

**JOB TITLE: Consultant in Haematology**

**JOBTRAIN REFERENCE: 189969**

**CLOSING DATE: 19 July 2024 INTERVIEW DATE: 5 August**

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| **This post requires the post holder to have a PVG Scheme membership/record. If the successful applicant is not a current PVG member for the required regulatory group i.e. child and/or adult, then an application will need to be made to Disclosure Scotland and deemed satisfactory before the successful post holder can commence work.** |

Please visit our Careers website for further information on what NHS Lothian has to offer [http://careers.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](#)

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| **Section 1: Person Specification** |

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| **REQUIREMENTS** | **ESSENTIAL** | **DESIRABLE** |
| **Qualifications and Training** | Full GMC Registration  MBChB  MRCP (or equivalent)  FRCPath (or equivalent)  GMC Specialist Register in Haematology (or within 6 months of CCT) | Additional post-graduate qualifications, e.g. MD/ PhD/MSc |
| **Experience** | Broad-based clinical and laboratory haematology experience  Particular interest in haemato-oncology  General understanding of managerial and accreditation issues relating to laboratories and clinical haematology |  |
| **Ability** | Ability to integrate well with colleagues  Ability to organise time efficiently and effectively  Ability to take full and independent responsibility for clinical care of patients  Effective communication skills with patients and colleagues | Leadership skills  Organisational skills  Managerial skills  Vision and ability to plan ahead |
| **Academic Achievements** |  | Evidence of research activity and presentations  Evidence of poster or oral presentations at national or international meetings  Evidence of research and publications in peer reviewed journals |
| **Teaching and Audit** | Participation in undergraduate and postgraduate education  Experience in clinical audit | Experience of designing audits  Experience of involvement in the development of undergraduate and postgraduate training programmes  Evidence of training in clinical and / or educational supervision |
| **Motivation** | Committed to patient-focused care  Committed to continuing professional development and life-long learning  Committed to development of service in a changing environment |  |
| **Team Working** | Ability to work in a team with colleagues in own and other disciplines  Ability to organise time efficiently and effectively  Reliability  Excellent communication skills | Ability to motivate colleagues  Evidence of previous managerial training and experience |
| Circumstances of Job | Required to work at St John’s Hospital |  |

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| **Section 2: Introduction to Appointment** |

**Job Title: Consultant Haematologist**

**Department: Haematology**

**Base: St John’s Hospital**

You may also be required to work at any of NHS Lothian sites.

**Post Summary:**

Applications are invited from registered medical practitioners for the post of Consultant Haematologist based at the St John’s Hospital (SJH), Livingston. This is a replacement post. This is a 10 programmed activity position available immediately. Consideration will be given to applicants wishing to work flexibly on a different number of PAs or who wish to develop a subspecialty interest on a different site in Lothian. This post will include an on-call commitment at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE) for out-of-hours including haemostasis and thrombosis/general haematology cover for NHS Lothian and NHS Borders.

The main objectives of the post are:

* Provision of clinical and laboratory consultative haematology services, working together in a team of Consultant Haematologists
* Provision of professional direction and clinical responsibility for the haematology and transfusion laboratory at the SJH
* To be research active and contribute to the expansion of the department’s clinical trials programme
* Contribution to teaching/training, audit and managerial responsibilities as appropriate to experience

Applicants should possess Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists or equivalent qualification, and also Membership/Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (UK) or equivalent qualification, and be on the GMC Specialist Register for Haematology or be within 6 months of achievement of CCT.

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| **Section 3: Departmental and Directorate Information** |

* 1. **Clinical Haematology Service: SJH**

St John’s Hospital is a busy district general hospital which opened in 1989. The catchment area for St John’s Hospital covers West Lothian in addition to parts of Edinburgh City council area, making an approximate total catchment population of 200,000. Most common specialities are on site including Medical Receiving but not Emergency Surgery. Facilities include Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit, Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Supra-regional Plastic Surgery and Burns, surgical specialties including ENT, Psychiatry, Oncology, Hospital Palliative Care, Macmillan Palliative Care Outpatient Unit and the Emergency Department. The Radiology Department provides most imaging modalities including MRI and Interventional Radiology. SJH has University of Edinburgh Teaching Hospital status. Fifth year medical students attend for regular teaching at haematology clinics, tutorials and within the laboratory.

