

# Working for NHS Lothian

**JOB TITLE:** Consultant in Obstetrics & Gynaecology - St John's Hospital

**JOB REFERENCE:** CG 2648

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## Section 1: Person Specification

REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<b>Qualifications and Training</b>	GMC registration and licence to practise. Be on, or eligible for inclusion on the GMC Specialist Register (or within six months of being eligible for CCT at time of interview) MRCOG or equivalent	Additional post-graduate qualifications, e.g. MD/ PhD/MSc
<b>Experience</b>	General and emergency experience in obstetrics and gynaecology  Ability to function at consultant level in obstetrics and gynaecology	Independence in gynaecological endoscopic procedures.  Experience of high-risk obstetric antenatal clinics
<b>Ability</b>	Ability to take full responsibility for independent management of patients in obstetrics and gynaecology  Ability to communicate effectively and clearly with patients and other team members	
<b>Academic Achievements</b>	Evidence of research activity and presentations  Understanding of the place of research in improving patient outcomes.  Willingness to support academic colleagues and contribute to the wider research programme in the specialty	Evidence of research and publications in peer reviewed journals  MD or PhD
<b>Teaching and Audit</b>	Evidence of commitment to: clinical audit  formal and informal teaching and training of trainee doctors, medical students and other clinical staff  learning and continuing professional development	Experience of designing audits  Experience of simulation training  Evidence of training in clinical and / or educational supervision



<b>Motivation</b>	Evidence of commitment to: patient-focused care continuous professional development and life-long learning effective and efficient use of resources	Desire to develop services for patients
<b>Team Working</b>	Ability to work in a team with colleagues in own and other disciplines Ability to organise time efficiently and effectively Reliability Excellent communication skills Knowledge and understanding of the Scottish Patient safety Programme	Ability to motivate colleagues Evidence of previous managerial training and experience
<b>Circumstances of Job</b>	This post may evolve to include sessions at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary	



## Section 2: Introduction to Appointment

**Job Title:** Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist

**Department:** St John's Hospital Livingston

**Base:** St John's Hospital  
The post may involve sessions at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

### Post Summary:

This post is a substantive Consultant post in Obstetrics and Gynaecology based at St John's Hospital, Livingston. It is available from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. The post is a replacement post. The successful applicant should be able to contribute to specialist services provided by the Unit and the individual would be encouraged to pursue and develop a special interest that would complement those already offered.

The post will include consultant sessions on labour ward, a hot week of ward cover and emergency gynaecology (may occur on either site) (1:10), gynaecology theatre sessions and outpatient clinics in obstetrics and gynaecology. Experience in the provision of Specialist OP Gynaecology services and high-risk Obstetric care would be welcomed. The out of hours is non-resident on call for obstetrics and gynaecology at St John's 1:10 with prospective cover.

## Section 3: Departmental and Directorate Information

The obstetric and gynaecology service at St. John's comprises 26 obstetric beds, including a day bed unit, and 14 gynaecological beds (6 in-patient and eight day beds/23 hour stay beds in a dedicated Day Case Surgical Facility). In 2021 the department handled approximately 2,600 deliveries. Four weekly high risk antenatal clinics are held and in addition there is a weekly multiple pregnancy, diabetic and maternal medicine clinic and a monthly haematology clinic. The obstetric unit is supported by a SCBU. Special interests of the department include urogynaecology, laparoscopic surgery, gynaecology oncology, menstrual dysfunction (including outpatient hysteroscopy) and maternal medicine.

A new ambulatory care suite is being built within the gynaecology department at SJH and is expected to open in late 2022. This facility will have will be used for outpatient hysteroscopy, colposcopy, and cystoscopy procedures.

A Short Stay Elective Centre (SSEC) is being developed at the St John's Hospital site and is expected to open in 2025/2026. This is a new build funded by the Scottish Government to address waiting times in NHS Lothian and increase capacity in acute hospital settings. The SSEC will have 11 operating theatres 38 inpatient beds and 24-day surgery beds. It will look after patients with up to a 48-hour postoperative stay. Elective surgical patients in orthopaedics, gynaecology, colorectal and upper GI surgery will be moved out of current acute hospital sites to the SSEC.

