**NHS TAYSIDE**

**SPECIALTY DOCTOR IN MEDICAL NEUROLOGY**

**2 PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

## A Specialty Doctor in Medical Neurology is sought to work join an enthusiastic Neurlogy team.

The successful candidate would be expected to provide a specialist service for patients with neurological disorders specifically multiple sclerosis in Tayside and North East Fife through clinics in Ninewells Hospital.

**NEUROLOGICAL SERVICES**

Clinical Neurosciences provides neurological services for Tayside and NE Fife, serving a population of over 500,000. It includes Neurology, Neurosurgery, Clinical Neurophysiology, Neuropsychology and the Chronic Pain Service. In November 1998 the services moved into a newly built unit at Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, with fabulous views over the Tay.

Ninewells Hospital and Medical School (901 beds) is a large teaching hospital for the University of Dundee, and houses most medical and surgical disciplines with supporting laboratory services. Within the hospital there is the university Neuroscience Dept, which has an active programme of basic Neuroscience research (5\* last RAE). Perth Royal Infirmary and Stracathro Hospital are general hospitals, within NHS Tayside, which have 193 and 10 acute care beds respectively. Stracathro has been developed as an outpatient diagnostic and treatment centre.

Ward 23a, the Neurology ward includes 14 neurology beds, one with cabling for video EEG monitoring.

The Neurology service at present provides outpatient clinics for new and review consultations in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee and in Perth Royal Infirmary, Perth. This new post will add to the existing complement of four full time neurologists, two part time neurologists, three academic neurologists, one specialty doctor in MS and 1 speciality doctor in headache. The successful candidate would perform two clinics per week in Ninewells Hospital. It would be expected that the successful candidate sub-specialise in multiple sclerosis.

Specialist clinics for epilepsy and first seizures are held in Dundee and in Perth with the support of an epilepsy specialist nurse. Specialist clinics for Parkinson’s disease, movement disorders, motor neurone disease, neuromodulation and Neurogenetics are held in Dundee. Specialised clinics for multiple sclerosis are also held in both Dundee and Perth. There are two specialist nurses for Parkinson’s disease, three specialist nurses multiple sclerosis, dystonia (1 post), headache (1 post), epilepsy (2 posts) and motor neurone disease (2 posts). The applicant will be covering two multiple sclerosis clinics in Ninewells Hospital each week.

The Clinical Neurophysiology facilities include four EEG recording rooms with modern digital recording systems, EMG room and two evoked potential recording rooms. Full neuroimaging facilities are available at Ninewells, with two CT scanners, two MRI machines and angiography. CT scanning and MRI are also provided at Perth Royal Infirmary and at Stracathro Hospital.

There are 22 neurosurgical beds, including a 4-bed HDU. Clinical activity includes epilepsy surgery and neurosurgical procedures for Parkinson’s disease. Other services based in Ninewells include an extensive chronic pain service, which also supports baclofen infusion pumps for spasticity management. In addition there is Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology. The Neuropathology service is provided from Edinburgh.

**CURRENT MEDICAL STAFFING**

# The Clinical Neurosciences Department

Neurology

Dr B Waddell (Clinical Lead)

Prof JI O’Riordan, Consultant Neurologist,

Dr Ian Morrison, Consultant Neurologist,

Dr G Stewart, Consultant Neurologist

Dr K White, Consultant Neurologist,

Prof M Muqit Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow and Programme Leader.

Dr E Sammler, Consultant Neurologist, Honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine

Dr T Gilbertson, Consultant Neurologist

3 Specialist Trainees in Neurology

One IMT-1 trainee on the general medical rotation.

Two Foundation Year trainees.