A refurbished and expanded “Edinburgh Cancer Centre @St John’s Hospital” unit opened in 2020 providing a modern and larger area for clinics, patient assessments, procedures and SACT delivery. The day ward is supported by two specialty doctors (1.4 wte) shared with oncology, and one Clinical Nurse Practitioner and one Physician Associate. Clinical trials are run from the outpatient clinic and dayward, with support from an on-site research nurse.

There are currently three consultants (including this post) supporting the clinical and diagnostic haematology service at St Johns, one on a 0.6 wte basis at SJH with the remaining time spent at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh (WGH), and one on a 0.8 wte basis at SJH with the remaining time spent at WGH. The service is further supported with one haematology ST3+ doctor and one Clinical Nurse specialist.

The post holder is expected to provide a General Haematology service to a District General Hospital. This includes haemato-oncology, transfusion and laboratory haematology. The post holder will have new and review outpatient clinics each week. There is a virtual clinic weekly. There are approximately 550 new patients each year for Consultant staff of which malignant diagnoses account for 33%, predominantly lymphomas, myelomas, lymphoproliferative and myeloproliferative disorders. Acute leukaemias are referred to WGH for intensive therapy under the myeloid team. The site is BCSH Level 2A unit and SACT is given in the ECC@SJH unit on ward 15. In-patients requiring haematology expertise are managed in the Haematology Unit at WGH (BCSH level 3) with a shared care arrangement. Inpatients requiring less specialist care may be managed at SJH under the care of the general medical teams with haematology input. All new patients with haemato-oncological disease are reviewed at a weekly multidisciplinary meeting networking to the Lothian, Borders and Fife hospitals.

The post holder will have a shared office at SJH.

* 1. **Haematology Laboratory Service: SJH**

The Department of Clinical & Laboratory Haematology at St John’s Hospital has UKAS accreditation. The laboratory provides Haematology and Blood Transfusion Laboratory service and liaison advice to medical, surgical, paediatric and obstectric/gynaecological units and general practitioners. The laboratory processes approximately 180,000 FBC samples per annum and 120 bone marrow aspirate samples per annum. The laboratory delivers all basic haematological investigations and also a transfusion service. Subspecialty work for haemostasis and thrombosis, and haemato-oncology is sent to laboratories at the RIE and WGH respectively. Bone marrow aspirates are reported on site. Trephines are reported by histopathologists with a particular interest in haematological malignancy.

The haematology clinical lead for SJH is Dr Ioannis Koutsavlis, Consultant Haematologist

The Department is led by Dr Huw Roddie, Clinical Director for Adult Haematology Services.

The General Manager of Edinburgh Cancer Centre is Linda Carruthers and the Associate Medical Director is Dr Colette Reid

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| **Section 4: Main Duties and Responsibilities** |

**Clinical:**

* The post holder will be expected to participate in all aspects of the clinical and laboratory services at SJH as appropriate to his/her qualifications and experience, in collaboration with existing consultant staff. This will include a consultative service to other hospital services. Laboratory commitments will include working to ensure continuing UKAS accreditation.
* It is expected that he/she will have an interest in haemato-oncology that complements existing interest within the department.
* The post holder will be expected to take an active role participating in and supporting the Southeast Scotland Cancer Network (SCAN).
* The post holder will be encouraged to promote research within the department; this may be in collaboration with current research groups.
* The post holder will be expected to contribute to the management of the department at a level commensurate with his/her qualifications and experience, and to co-operate with the operational policies of the department and division.
* The post holder will be expected to maintain his/her professional knowledge and competence and to participate in the Royal College of Pathologists continuing professional development scheme.
* The post holder will be expected to communicate with other professionals and departments to ensure a co-ordinated approach to patient care.
* The post holder will be expected to participate in establishing and monitoring clinical audit projects involving the service delivery of the department.
* The post holder will be expected to participate in the NHS Lothian consultant appraisal and revalidation process.
* The post holder will be expected to assist with the training, supervision, and continuing education of technical and junior medical staff.

**Out of Hours Commitments:**

* The post holder will participate in the out-of-hours consultant on-call rota for the RIE haematology department on a 1:6 rota. When on call out-of-hours he/she will also be asked to cover both NHS Lothian and NHS Borders.
* The post holder will participate in the 9 am – 5 pm consultant on-call rota for the SJH haematology department with responsibilities shared with the other Haematology consultants at the SJH site.

**Location:**

* It is anticipated the principal base of work will be the St John’s Hospital
* The post holder may be required to work at any of NHS Lothian’s sites.