There is large general gynaecological workload in Lothian with approximately 500 hysterectomies (abdominal, laparoscopic and vaginal) and 5,000 day cases being performed per annum. Over 20,000 new gynaecological out-patients are seen per year (including those seen in peripheral clinics). Sub-specialty interests include gynaecological oncology, urogynaecology, infertility, endometriosis, menstrual dysfunction and fetomaternal medicine.



Within the Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health, there is the Edinburgh Fertility and Reproductive Endocrinology Centre (EFREC) for patients with endocrine and infertility problems. In 2015 the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh became accredited as an Endometriosis Centre of Expertise.

The Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health at the RIE is the main centre for perinatal care in South East Scotland. There were approximately 6500 deliveries in 2020. The SCRH is the tertiary referral centre for the South East of Scotland and is the largest obstetric unit in Scotland. The hospital includes an intensive care Neonatal Unit, with 12 Level 1 Intensive Care, seven Level 2 Intensive Care and 24 Special Care cots. Six weekly high risk antenatal clinics are held within the SCRH.

### **Senior Medical Staffing at St John's Hospital, Livingston.**

Dr A Macleod (Professional Lead for O&G, St John's)

Dr S Nicholson

Dr D Arnott

Dr S Court

Dr S Coutts

Dr A Gharaibeh

Dr R Joy

Dr S Kallat

Dr R Kung

Dr P Mills

Dr S Nicholson

Dr S Rane

Dr S Sahota

Dr J Wilkens

### **Senior Medical Staffing at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh**

The RIE medical staff is currently divided into three units:-

#### **Gynaecology Oncology / Benign Gynaecology / Urogynaecology Unit**

Dr J Chamberlain

Professor H Critchley (University of Edinburgh)

Dr P Dewart

Dr N Ghaoui

Dr S Fegan

Professor Andrew Horne (University of Edinburgh)

Dr S Jack (Clinical Director for Gynaecology, NHS Lothian)

Dr M Madhra

Dr C Martin

Dr J May

Dr K. Munro

Dr S Nicholson\*

Dr A Pearson

Dr A Rice

Dr K Rose

Dr P Sanderson

#### **Obstetric Unit Royal infirmary of Edinburgh**

Dr N Aedla

Dr C Alexander

Dr A Armstrong



Dr A Brown  
Dr A Campbell  
Dr C Chiswick  
Dr E Cooper  
Dr S Cowan  
Dr E Doubal (Clinical Director for Obstetrics, NHS Lothian)  
Dr K Dundas  
Dr K Edgar  
Dr F Fankam  
Dr L Hermis  
Dr O Keag  
Dr J Laurie  
Dr C Love (Associate Medical Director, Womens and Children's Services, NHS Lothian)  
Dr N Mary  
Dr H Mustafa  
Dr L Simpson  
Dr B Smyth  
Prof Sarah Stock (University of Edinburgh)  
Dr Rosemary Townsend (University of Edinburgh)

### **Reproductive Medicine Unit**

Professor R Anderson (University of Edinburgh)  
Dr B Brady  
Dr S Brett  
Dr M Chetty (Clinical Lead)  
Professor W Duncan (University of Edinburgh)  
Dr R Howie

## **Section 4: Main Duties and Responsibilities**

### **Clinical**

This post is designed to support the Obstetrics and Gynaecology service in NHS Lothian and is funded for one year.

The job plan will include outpatient clinics, participation in a hot week 1:10 and out of hours on call for obstetrics and gynaecology 1:10 with prospective cover.

The job plan will include prospective cover sessions.

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

The post holder will be expected to have excellent team working skills given the multi-disciplinary nature of the job.

### **Out of Hours Commitments**

On call is for obstetrics and gynaecology at St John's with a frequency of 1:10 with prospective cover.

### **Location**

This post will be based at St John's Hospital, Livingston.



