**NHS TAYSIDE**

# CLINICAL FELLOW IN ONCOPLASTIC BREAST SURGERY

Applications are invited for a Clinical Fellowship post in oncoplastic breast surgery for a period of 12 months commencing 7th of August 2024.

This post would be ideal for a senior trainee (ST3+) or a trainee who has already completed the surgical training and wishes further oncoplastic experience.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The area of NHS Tayside coincides with that of the Tayside Region. It encompasses the former counties of Angus, Perth & Kinross together with the cities of Dundee and Perth, and the Burghs of Arbroath, Forfar, Brechin and Montrose. NHS Tayside currently provides a service to Tayside and North Fife - a population of up to one million.

Progressive and innovative, Dundee is a thriving regional and commercial centre situated on the banks of the River Tay on the east coast of Scotland. Home to a diverse economy - from a pioneering life sciences community to a ground-breaking digital media industry - Dundee's key sectors include engineering, telecommunications, energy, tourism, electronics, health, retail and education.

Dundee is internationally renowned as a knowledge economy and is recognised as a model for economic development in the 21st Century by the New York-based Intelligent Communities Forum.

With two universities, a world-famous teaching hospital, a major further education college and the unique Al-Maktoum Institute for Postgraduate Education in Islamic & Arabic Studies, the city has one of the highest/student population ratios in Scotland at more than 1 in 6.

More than £500 million is being invested in Dundee's infrastructure and public facilities including a flagship £300 million regeneration of the city's waterfront and a £200 million transformation of the University of Dundee's campus in the city's cultural quarter.

Other investment projects include US pharmaceutical giant Wyeth's creation of a £50 million translation medical research centre and the building of a new £12 million headquarters for the Alliance Trust, one of the UK's largest investment fund companies.

Dundee is the first Scottish city to become a Fibrecity, meaning that businesses, organisations and residents have access to Fibre speed - the fastest way of sending and receiving data.

Dundee's title as the UK's first UNESCO City of Design was announced in December 2014, joining an elite group of cities recognised for international achievements in design. Only 17 cities around the world hold the UNESCO City of Design title, including Beijing, Berlin, Helsinki and Montréal.

V&A Museum of Design Dundee is an international centre of design for Scotland - the first ever design museum to be built in the UK outside London.

Perth is the regional centre for a predominantly rural county of Perthshire and Kinross. Several international companies have their headquarters in Perth. The population is increasing and the area offers a very favourable life style with its location and facilities.

Both cities, together with the historic City of St Andrews in Fife, provide a mixture of traditional and modern living and the surrounding area provides an extensive choice of housing and schooling. Most leisure activities are available close by with particularly good facilities for hill-walking, climbing, ski-ing and golf.

**2. THE HOSPITALS**

**Ninewells Hospital** provides all acute hospital services except transplantation and cardiothoracic surgery. The Surgical Directorate has 138 surgical beds. In addition, there are 10 surgical High Dependency beds. There is a 24-bed multidisciplinary day surgery ward with two dedicated theatres. There is an 8-bed intensive care unit. The University Department of Surgery and Molecular Oncology, the Departments of Pathology, Anaesthetics and Radiology share the same floor as the Surgery Directorate.

**Perth Royal Infirmary** provides elective services for the major specialities and all elective breast surgery is currently performed at this site.

**3. THE BREAST SURGERY DEPARTMENT**

We are a multidisciplinary team including five consultant Breast Surgeons who provide a specialist breast service for NHS Tayside on two sites, Ninewells Hospital and Perth Royal Infirmary. Breast Surgery is managed within the Clinical Group of Specialist Services and both Ninewells Hospital and Perth Royal Infirmary provide a surgical service for both symptomatic and screening patients. Close clinical, research and training links exist between the two sites engendering a “two sites one service” philosophy.

Provision of cancer services across Tayside is coordinated by the Tayside Cancer Network. The breast sub-group is represented on the Tayside Cancer Network and has produced local protocols and guidelines for the management of breast cancers that are in line with national guidelines. There is a weekly breast multidisciplinary meeting with contributions from surgeons, oncologists, radiologists, radiographers, pathologists, nurses and clinical trials personnel. The preoperative assessment, operative options and postoperative management of all patients with cancers of the breast is optimised in these meetings according to national and local guidelines with a significant number being entered into neoadjuvant and adjuvant national and international trials.

All aspects of breast cancer management are provided in the unit. Over 450 new breast cancers are treated annually through the symptomatic and screening service. The symptomatic clinic is run as a one stop service with immediate radiology reporting. The East of Scotland Breast Screening Service (Director Dr P Whelehan) is based and managed in Ninewells and provides screening and assessment for women aged 50-70 across Tayside and North East Fife. Approximately 18 000 women are screened annually with an attendance rate of 79%.

Three oncoplastic breast surgeons and two plastic surgeons offer on-site all different ranges of breast oncoplastic surgeries. All referred patients are reviewed through our weekly MDT for a range of techniques including therapeutic mammoplasty, local perforator flaps and immediate and delayed breast reconstruction including implant, pedicled and free flap procedures, lipomodelling and symmetrising surgery.

The Tayside Breast Team has a strong reputation of involvement and development of prevention and treatment trials. We are recruiting to a number of multi-centre trials in imaging, targeted agents in adjuvant and peri-operative settings and cancer prevention studies, as well as our own local studies funded by recent grant awards from ABS, Breast Cancer Now, Tenovus Scotland and others.

There is a well-developed Family History Breast Service within Ninewells run jointly between the breast team and geneticists who provide annual review of high-risk women with immediate mammography and genetic counselling, with MRI scan for those meeting risk criteria

**4. THE POST**

1. **Job Title: Clinical Fellow for Oncoplastic Breast Surgery**

The appointee will be expected to perform at a level equivalent to that of a ST3+ or above to join a team of a total of 3 training grade posts, 2 of whom participate in the general surgery rotation involving on call commitments. The post will involve exposure to **elective breast surgery with no general surgery out of hours commitments**. The post is based in Ninewells Hospital and Perth Royal Infirmary. Work across the two sites is required.

**Full time clinical duties**

Full time 40 hours per week participating in a range of outpatient clinics, elective breast operating lists, participation in multidisciplinary team meetings, review of breast inpatients and assessment of patients reviewed by Acute Surgical Receiving Unit and referred to the breast team. In order to enhance experience, we expect the successful candidate to undertake a major quality improvement project or research activity, leading to presentations and publications, and this will be factored in to clinical commitments.

1. **Medical Staff in Breast Surgery**

Ms Wen Ling Choong – Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon

Mr Emad Elseedawy – Consultant General and Breast Surgeon

Mr Vassillis Pitsinis – Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon

Mr Alessio Vinci - Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon

Mr Hamid Ahmad – Locum Consultant Breast Surgeon

**c)** **Emergency Surgery**

This post does not include any cover for emergency surgery.

**5. FURTHER DETAILS AND PRELIMINARY VISITS**

Information on facilities in Tayside, the organisation of duties and other aspects of the appointment can be obtained from from Mr Alessio Vinci (Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon; alessio.vinci@nhs.scot) or Ms Wen Ling Choong (Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon) wenling.choong@nhs.scot.

**6. RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

All records created in the course of business of NHS Tayside are corporate records and are public records under the terms of Public Record (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.