**Provide high quality care to patients:**

* Maintain GMC specialist registration and hold a licence to practice
* Develop and maintain the competencies required to carry out the duties of the post
* Ensure patients are involved in decisions about their care and respond to their views

**Research, Teaching and Training:**

* Where possible to collaborate with academic and clinical colleagues to enhance NHS Lothian’s research portfolio, at all times meeting the full requirements of Research Governance
* To provide high quality teaching to medical undergraduates and members of other health care professions
* To act as educational supervisor and appraiser to ensure external accreditation of training posts with an appropriate allocation of SPA time for these roles

**Medical Staff Management:**

* To work with colleagues to ensure junior doctors’ hours are compliant in line with EWTD and New Deal
* To ensure that adequate systems and procedures are in place to control and monitor leave for trainee and specialty doctors and to ensure that there is appropriate cover within the clinical areas, including on-call commitments
* To participate in the recruitment of trainee and specialty doctors as and when required
* To participate in team objective setting as part of the annual job planning process

**Governance:**

* Participate in clinical audit, incident reporting and analysis and to ensure resulting actions are implemented
* Ensure clinical guidelines and protocols are adhered to by doctors in training and updated on a regular basis
* Keep fully informed about best practice in the specialty areas and ensure implications for practice changes are discussed with the Clinical Director
* Role model good practice for infection control to all members of the multidisciplinary team

**Strategy and Business Planning:**

* To participate in the clinical and non-clinical objective setting process for the directorate

**Leadership and Team Working:**

* To demonstrate excellent leadership skills with regard to individual performance, clinical teams and NHS Lothian and when participating in national or local initiatives
* To work collaboratively with all members of the team
* To resolve conflict and difficult situations through negotiation and discussion, involving appropriate parties
* Adhere to NHS Lothian and departmental guidelines on leave including reporting absence
* Adhere to NHS Lothian values

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| **Section 5: NHS Lothian – Indicative Job Plan** |

**Post:** Consultant Haematologist

**Specialty:** Haematology

**Principal Place of Work:** St John’s Hospital

**Contract:** Full Time

**Availability Supplement:** Level 1 at 5%

**Out-of-hours:**  1:5

**Managerially responsible to:** Clinical Director Adult Haematology, NHS Lothian

**Timetables of activities that have a specific location and time:**

**Indicative Job Plan**

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| DAY/BASE | TIME | **TYPE OF WORK** | **DCC**  **(PAs)** | **SPA**  **(PAs)** | **OOH**  **(PAs)** | **HRS** |
| **Monday**  **SJH** | 09:00-12:00  12:00-13:00  13:00-15:00  15:00-16:00  16:00-17:00 | ECC@SJH Patient Reviews  Business meeting (1 in 4)/ ward referrals  Administration  SPA / Educational Supervisor  Virtual Clinic | 1.75 | 0.25 |  | 8h |
| **Tuesday**  **SJH** | 09:00-11:00  11:00-14:00 | Administration  SPA time | 0.5 | 0.75 |  | 5h |
| **Wednesday**  **SJH** | 09:00-13:00  13:00-15:30  15:30-17:00 | OPD4 Return Outpatient Clinic with Undergraduate Teaching  Administration  Laboratory Reporting | 2 |  |  | 8h |
| **Thursday**  **SJH** | 09:00-12:30  12:30-14:00  14:30-15:30  15:30-17:00 | OPD4 Return Outpatient Clinic  MDT Meeting  Administration  Laboratory Reporting | 2 |  |  | 8h |
| **Friday**  **SJH** | 09:00-12:00  12:00-16:00  16:00-17:00 | New Patient Clinic  Administration  Laboratory Reporting | 2 |  |  | 8h |
| **On-call**  **RIE** | 17:00-09:00  09:00-13:00 | Mon-Fri RIE on-call 0.5h/d  (1 in 6)  Sat-Sun RIE on-call 4h/day  Premium hours (1 in 6) |  |  | 0.17  0.28 | 31 min  50 min |
|  |  | Totals | 8.25 | 1 | 0.45 | 38.3h |

**Total number of PAs = 8.25 + 1 + 0.45 = 9.7 🡪 10 PAs**

The Job Plan is negotiable and will be agreed between the successful applicant, and the Clinical Director. NHS Lothian initially allocates all consultants 10 PAs made up of 9 PAs in Direct Clinical Care (DCC) and one core SPA for CPD, audit, clinical governance, appraisal, revalidation job planning, internal routine communication and management meetings. As a major teaching and research contributor, NHS Lothian would normally expect to allocate additional SPA time for activities to do with undergraduate education, educational supervision of trainee medical staff, research and other activities. These are all areas where NHS Lothian has a strong commitment and we recognise the contribution that consultants are both willing and eager to make. Precise allocation of SPA time and associated objectives will be agreed with the successful applicant and will be reviewed at annual job planning.

