow £32,961 - £51,828
<b>HOURS OF WORK</b>	40 Hours per week plus rota commitment
<b>SUPERANNUATION</b>	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: <a href="http://www.sppa.gov.uk">www.sppa.gov.uk</a>
<b>REMOVAL EXPENSES</b>	Assistance with removal and associated expenses may be awarded
<b>EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT</b>	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.
<b>TOBACCO POLICY</b>	NHS Lothian operates a No Smoking Policy in all premises and grounds.
<b>DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND</b>	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.
<b>CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO WORK IN THE UK</b>	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.



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<b>REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>NOTICE</b>	<p>Employment is subject to one month notice on either side, subject to appeal against dismissal.</p>
<b>PRINCIPAL BASE OF WORK</b>	<p>You may be required to work at any of NHS Lothian sites as part of your role.</p>
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY</b>	<p>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.</p>



## Section 8: General Information for Candidates

### **Data Protection Legislation**

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 [here on the NHS Lothian website](#).

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**

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 at <http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/work/nfi.php>.

### **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 Scotland**

Where a 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 from the recruitment centre.

### **Work Visa**

If you require a Work Visa, please seek further guidance on current immigration rules, which can be found on the Home Office website [www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk)

### **Job Interview Guarantee Scheme**

As a Disability Symbol user, we recognise the contribution that all individuals can make to the organisation regardless of their abilities. As part of our ongoing commitment to extending employment opportunities, all applicants who are disabled and who meet the minimum criteria expressed in the job description will be guaranteed an interview.



## **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.

## **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 fulfill 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 Edinburgh and the Lothians and accepts its obligations both legal and moral by stating commitment to the promotion of equal opportunities and elimination of discrimination.

The objectives of its policy are that no person or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of sex, disability, marital status, age, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), creed, sexuality, responsibility for dependants, 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 at:

[www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/WorkingWithUs/Employment/Pages/EqualOpportunities.aspx](http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/WorkingWithUs/Employment/Pages/EqualOpportunities.aspx)

## **NHS Scotland 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.



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