**SPECIALTY DOCTOR IN FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY**

**ROHALLION CLINIC, MURRAY ROYAL HOSPITAL**

Applications are invited for a post working as a Specialty Doctor in Forensic Psychiatry. This is a full time, permanent post in the regional medium secure unit at Rohallion Clinic, Murray Royal Hospital, Perth.

We are looking for a colleague who is dynamic and keen to work as part of a multidisciplinary team. The post has great opportunities to be part of service developments and initiatives. Support and encouragement will also be given for professional and career development.

The successful candidate will provide day to day medical input to a group of patients in the 32 bed medium secure unit under the supervision of a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist. The successful applicant will also be expected to work closely with colleagues to provide cross cover within Rohallion clinic.

**Background to the service**

The forensic psychiatry service comprises

* The North of Scotland regional medium secure unit which has 32 male beds split between one admission ward and two recovery wards

* The NHS Tayside low secure unit which has 24 male beds split between a mixed admission / rehabilitation ward and a rehabilitation ward which also has a self-contained flat.

* The NHS Tayside Forensic Community Mental Health Team which is based at Murray Royal Hospital

* Consultant psychiatrist sessions in HMP Perth, HMP Castle Huntly and the female community custody unit in Dundee (Bella Centre).

* A consultation service for other psychiatric subspecialties and the Tayside Criminal Justice Partnership team working with convicted sex offenders (Tay Project)

Inpatient services are based at Rohallion Clinic. This is a purpose-built forensic unit with modern facilities and a shared activity space which includes a large sports hall, gym, outdoor pitch, workshop, music room, art room, therapy kitchen and education facilities.

The Forensic Community Mental Health Team has developed over a number of years and operates an assertive outreach model to allow the safe community integration of patients previously managed in the forensic inpatient service.  The service is based at Birnam Centre, Murray Royal Hospital but aims to support individuals wherever they live across Tayside.

The clinicians working in the service includes forensic psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, nurses, occupational therapists and allied health professionals who specialise in working with people who have mental disorders and problems with offending.  The clinicians are fully supported by an administration team providing secretarial and administrative services.

**Medical Staffing**

The successful applicant will join a team of consultants, other Specialty Doctors and doctors in training.

*Consultant Forensic Psychiatrists:*

Dr Andrea Macaulay – MSU

Dr Oana Maior – MSU

Dr David Walsh – MSU

Dr Niyaz Ahammed – LSU & FCMHT

Dr Stefan Clos (Locum) – LSU & FCMHT

Dr Michelle McGlen – LSU & FCMHT

*Specialty Doctor:*

Dr Ruth Murdoch – FCMHT

*Current doctors in training*

Regular support from 1-2 higher trainees, a core trainee and a foundation year 2 doctor

**Duties of the Post**

The successful candidate will work with patients in the admission ward and the recovery wards.

The post does not include out of hours work.  Opportunities may be available for successful candidates who wish to provide additional on call duties across Tayside via the general psychiatric rotas, subject to further discussion, although this is not expected.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide advice and support to a multidisciplinary team and work closely with the consultant forensic psychiatrists.  There will be opportunities for the post holder to develop their knowledge and skills in medicolegal work. If the successful candidate is not already an Approved Medical Practitioner they will be provided with support in completing the relevant training.

The post holder will undertake the administrative duties associated with the care of patients and the proper function of the clinical team.  All records created during the business of NHS Tayside are corporate records and are public records under the terms of the Public Records (Scotland) Act.  This includes email messages and other electronic records.  It will be the responsibility of the post holder to ensure that appropriate records are kept of work done within NHS Tayside and manage those records in keeping with NHS Tayside records management policy.

The successful candidate will be encouraged and supported to take part in Continuing Professional Development and participation in Quality Improvement, audit and research.

The post holder will be encouraged to be involved in the teaching of undergraduate medical students.

**Job planning/Appraisal/revalidation**

The posts are 10 PA and the exact nature of roles and responsibilities will be a matter of agreement between the post holder and the Service Manager. We also welcome applications from candidates wanting to pursue less than a full time working pattern.

Job planning will be undertaken at least annually and the successful candidate will be expected to undertake regular appraisal as part of revalidation.

**Other Information**

Informal enquiries are welcomed and Dr David Walsh, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist and Dr Andrea Macaulay, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist can be contacted by telephone on 01738 562265.