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| **Section 6: Contact Information** |

Informal enquires about the post are welcome and should be made to

* Dr Huw Roddie, Clinical Director at (0131 537 31182)
* Dr Ioannis Koutsavlis, Consultant Haematologist on (01506) 523356 or 0131 537 3451
* Dr Katrina Dodds, Consultant Haematologist (01506) 523300 or 0131 537 3451

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| **Section 7: Working for NHS Lothian** |

**Working in Edinburgh and the Lothians**

**Who are we?**

NHS Lothian is an integrated teaching NHS Board in Scotland providing primary, community, mental health and hospital services. Calum Campbell is the Chief Executive, Professor John Connaghan CBE is the Chair and Tracey Gillies is the Executive Medical Director.

NHS Lothian provides services for the second largest residential population in Scotland – circa 850,000 people. We employ approximately 26,000 staff and are committed to improving all patient care and services and engaging staff in service planning and modernisation.

Over the next year across Scotland there will be significant changes in the way health and social care services are provided. In April 2015, integration came into effect in local areas led by four Health and Social Care Partnerships in East Lothian, Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian. Working together will help us provide even better services for our communities and, where appropriate, people will receive high quality care closer to home. There is work underway in relation to the operational and governance capacity required, ensuring that planning for unscheduled and scheduled care is done in tandem between the four Integrated Joint Boards and the acute service.

Further information about Edinburgh and NHS Lothian can be found at [https://org.nhslothian.scot/Pages/default.aspx](#)

**Location**

Edinburgh and the Lothians are on the eastern side of Scotland’s central belt in the heart of the country. Four main areas make up Edinburgh and the Lothians – Edinburgh, East Lothian, Mid Lothian and West Lothian.

Edinburgh and the Lothians are a place of exceptional beauty and contrast, from Edinburgh’s historic skyline to the scenic countryside and coastline that surround it. Edinburgh is famous for its castle, military tattoo, fringe and international festival.

Edinburgh and the Lothians are home to top-ranking state and private schools and world class universities and colleges. Edinburgh offers a rich diversity of parks and gardens to spend time relaxing with friends and family. Whether you want to buy or rent Lothian also offers a diversity of accommodation ranging from city centre based flats, waterfront living, Victorian or Georgian villas to more rural farm houses or coastal homes.

Local and wider transport networks are excellent. Glasgow is less than 50 minutes away by train. The Scottish Highlands are accessible in a few hours offering opportunities for skiing and walking. National and international transport links make it easy to keep in touch with friends and family via Edinburgh Airport which offers a variety of international flight opportunities.

If you are thinking about joining us from overseas further information can be found at [www.talentscotland.com](#). For a comprehensive list of services to help moving to the City of Edinburgh, please visit the City of Edinburgh Council Website at: [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](#).

**What we can offer you**

Working with NHS Lothian offers a variety of opportunities and benefits:

* Access to the NHS pension scheme
* Assistance relocating to Edinburgh
* NHS Lothian is an equal opportunities employer and promotes work-life balance and family-friendly policies
* A beautiful setting to live and work and to take time out after a busy day or week
* Access to a transport network offering easy travel links to the rest of the UK and Europe, as well as international options

**Teaching and Training Opportunities**

NHS Lothian has one of the largest and some of the most successful teaching hospitals in Scotland. We have a growing national and international reputation for medical teaching and research and are recognised as a centre of excellence.

We successfully train medics, nurses and other healthcare professionals from all over the UK and the world, many of whom choose to remain in employment with NHS Lothian and continue to contribute to the development of the organisation, promoting new techniques and going on to train the doctors, surgeons and nurses of tomorrow.

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS Lothian recruits junior medical staff both UK and worldwide. We are committed to providing a high standard of medical education and are able to offer training in a variety of specialties at foundation and specialty level, with the majority of training posts in the South East of Scotland rotating through Edinburgh and Lothian hospitals.