## Research and Development

The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh is the site of the University's Queens Medical Research Institute of which the Centre for Reproductive Biology is a key component. This is the largest aggregation of Reproductive Scientists and Clinicians in Europe and offers unique opportunities for research collaboration in all areas of obstetrics and gynaecology. Currently the most prominent areas of clinical research include fertility control (conception and contraception), gynaecological endocrinology, menstrual dysfunction, endometriosis, gonad and gamete biology, fetomaternal disorders, placenta function and the biological control of parturition. There is an active research programme in ovarian cancer based at the oncology department of the WGH.

## Teaching and training

NHS Lothian is a centre for subspecialty training in gynaecology oncology with a subspecialty trainee currently in post. Advanced training skill modules (ATSM) in Gynaecology are available for trainees in years ST6/7. The post holder will be expected to take part in the training of specialty registrars as well as teaching and training of GPSTs, FY2s and medical students attached to the department.

## Other aspects that will be expected of the post holder:

### Medical Staff Management:

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

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

### Leadership and Team Working:

To demonstrate excellent leadership skills with regard to individual performance, clinical teams and NHS Lothian 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 NHS Lothian and departmental guidelines on leave including reporting absence

Adhere to NHS Lothian values



## Section 5: NHS Lothian – Indicative Job Plan

<b>Post:</b>	Consultant
<b>Specialty:</b>	Obstetrics and gynaecology
<b>Principal Place of Work:</b>	St John's Hospital, Livingston
<b>Contract:</b>	Full time, 10 PA per week
<b>Availability Supplement:</b>	3%
<b>Out-of-hours:</b>	1:10 on call rota with prospective cover
<b>Managerially responsible to:</b>	Dr Stuart Jack , Clinical Director

### Indicative Job Plan

There will be 9 sessions of DCC and one session of SPA activity within the 10 PA job plan. Two DCC sessions are allocated to out of hours cover and one session to clinical admin duties. This will leave six other sessions of DCC activity each week for clinics, daytime labour ward, emergency cover / ward rounds and elective gynaecology operating.

## Section 6: Contact Information

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

Dr Alison MacLeod  
Professional Lead Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
St John's Hospital  
[alison.macleod@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:alison.macleod@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

Dr Stuart Jack  
Clinical Director for Gynaecology NHS Lothian  
[stuart.jack@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:stuart.jack@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

## 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. Calum Campbell 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 at <https://org.nhslothian.scot/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 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.

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>

### **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.



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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.

### **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.



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## **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

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



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## Section 8: 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>	PERMANENT
<b>GRADE AND SALARY</b>	Consultant £91,474 - £121,548
<b>HOURS OF WORK</b>	40 HOURS PER WEEK
<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>GENERAL PROVISIONS</b>	You will be expected to work with local managers and professional colleagues in the efficient running of services and will share with Consultant colleagues in the medical contribution to management. Subject to the provision of the Terms and Conditions, you are expected to observe the organisation's agreed policies and procedures and to follow the standing orders and financial instruction of NHS Lothian, in particular, where you manage employees of the organisation, you will be expected to follow the local and national employment and personnel policies and procedures. You will be expected to make sure that there are adequate arrangements for hospital staff involved in the care of your patients to be able to contact you when necessary.
<b>REMOVAL EXPENSES</b>	Assistance with removal and associated expenses may be awarded (up to 10% of salary)
<b>EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT</b>	Candidates who are requested to attend an interview will be given assistance with appropriate travelling expenses. Re-imbursement 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.



<p><b>CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO WORK IN THE UK</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>NOTICE</b></p>	<p>Employment is subject to three months' notice on either side, subject to appeal against dismissal.</p>
<p><b>PRINCIPAL BASE OF WORK</b></p>	<p>You may be required to work at any of NHS Lothian's sites as part of your role.</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY</b></p>	<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 9: 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 at: [NHS Lothian Staff Privacy Notice](#)

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 via [Audit Scotland](#).

### **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 [UK Government Home Office website](#).

### **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 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 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.

