SCOTLAND DEANERY – WEST REGION

***StR IN PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHESIA***

# JOB DESCRIPTION

**1** **INTRODUCTION**

The Specialist Registrar post forms part of the West of Scotland Training Programme in Paediatric Anaesthesia. It has training approval from the Royal College of Anaesthetists and conforms to the College curriculum. The Specialist Registrar post will be based at the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow.

During the tenure of the post the trainee’s progress will be supervised by the College Tutor within the RHC. Performance is assessed on a regular basis throughout the year and is based on in-house training assessment.

The post of Specialist Registrar in Paediatric Anaesthesiaprovides 1 year of advanced training in all aspects of Paediatric Anaesthesia. Training during this period will be supervised by the Anaesthetic Specialty Training Committee of the Scotland Deanery – West Region (STC) on which there are representatives from the Training Hospitals, University and Junior Staff. Study leave conforms with terms and conditions of service for the Specialist Registrar grade.

**2** **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

The Trainee will be appointed by a Committee comprising representatives of the Postgraduate Dean and the STC.

Applicants must currently be in a Type I training post, hold a National/Visiting Training Number and must be **in either ST6 or ST7 at the commencement of the post.** Candidates must also possess MBChB or recognised equivalent and FRCA or recognised equivalent. Applicants from outwith the West of Scotland should have the agreement of their Postgraduate Dean to retain their original training number and return to their original Deanery at the end of the year of training.

**3** **DUTIES OF THE POST**

1. Clinical

The clinical duties of the post will be in keeping with the Specialist Registrar’s SIA Training requirements and will involve a 12 month training period within the Royal Hospital for Children.

[https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/documents/2021-curriculum-learning-syllabus-stage-3-special-interest-areas/paediatric-anaesthesia](#)

A minimum of 9 months will be spent in paediatric anaesthesia, where the trainee will undertake clinical work under both direct and indirect supervision by consultant staff. This is a busy and challenging clinical post where a lot of experience can be gained anaesthetising a large number of children including neonates.

Out of hours cover will be on a 1 in 6 non-resident on call rota *with* prospective cover for holidays, study leave and initial sick leave.

6 weeks of the attachment will be spent gaining experience in the PICU, whilst undertaking a full range of clinical duties. On call duties will be in line with other PICU trainees (currently resident full shift). The option of an additional 6 weeks experience with the Paediatric Critical Care Transport Service will be available and recommended by the department. There will be on call duties during this additional period on the anaesthetic rota.

(ii) Teaching  
The consultant staff run a comprehensive tutorial programme including simulation sessions. These currently rotate on a 2-month cycle. The Specialist Registrar is expected to attend all the tutorials once during their attachment.

The Specialist Registrar is responsible for the trainee component of the monthly education program, as part of regular CME sessions.

**4** **RESEARCH AND AUDIT**

(i) Research

This is actively encouraged. Members of the department have published extensively and are willing to give help and advice. There is a comprehensive Quality Improvement Program overseen by Dr Graham Bell and it is expected that the trainee would be involved with aspects of this.

(ii) Audit

There is an ongoing audit programme in the department under the direction of Dr Neal Willis. The Specialist Registrar is expected to undertake an audit project during their time in the post.

**5** **ASSESSMENT**

(i) The Trainee will be continuously assessed by the trainers in their place of work with Educational Supervisor meetings every 3 months and annual review by the STC.

(ii) If in the opinion of the STC the Trainee fails to show adequate commitment or progress, career guidance will be arranged and, exceptionally, in the absence of satisfactory progress, the committee may recommend that the contract be terminated.

Trainees are required to keep a logbook following the requirements laid down by the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

**6 GENERAL INFORMATION**

Hours and Salary

Hours of duty will be the standard working week of 40 hours for which you will receive a standard salary (as detailed in paragraph 8b, Appendix 1 of the Terms and Conditions of Service, appended under general information).

In addition a supplement for out of hours on call work will be paid.

**Background**

The Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow (formerly the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill) is one of the largest paediatric tertiary referral hospitals in the UK. RHC sits within the campus of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, one of the biggest hospital campuses in Europe. RHC provides patient care to Glasgow and surrounding areas, also taking referrals from elsewhere in the UK. It accommodates most paediatric surgical specialties ranging from cardiac surgery to neurosurgery and there are comprehensive acute and chronic pain services. It is a major trauma centre, and cares for acutely unwell children as well as undertaking elective medical and surgical procedures. We also provide paediatric anaesthetic services to the Beatson Oncology Centre.

The theatre/day surgery complex comprises a suite of 9 theatres, cardiac catheterisation laboratory, interventional radiology suite, CT and MRI scanner. There are facilities for teaching/training of staff within the directorate including access to the state of the art Teaching and Learning Centre on campus.

The department of Anaesthesia currently has 24 substantive paediatric anaesthetic consultants, 1 PICU/anaesthetic consultant and 2 joint adult/paediatric consultants. Approximately 15000 anaesthetics are administered per year. The successful candidate will join trainees from the West of Scotland Anaesthesia rotation. In addition, there are 5 post CCT fellows in Anaesthesia, appointed competitively each year from an international field.

The department provides an acute pain service co-ordinated by a Clinical Nurse Specialist and two senior staff nurses. Their work is supported by consultant anaesthetists with an interest in acute pain. The Department also staffs one of the largest Paediatric Chronic Pain Services in the UK.

The RHC Glasgow holds the National Contracts for paediatric Cardiac Surgery, Interventional Cardiology, ECMO, Renal transplantation, Cleft Palate surgery, Pectus excavatum surgery and reconstructive airway surgery. We have a co-located NICU and undertake most neonatal surgical procedures. RHC is the lead centre for PICU in Scotland and the hospital houses a 22-bed paediatric critical care unit. The National Paediatric Critical Care Transport Service (Scotstar) is run jointly with Edinburgh. RHC is a major trauma centre for Paediatrics.

**Links to University of Glasgow**

Teaching is an integral part of the Trust policy with strong links to the University of Glasgow.

Drs Graham Bell and Alyson Walker are the academic leads for the Department however many members of the department hold honorary senior lecturer status with University of Glasgow.

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