Information regarding training with links to the appropriate UK websites can be found at [http://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk/](#) and [http://nes.scot.nhs.uk/](#)

We enjoy close links with the University of Edinburgh ([http://www.ed.ac.uk/home](#)) whose Medical School is renowned for preparing its medical students to become world-class doctors. Alongside NHS Lothian, the University of Edinburgh offers state-of-the-art medical teaching facilities at the Chancellors Building, including lecture theatres, seminar rooms, clinical skills training area, computing suites, as well as library facilities at the main university, Western General Hospital and Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

**Our vision, values and strategic aims**

We strive to provide high quality, safe, effective and person centred healthcare, continually improving clinical outcomes for patients who use our services and for our population as a whole.

To achieve this, we are committed to ever-closer integrated working with patients and our other partners in healthcare and to embedding a culture of continuous improvement to ensure that:

* Our staff can contribute fully to achieving the best possible health and healthcare, based on evidence and best practice
* Everything we do maximises efficiency and delivers value for patients and the public

We have identified six strategic aims to ensure we can deliver safe, effective and person-centred health and social care:

1. Prioritise prevention, reduce inequalities and promote longer healthier lives for all
2. Put in place robust systems to deliver the best model of integrated care for our population – across primary, secondary and social care
3. Ensure that care is evidence-based, incorporates best practice and fosters innovation, and achieves seamless and sustainable care pathways for patients
4. Design our healthcare systems to reliably and efficiently deliver the right care at the right time in the most appropriate setting
5. Involve patients and carers as equal partners, enabling individuals to manage their own health and wellbeing and that of their families
6. Use the resources we have – skilled people, technology, buildings and equipment –efficiently and effectively.

The specific areas of focus and actions needed to achieve each of these aims are detailed in “Our Health, our Future: NHS Lothian Strategic Clinical Framework 2014 – 2024,” consultation document which you will find at: [https://org.nhslothian.scot/Strategies/Pages/default.aspx](#)

**Our Health, Our Care, Our Future**

NHS Lothian works to help people live healthier, longer lives – no matter who they are or where in the region they live. Much progress has been made, but significant challenges and opportunities lie ahead. NHS Lothian draft strategic plan - Our Health, Our Care, Our Future – sets out what we propose to do over the coming decade to address these challenges and continue to provide a high quality, sustainable healthcare system for the people of Lothian.

In developing the strategic plan we have:

* asked staff and patients what and how things need to change to deliver our aims
* brought together local plans into an integrated whole
* identified opportunities to make better use of existing resources and facilities
* prioritised areas that will make most difference to patients

The plan outlines a range of proposals, which will allow us to:

* improve the quality of care
* improve the health of the population
* provide better value and financial sustainability

Over the coming months we will discuss the need for change and the proposals set out in the plan with staff, patients, communities and other stakeholders. A summary of the plan can be found at

[https://org.nhslothian.scot/Strategies/OurHealthOurCareOurFuture/Pages/default.aspx](#)

#### NHS Lothian’s Clinical Quality Approach – Quality Driving Improvement

This is a new way of approaching quality in NHS Lothian.  With this approach to service improvement we aim to deliver ‘high quality, safe and person-cantered care at the most affordable cost’. This acknowledges that every £1million of waste, unnecessary or inappropriate costs in one area of our system, denies us the opportunity to invest that £1million in another area of our system.

In all highly reliable healthcare organisations, it is clear that senior leadership commitment to the importance of the work, the introduction of consistent improvement methodology, the use of good quality data and building improvement capability within the workforce, are key to the successful delivery of improvement strategies.

To allow NHS Lothian to meet the needs of our population today and in the future, we need to build on the good work that is already being done to redesign services and create a whole organisation approach to quality improvement.

**Our Values and ways of working**

NHS Lothian is determined to improve the way their staff work so they have developed a set of common values and ways of working which they now need to turn into everyday reality - to the benefit of everyone working in the organisation and, most importantly, to the benefit of their patients.

**NHS Lothian – Our Values into Action:**

**Care and Compassion**

* We will demonstrate our compassion and caring through our actions and words
* We will take time to ensure each person feels listened to, secure, understood and is treated compassionately
* We will be visible, approachable and contribute to creating a calm and friendly atmosphere
* We will provide a safe and caring setting for patients and staff, and an efficient, effective and seamless care experience
* We will meet people’s needs for information and involvement in all care, treatment and support decisions.

