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**CONSULTANT IN NEUROLOGY**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**NEUROLOGICAL SERVICES**

The Clinical Neurosciences Department 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 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. Perth Royal Infirmary and Stracathro Hospital are general hospitals, within NHS Tayside. Stracathro has been developed as an outpatient diagnostic and treatment centre.

The unit 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 9 consultant neurologists (6 NHS and 3 academic consultants) and one consultant neurophysiologist. The successful candidate would undertake three clinics per week. It would be expected that the successful candidate sub specialise and that at least one of these clinics would be subspecialist in nature.

Specialist clinics for epilepsy and first seizures are held in Dundee and in Perth with the support of epilepsy specialist nurses. 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. Ninewells Hospital is the Scottish centre for ultra-sound thalamotomy for essential tremor, with clinics in Ninewells to support this activity. There are specialist nurses for Parkinson’s disease (1 post), multiple sclerosis (3 posts), motor neurone disease (2 posts), epilepsy (2 posts), dystonia (1 post) and headache (1 post).

The Clinical Neurophysiology facilities include 4 EEG recording rooms with modern digital recording systems, EMG room, polysomnography and 2 evoked potential recording rooms. Full neuroimaging facilities are available at Ninewells, with 2 CT scanners, 2 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. Other services based in Ninewells include an extensive chronic pain service, Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology. The Neuropathology service is provided from Edinburgh.

**MEDICAL STAFFING**

Clinical Neurosciences Department

**Neurology**Dr Briony Waddell, Consultant Neurologist, Clinical Lead for Neurology and Neurophysiology

Dr Ian Morrison, Consultant Neurologist and Honorary Reader

Prof JI O’Riordan, Consultant Neurologist and Professor of Clinical Neurology   
Dr G Stewart, Consultant Neurologist  
Dr U Spelmeyer, Consultant Neurologist

Dr E Rooke, Consultant Neurologist  
Professor M Muqit Welcome Senior Clinical Fellow in Neurology and Honorary Consultant Neurologist

Dr E Sammler, Clinical Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant Neurologist

Dr T Gilbertson, Clinical Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant Neurologist

Four Specialist Trainees in Neurology

One Clinical Fellow in Neurology  
One CMT1 trainee on the general medical rotation.  
Two Foundation Year trainees.

Clinical Neurophysiology  
Dr Sarah Finlayson, Consultant Neurologist

**Neurosurgery**

Mr David Bennett, Consultant Neurosurgery

Ms Anna Solth, Consultant Neurosurgery

Ms Heinke Pulhorn, Consultant Neurosurgery

Mr Mohammed Okasha, Consultant Neurosurgery

**Chronic Pain Service**Dr P Lacoux, Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr G Gillespie, Consultant Anaesthetist

**Neuropsychology**Dr A Livingstone, Consultant Neuropsychologist

**Neuroradiology**

Dr A Kanodia, Consultant Radiologist

**Neuropathology**  
Provided from Edinburgh by Prof Colin Smith

**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. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to lead the fourth year teaching curriculum in Neurology. There is a regular postgraduate programme with weekly: neuroradiology; neuroscience meetings with the North of Scotland; and journal club.

There are active research programmes 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 MRI.

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

This is a full time (10 programmed activities) permanent substantive post. Applications for part-time working will be considered.

The successful candidate will join an enthusiastic and forward looking multidisciplinary team providing a general neurological service for patients in Tayside and North East Fife through clinics in Dundee and Perth. In addition there would be an opportunity to develop a sub specialist interest in movement disorders.

The successful applicant will be expected to:

* Participate in the Neurology service with responsibility for new and review consultations in outpatient clinics and consultations within hospitals in Tayside. Provide neurological care with responsibility for a caseload of in-patients and outpatients
* Undertake the administrative duties associated with the care of his/her patients and the running of the department
* Participate in the on-call service for neurological emergencies, in collaboration with other clinical neurologists (approximately 1 in 7)
* Provide sub-specialist care in collaboration with other consultant neurologists
* Supervise and train of the junior medical staff attached to the unit
* Participate in under-graduate medical student teaching
* Work flexibly with other members of the multi professional teams
* Undergo training in adverse event management and become an active verifier
* Be flexible in any future discussions re allocation of duties

# INDICATIVE JOB PLAN

Principal Place of Work: Ninewells Hospital and Perth Royal Infirmary

Contract: Full time (10 Programmed activities)

Availability Supplement: Level 1 at 5%

Out-of-hours: 1 in 7 weekends, 1 in 7 weekdays with prospective cover

Managerially responsible to: Dr Briony Waddell, Consultant Neurologist, Clinical Lead

Dr Maureen Lafferty, Clinical Care Group Director

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| **Day** | **AM** | **PM** |
| **Monday** | Ward round  Admin | Admin |
| **Tuesday** | Under-graduate teaching | In lieu of on call |
| **Wednesday** | Multidisciplinary meeting  Admin | Specialist clinic  Ninewells |
| **Thursday** | General neurology clinic, Ninewells | Neurosciences meeting |
| **Friday** | Neuroradiology meeting  Ward round | General neurology clinic Ninewells |

Clinics 3 Programmed Activities (PA)

In-patient work 1PA

Out of hours 1PA

Admin/other clinical activities 2PA

MDT 0.5PA

Vetting 0.5PA

SPA 2PA

This work allocation is indicative only, and may be modified once appointed, if this is negotiated with other consultants and the Clinical Director

As part of a teaching and training department it is anticipated that candidates will have additional interests including teaching, training, research, service development and clinical leadership. In line with the wider organisation, the outline job planning includes a 2 SPA:8 DCC split.  The undergraduate teaching lead is a potential opportunity we are looking to fill.

All appointments are made to NHS Tayside with their main base in Ninewells hospital.

Clinicians may be required to participate in peripheral clinics across NHS Tayside.

The final job plan will need to be agreed between the post holder and Clinical Care Group Director.

## QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Candidates must be included on the Specialist Register for Neurology (or within 6 months). All candidates must have MRCP or equivalent.

Applications from doctors with appropriate specialist training and experience who are not listed on the GMC Specialist Register can be considered for a Locum Consultant post (up to 12 months) if no substantive Consultant appointment is made.  Whilst in locum employment, an application to obtain a CESR / CESR (CP) and entry onto the Specialist Register can be made.

# CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

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 times as a positive option not to join the scheme is expressed, a member of staff will be regarded as a member from the first day of service. This will not affect any individual right to make alternative arrangements. Initially, the employment covered by this contract will be contracted out of the State Pension Scheme.

The post is for 10 Programmed Activities and any extra programmed activities (EPA’s) would only be granted with the agreement of the Clinical Director in discussing the job plan. Any consultant who is unable, for personal reasons, to work full-time, will be eligible to be considered for the post. If such a person is appointed, modification of the job content will be discussed on a personal basis in consultation with the Clinical Lead for Oncology.

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

**APPRAISAL**

NHS Tayside has implemented an annual appraisal system for all consultant staff. The successful candidate will be required to actively participate in this scheme.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Candidates wishing to obtain further information about the post, should contact:

Dr Briony Waddell, Consultant Neurologist, Clinical Lead for Neurology and Neurophysiology

briony.waddell@nhs.scot or 01382 632 50

Dr Maureen Lafferty Clinical Care Group Director

PA - Lynn McKenzie 01382 740448

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.

TAYSIDE – City of Dundee, Perthshire and Angus

City of Dundee

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 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 Heathrow. 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