## Clinical Neurophysiology

Dr Sarah Finlayson, Consultant Neurologist

Neurosurgery

Mr D Bennett, Consultant Neurosurgery (Clinical Lead)

Mr D Mowle, Consultant Neurosurgery

Mr M Okasha, Consultant Neurosurgery

Ms H Pulhorn, Consultant Neurosurgery

Chronic Pain Service

Dr P Lacoux, Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr J Banister, Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr G Gillespie, Consultant Anaesthetist

Neuropsychology

# Dr A Livingstone, Consultant Neuropsychologist

# Other closely related posts

Neuroradiology

Dr A Kanodia

Neuropathology

Provided from Edinburgh by

Prof Colin Smith

## Stroke services

Dr M Lambert

Neurogenetics

Dr D Goudie

Dr J Berg

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH**

There are significant commitments to undergraduate medical student teaching in the third and fourth years and to the postgraduate training of junior medical staff. There is a regular postgraduate programme with weekly neuroradiology and clinical meetings with Neurologists in Aberdeen and the Highlands, and a weekly journal club.

There are active programmes of research in epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease and Parkinson’s disease. Current additional research collaborations are with the members of the Centre for Life Sciences in Dundee. The Clinical Research Centre houses a 3 Tesla research MRI machine.

**SUMMARY OF THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POST**

1. The provision of a service in multiple sclerosis with responsibility for review consultations in outpatient clinics and consultations within Tayside.
2. The supervision and training of the junior medical staff attached to the unit.
3. A requirement to participate in continuing medical education and in audit.

**EDUCATION**

Continuing Education

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to participate in educational programmes in Tayside and elsewhere if necessary.

Education is available through in-house tutorials and locally arranged Postgraduate courses. Specialty doctors are expected to further their education through attendance at meetings and courses held both locally and nationally.

The Department of Neurology in Dundee provides a weekly journal club meeting, and there are joint weekly Neuroradiology and Clinical Neuroscience meetings with Aberdeen and Highlands Neurology.

**AUDIT**

Audit is an essential component of Neurology practice and the successful candidate will be encouraged to participate in local and national audit activities. There are courses in Clinical Research/Audit provided regularly in Dundee.

**DUTIES OF THE POST**

(i) Training

The successful candidate must make full use of the training opportunities provided in each placement.

(ii) Clinical

Under the supervision of the Neurology Consultants, the successful candidate will be expected to participate in out-patient care of patients with multiple sclerosis. The successful candidate will also be responsible for the assessment and participate in the investigation of outpatients. They will also support nurse-led multiple sclerosis clinics.

(iii) Administration

The candidate will be expected, when appropriate, to participate in administrative activities such as reports and letters.

(iv) Communication

This will include:-

Patients

Discussion with Neurology Consultants regarding clinical problems

Communication with other General Practitioners - this will include telephone discussion of problems and writing of letters about cases seen in the Department

Liaison with Specialists in other hospitals/agencies, such as district nurses, AHPs

**INDICATIVE JOB PLAN**

The successful candidate would be expected to provide two clinics per week of three hours duration with two hours for administration

Total number of PAs – 2 per week

Each clinic is 3 hours duration.

The final job plan will need to be agreed between the post holder and clinical group director, and signed off by the medical director

**LOCATION OF DUTIES**

Ninewells Hospital, Outpatient department.

**TAYSIDE – City of Dundee, Perthshire and Angus**

When choosing somewhere to work and live, quality of life is key. Dundee is one of the few locations in the UK which combines the best of both worlds – city facilities on a friendly community scale and easy access to some of the most stunning countryside in Scotland.

Set on the spectacular Tay Estuary, Dundee is a city in a landscape of wild beaches, rolling golf courses, quaint coastal villages and beyond them Scotland’s famous mountains and glens – providing a range of lifestyle choices and house prices unbeaten by other Scottish cities.

The salaries of employees in Dundee currently go further on the property ladder than almost any other city in the UK. Where the average UK house price is six times the average salary, in Dundee the ratio is just under four times salary. The range of properties within commuting distance to the University covers the widest spectrum – from rambling country houses and seaside cottages to handsome town villas and sleek city quay apartments. Dundee has put enormous effort into the redevelopment of the city centre and its stunning waterfront along the Tay is now being developed.