**Dignity and Respect**

* We will be polite and courteous in our communications and actions
* We will demonstrate respect for dignity, choice, privacy and confidentiality
* We will recognise and value uniqueness and diversity
* We will be sincere, honest and constructive in giving, and open to receiving, feedback
* We will maintain a professional attitude and appearance.

**Quality**

* We will demonstrate a commitment to doing our best
* We will encourage and explore ideas for improvement and innovation
* We will seek out opportunities to enhance our skills and expertise
* We will work together to achieve high quality services
* We will use our knowledge and enthusiasm to implement positive change and overcome challenges.

**Teamwork**

* We will understand and value each other’s role and contribution
* We will be fair, thoughtful, welcoming and kind to colleagues
* We will offer support, advice and encouragement to others
* We will maximise each other’s potential and contribution through shared learning and development
* We will recognise, share and celebrate our successes, big and small.

**Openness, Honesty and Responsibility**

* We will build trust by displaying transparency and doing what we say we will do
* We will commit to doing what is right – even when challenged
* We will welcome feedback as a means of informing improvements
* We will use our resources and each other’s time efficiently and wisely
* We will maintain and enhance public confidence in our service
* We will be a positive role model.

Throughout the recruitment process candidates will need to demonstrate they meet all of Our Values.

Further information on our values into action can be found at

[https://org.nhslothian.scot/OurValues/Pages/default.aspx](#)

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| **Section 8: Terms and Conditions of Employment** |

For an overview of the terms and conditions visit: [http://www.msg.scot.nhs.uk/pay/medical](#).

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| **TYPE OF CONTRACT** | PERMANENT |
| **GRADE AND SALARY** | Consultant  £96,963 - £128,841 |
| **HOURS OF WORK** | 40 HOURS PER WEEK |
| **SUPERANNUATION** | New entrants to NHS Lothian who are aged sixteen but under seventy five will be enrolled automatically into membership of the NHS Pension Scheme. Should you choose to "opt out" arrangements can be made to do this via: [www.sppa.gov.uk](#) |
| **GENERAL PROVISIONS** | You will be expected to work with local managers and professional colleagues in the efficient running of services and will share with Consultant colleagues in the medical contribution to management. Subject to the provision of the Terms and Conditions, you are expected to observe the organisation’s agreed policies and procedures and to follow the standing orders and financial instruction of NHS Lothian, in particular, where you manage employees of the organisation, you will be expected to follow the local and national employment and personnel policies and procedures. You will be expected to make sure that there are adequate arrangements for hospital staff involved in the care of your patients to be able to contact you when necessary. |
| **REMOVAL EXPENSES** | Assistance with removal and associated expenses may be awarded (up to 10% of salary) |
| **EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT** | Candidates who are requested to attend an interview will be given assistance with appropriate travelling expenses. Re-imbursement shall not normally be made to employees who withdraw their application, refuse an offer of appointment. Non NHS employees are not normally awarded travel expenses. |
| **TOBACCO POLICY** | NHS Lothian operates a No Smoking Policy in all premises and grounds. |
| **DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND** | This post is considered to be in the category of “Regulated Work” and therefore requires a Disclosure Scotland Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) Membership. |
| **CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO WORK IN THE UK** | NHS Lothian has a legal obligation to ensure that it’s employees, both EEA and non EEA nationals, are legally entitled to work in the United Kingdom. Before any person can commence employment within NHS Lothian they will need to provide documentation to prove that they are eligible to work in the UK. Non EEA nationals will be required to show evidence that either Entry Clearance or Leave to Remain in the UK has been granted for the work which they are applying to do. Where an individual is subject to immigration control under no circumstances will they be allowed to commence until right to work in the UK has been verified. |
| **REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974** | The rehabilitation of Offenders act 1974 allows people who have been convicted of certain criminal offences to regard their convictions as “spent” after the lapse of a period of years. However, due to the nature of work for which you are applying this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions Orders 1975 and 1986). Therefore, applicants are required to disclose information about convictions which for other purposes are “spent” under the provision of the act in the event of employment, failure to disclose such convictions could result in dismissal or disciplinary action by NHS Lothian. Any information given will be completely confidential. |
| **MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE** | In terms of NHS Circular 1989 (PCS) 32 dealing with Medical Negligence the Health Board indemnity will cover only Health Board responsibilities. Paragraph 63 of the General Medical Council's Good Medical Practice requires you to have adequate insurance or indemnity cover. You may wish to consider taking out additional medical indemnity e.g. with a Medical Defence Organisation to ensure that you have indemnity for the whole of your practice. |
| **NOTICE** | Employment is subject to three months’ notice on either side, subject to appeal against dismissal. |
| **PRINCIPAL BASE OF WORK** | You may be required to work at any of NHS Lothian’s sites as part of your role. |
| **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY** | You are required to adhere to NHS Lothian’s Social Media policy, which highlights the importance of confidentiality, professionalism and acceptable behaviours when using social media. It sets out the organisation’s expectations to safeguard staff in their use of social media. |

