**NHS TAYSIDE**

**LOCUM APPOINTMENT FOR TRAINING (LAT) IN NEUROLOGY**

**FIXED TERM APPOINTMENT UNTIL 1ST AUGUST 2024**

**NEUROLOGICAL SERVICES**

The Tayside Centre for 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.

The unit includes 14 neurology beds, one with video EEG monitoring.

The neurology service at present provides outpatient clinics for new and review consultations in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Arbroath Infirmary, Arbroath, and in Perth Royal Infirmary, Perth.

Specialist clinics are held for multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, Parkinson’s disease, movement disorders, motor neurone disease, neuromodulation and neurogenetics in Dundee and Perth. There are specialist nurses for Parkinson’s disease (2 posts), multiple sclerosis (4 posts), motor neurone disease (2 posts), epilepsy (3 posts) and dystonia.

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. Clinical activity includes epilepsy surgery and neurosurgical procedures for Parkinson’s disease. Other services based in Ninewells include an extensive chronic pain service. In addition there is Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology. The Neuropathology service is provided from Edinburgh.

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH**

Ranked 1st in the UK for medicine in the Complete University Guide 2021 and the Guardian University Guide 2021, the University of Dundee Medical School is integrated into the Ninewells Hospitals campus and has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and high impact clinical research that places it amongst the best places in the world to study and to practice medicine.

There are 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 meetings with the neurosurgeons, registrar teaching, and a weekly 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.

There would be the opportunity to develop an interest in teaching or research.

**DUTIES OF THE POST**

**(i) Training**

The appointee can make full use of the training opportunities provided in the department, including post-graduate teaching.

**(ii) Clinical**

Under the supervision of the Neurology Consultants, the trainee will be expected to participate in in-patient and out-patient care of persons referred. The trainee will take part in the out of hours rota at Ninewells Hospital and will participate in out-patient clinics, reviewing return patients and assessing new referrals depending on clinical demand elsewhere. The trainee will also be responsible for the assessment and participate in the investigation of in-patients, including acute referrals, transfers from other hospitals and list admissions.

**(iii) Administration**

The trainee will be expected, when appropriate, to participate in the day to day running of the department, in administrative activities such as organisation of on-call rotas, organisation of undergraduate training, patient reports and letters. The trainee will have the opportunity to develop management skills as required by the College.

**(iv) Communication**

This will include:-

Patients;

Discussion with Neurology Consultants regarding clinical problems;

Communication with 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.

**(v) Education**

(a) Continuing Education

Education is available through in-house tutorials and locally arranged Postgraduate courses.

The Department of Neurology in Dundee provides a weekly journal club meeting, and there are joint weekly Neuroradiology meetings. There is a weekly North of Scotland meeting via TEAMS with Aberdeen and the Highlands departments of Neurology with case presentation and invited lecture.

(b) Teaching

The trainee will be expected to take part in departmental teaching for junior staff, undergraduates, nursing staff and postgraduates. There are regular courses on teaching techniques held in the Centre for Medical Education in Dundee.

**(vi) Audit**

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

**(vii) Location of Duties**

Department of Neurology, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. There may be opportunity to participate in clinics in Perth Royal Infirmary also.

**Specialist Services Clinical Care Group**

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| **Associate Medical Director**  **Access & Assurance Care Division** | **Dr James Cotton** |
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| **Group Manager**  **Specialist Services Clinical Care Group** | **Mrs Wendy Croll** |

**Senior Medical Staff**

# Clinical Neurosciences Department

Neurology

Dr Ian Morrison, Consultant Neurologist, Honorary Reader

Dr T Gilbertson, Consultant Neurologist

Professor JI O’Riordan, Consultant Neurologist, Honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine

Dr E Rooke, Consultant Neurologist

Dr E Sammler, Scottish Senior Clinical Fellow, Honorary Consultant Neurologist, Honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine

Dr U Spelmeyer, Consultant Neurologist

Dr G Stewart, Consultant Neurologist

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

Professor M Muqit Welcome Senior Clinical Fellow in Neurology

Specialty Trainees in Neurology

IMT trainee on the general medical rotation.

Two Foundation Year trainees.

## Clinical Neurophysiology

Dr Sarah Finlayson, Consultant Neurophysiologist

Neurosurgery

Mr David Bennett, Consultant Neurosurgery, Clinical Lead for Neurosurgery

Mr K Ibrahim Husain, Consultant Neurosurgery

Miss H Pulhorn, Consultant Neurosurgery

Miss A Solth, Consultant Neurosurgery

Mr Osaka, Consultant Neurosurgery

Chronic Pain Service

Dr G Gillespie, Consultant Anaesthetist

Neuropsychology

# Dr A Livingstone, Consultant Neuropsychologist

Dr H Swanson

# Other closely related posts

Neuroradiology Neuropathology Provided from Edinburgh by

Dr A Kanodia Prof J Ironside

Prof I Grunewald Prof Colin Smith

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

All records created in the course of the business of NHS Tayside are corporate records and are public records under the terms of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937. 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.

**Why NHS Tayside?**

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 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](#)