Excellent shopping sits side-by-side with a vibrant cultural quarter – home to Scotland’s award-winning Dundee Rep Theatre and the highly acclaimed Dundee Contemporary Arts which has become a lively social hub and film house as well as a champion of leading edge arts. These are among the closest neighbours to our city centre campus. In addition, Dundee is the home of the ‘V&A At Dundee’, a new development which is housed in an award-winning, iconic building designed by Kengo Kuma.

Dundee is a post-industrial city which has worked hard to reinvent itself and today the University is a key economic driver for prosperity, particularly in the life sciences and medicine. The University is involved in a range of partnership initiatives including a strong access programme and social, education, cultural, business and voluntary partnerships aimed at raising confidence, skills and achievement. The University has excellent working relationships with the City Council, other local authorities, Scottish Enterprise Tayside (the local economic development company), NHS Tayside and a range of other local and national bodies in Scotland and the UK.

Dundee has become known as the City of Discovery – the place where Captain Scott of the Antarctic’s ship, the RRS Discovery was built and is now permanently berthed. It is a line which serves contemporary Dundee well with its reputation as a strong research led environment. The University is one of the three biggest employers and the ratio of students and university personnel to general population is among the highest in Scotland.

The highest levels of annual sunshine, more green spaces and the purest air quality of any city in Scotland make Dundee a pleasant place to live and comparatively low levels of traffic cut the daily “hassle factor” considerably. An apocryphal tale has it that the local radio station has on occasion warned of traffic jams “causing delays of up to three minutes”. Dundee is also renowned as a friendly city where it is easy to mix and if your passion lies with the green, Tayside and North East Fife is one of the best places in the world for access to quality and affordable golf. 18 championship golf courses lie within 30 minutes and include St Andrews, the home of golf, Carnoustie and Gleneagles, which hosted the Ryder Cup in 2014. Within similar reach lie spectacular opportunities for everything from water sports to mountaineering, fishing and hillwalking.

There are 41 primary schools in the region feeding into ten secondary schools. In the private sector, Dundee High School is one of the leading fee paying schools in Scotland, consistently scoring well on academic and sporting achievement. Preschool education is widely provided including a number of excellent private nurseries. Dundee is just a 90 minute drive from 90 per cent of Scotland’s population. Edinburgh is less than an hour away and Glasgow around an hour and a half by road or rail. If London beckons, you can get down for a meeting and back on the same day using Dundee Airport, flying direct to London Stanstead. Short check-in times are an extra bonus and crystallise the quality of life enjoyed in this part of the world.

For more information about Dundee please see: [http://www.conventiondundeeandangus.co.uk](#) and [http://www.angusanddundee.co.uk](#)

**ASSESSMENT**

Annual appraisal

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORD MANAGEMENT**

All records created in the course of business of NHS Tayside are corporate records and are public records under the terms of Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011. This includes email messages and other electronic records. It is your responsibility to ensure that you keep appropriate records of your work in NHS Tayside and manage those records in keeping with the NHS Tayside Records Management Policy and with any guidance produced by NHS Tayside specific to your employment.

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

The terms and conditions of employment will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of Service for Consultant Grade (Scotland) and the General Whitley Council conditions of service, both as amended from time to time.

Membership of the NHS Superannuation Scheme is not compulsory, but all medical and dental staff are entitled to choose if they wish to join the scheme. Until such time as a positive option not to join the scheme is expressed, a member of staff will be regarded as a member of the scheme from the first day of service. This will not affect any individual right to make alternative arrangements. Initially, the employment covered in this contract will be contracted out of the State Pension Scheme.

The successful candidate will be expected to reside within an approved distance of Dundee.

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND VISITING ARRANGEMENTS**

For discussion of the post please contact

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