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| **Section 9: General Information for Candidates** |

**Data Protection Legislation**

During the course of our activities we will collect, store and process personal information about our prospective, current and former staff. The law determines how organisations can use personal information. For further information on the type of data that is handled, what the purpose is of processing the data and where and why we share data, please see the NHS Lothian Staff Privacy Notice, found at: [NHS Lothian Staff Privacy Notice](#)

For the purposes of this privacy notice, 'staff' includes applicants, employees, workers (including agency, casual and contracted staff), volunteers, trainees and those carrying out work experience.

**Counter Fraud**

NHS Lothian is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end will use the information you have provided on your application form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It will also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. More detail on this responsibility is on NHS Lothian intranet (Counter-Fraud and Theft page) and further information is available via [Audit Scotland](#).

**References**

All jobs are only offered following receipt of three satisfactory written references. At least one reference must be from your current/most recent employer or your course tutor if you are currently a student. If you have not been employed or have been out of employment for a considerable period of time, you may give the name of someone who knows you well enough to confirm information given and to comment on your ability to do the job.

**Disclosure Scotland**

Where a Disclosure or Protection of Vulnerable Groups Check is deemed necessary for a post, the successful candidate will be required to undergo an appropriate check. Further details on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders are available from the recruitment centre.

**Work Visa**

If you require a Work Visa, please seek further guidance on current immigration rules, which can be found on the [UK Government Home Office website](#).

**Job Interview Guarantee Scheme**

As a Disability Symbol user, we recognise the contribution that all individuals can make to the organisation regardless of their abilities. As part of our ongoing commitment to extending employment opportunities, all applicants who are disabled and who meet the minimum criteria expressed in the job description will be guaranteed an interview.

**Overseas Registration and Qualifications**

NHS Lothian will check you have the necessary professional registration and qualifications for this role. You will need to provide an official translation of qualifications notarized by a solicitor of your overseas qualifications to be checked by the recruiting panel. Please ensure that this is available before applying for the post.

**Workforce Equality Monitoring**

NHS Lothian is committed to supporting and promoting dignity at work by creating an inclusive working environment. We believe that all staff should be able to fulfil their potential in a workplace free from discrimination and harassment where diverse skills, perspectives and backgrounds are valued.

In order to measure and monitor our performance as an equal opportunities’ employer, it is important that we collect, store and analyse data about staff. Personal, confidential information will be collected and used to help us to understand the make-up of our workforce that will enable us to make comparisons locally, regionally and nationally.

**Equal Opportunities Policy Statement**

NHS Lothian considers that it has an important role to play as a major employer and provider of services in Lothian. We are committed to encouraging equality and diversity among our workforce and seek to eliminate discrimination. The aim is for our workforce to be truly representative and for each employee to feel respected and able to give their best.

The objectives of its policy are that no person or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender identity, gender expression, disability, marital status, age, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sexuality, responsibility for dependants, socio-economic status, political party or trade union membership or activity, HIV/AIDS status or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

Our Equal Opportunities in Employment policy can be viewed on our careers website: [https://careers.nhslothian.scot/equal-opportunities/](#)

**NHS Scotland Application Process**

* The purpose of an application form is to help evidence that the applicant has all the requirements applicable to carry out the job applied for.
* It is essential to read both the job description and the person specification to gain a full understanding of what the job entails and the minimum criteria required.
* Please note for equal opportunity purposes NHS Lothian do not accept CV’s as a form of application.
* Your personal information will not be sent with the application for shortlisting. The application form will be identified by the candidate number only to ensure that no applicant will be unfairly discriminated against.
* Please complete all sections of the application form. Those sections that are not relevant please indicate ‘not applicable’, do not leave blank.
* Please visit [https://apply.jobs.scot.nhs.uk](#) for further details on how to apply.