**CONSULTANT FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST,**

**ROHALLION CLINIC, MURRAY ROYAL HOSPITAL**

Applications are invited for the post of Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist in the Low Secure Unit and Forensic Community Mental Health Team based at Murray Royal Hospital, Perth. This is a great opportunity to join a dynamic service which is committed to multidisciplinary working.

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

The successful candidates will be one of three forensic consultants providing day to day medical input to a group of patients in the 24 bed low secure unit at Rohallion Clinic and within the Forensic Community Mental Health team based also at Murray Royal Hospital, Perth. The successful applicant will also be expected to work closely with colleagues to provide cross cover within the clinic.

**Background to the service**

The forensic psychiatry service comprises

* The NHS Tayside Forensic Community Mental Health Team which is based at Murray Royal Hospital.
* The NHS Tayside low secure unit which has 24 male beds split between a mixed admission / recovery ward and a recovery ward which also has a self-contained flat.
* The North of Scotland regional medium secure unit which has 32 male beds split between one admission ward and two recovery wards
* Consultant psychiatrist sessions in HMP Perth, HMP Castle Huntly and the newly opened Bella Centre in Dundee which is a female community custody unit.
* A consultation service for other psychiatric subspecialties and the Tayside Criminal Justice Partnership team working with convicted sex offenders (Tay Project)
* Emergency assessments to police custody and Sheriff Courts

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. It is a male only unit and female patients who require treatment in a locked environment are managed either in the IPCU based at Carseview Centre or the other two MSUs in Scotland which have dedicated female 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 other 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.

The General Manager for the service is Ms Lindsey Bailie.

**Medical Workforce**

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

*Consultant Forensic Psychiatrists:*

Dr Niyaz Ahammed – LSU & FCMHT

Dr Michelle McGlen – LSU & FCMHT

Dr Andrea Macaulay –MSU

Dr David Walsh – MSU

Dr Oana Maior – MSU

*Specialty Doctors:*

Dr Ruth Murdoch – FCMHT

*Doctors in training:*

2 Higher trainees in Forensic Psychiatry

1 Core Psychiatry trainee

1 Foundation Year 2 trainee

**Duties of the Post**

Clinical

This post will be one of three Consultant Forensic Psychiatrists working in the low secure unit and forensic community mental health team. It is expected the successful candidate will bring their specialist knowledge, expertise and experience to their RMO duties and provide leadership to the multidisciplinary teams. Patients will have treatment plans which address a patient’s problems and needs as well as measures to protect the public. Risk management plans are expected to be appropriate and proportionate to the level of risk.

A significant number of patients will be ‘restricted patients’ or have ‘restricted status’ and it is expected there will be timely correspondence with the Restricted Patient Team at Scottish Government and reports prepared as set out in the Memorandum of Procedure on Restricted Patients. It will be necessary to undertake other administrative duties associated with the care of patients and the running of the service.

Medico-legal work is a routine part of the job and it will be necessary to provide reports on your patients for the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service, Scottish Court Service, Mental Health Tribunal and the Parole Board. Consultant colleagues will also request second medical reports on an ad hoc basis.

You will be required to undertake or supervise assessments of patients referred to the low secure and forensic community mental health service.

The on call is currently a 1 in 5 due to this post being vacant. The on call is normally a 1 in 6 and incorporates senior medical cover for the inpatient units at Rohallion Clinic and telephone advice to the Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Team should a forensic community patient be assessed out of hours.  The on call includes dealing with referrals for admission to the medium secure unit from across the North of Scotland.

Within office hours you will be part of an on call rota to deal with any emergencies which arise. It also includes assessing or supervising the assessment of urgent referrals including those from Forensic Medical Examiners and the Procurator Fiscal.

Teaching and training

Medical students, doctors in training and students / trainees from other disciplines regularly have placements in the service. Requests from medical students to visit the service and FY2 taster sessions are encouraged. Consultants will be supported to help deliver teaching and tutorials as part of the 3rd Year Medical School course.

There is a strong commitment within the consultant group to supporting psychiatry training in Tayside. The service is currently allocated a Foundation Doctor, a Core Trainee and two Higher Training posts in Forensic Psychiatry. Higher Trainees based in NHS Grampian receive their training in medium security at Rohallion Clinic. If the successful candidate is not already an approved Clinical Supervisor for Higher Training then advice and support will be given to help them achieve this.

There are no research sessions allocated to this post. Collaboration with academic and clinical colleagues to enhance NHS Tayside’s research portfolio may be possible and is expected to meet the full requirements of Research Governance. This should be discussed as part of preliminary discussions.

Leadership and management

There is no specific line management role in this post other than what is expected of a Clinical Supervisor for doctors in training.

The Clinical Leadership role of this post is described above. Consultants also have a role in improving safety and quality of care not only in the area where they work but in the service in general. This is supported by the work done by the Security Group, the Quality and Safety Forum and Patient Involvement Working Group.

Service development

The low secure and medium secure inpatient units are members of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Quality Network for Forensic Mental Health Services. This is a quality improvement programme which involves self assessment corroborated by external peer review. The service welcomes this opportunity to be challenged in a positive way and it has been a major driver for significant changes in the service. Being part of this programme also allows staff from our service to peer review other services in the UK and Ireland and be inspired and motivated to develop our service further. The successful candidate will be encouraged to become a lead reviewer and will have the opportunity to visit other service in the UK as part of this programme.

**PROVISIONAL JOB PLAN**

This post is offered as full time and the contract will be for 10 programmed activities with a DCC: SPA split of 8:2. The duties and the allocation of SPA time will be reviewed as part of job plan discussions.

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| **LSU & FCMHT** | **AM** | **PM** |
| **Monday** | Ward Clinical Team Meeting | Admin |
| **Tuesday** | Community Team meeting | CPA meetingsPatient reviewsOutpatient clinic |
| **Wednesday** | Bed Management MeetingReflective Practice GroupTrainee supervision | SPA (service development) |
| **Thursday** | Ward Clinical Team Meeting | Assessment of referralsMental Health Tribunals |
| **Friday** | SPA (appraisal and CPD) | Admin |

**SUPPORT FOR THIS POST**

The post is supported by the work of a Specialty Doctor within the Forensic Community Mental Health Team and a doctor in training within the low secure unit.

Secretarial support is available for this post.

**MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

The service is managed directly by NHS Tayside and not a Health and Social Care Partnership. This is because it delivers a regional service.

Ms Lindsey Bailie, General Manager is responsible for the operational management of the service and reports directly to the Chief Operating Officer, NHS Tayside. The leadership team is also served by Head of Nursing for low secure/community services, Head of Nursing for medium secure service, two lead Psychologists and an Allied Health Professional Lead.

**CONTACT**

Arrangements for visiting the service or an informal discussion can be made by contacting Dr Niyaz Ahammed or Dr Michelle McGlen on 01738 562376.