# Specialty Dentist in Paediatric Dentistry 0.1 WTE

# Dundee Dental Hospital and School

# INTRODUCTION

This is an exciting opportunity for a Specialty Dentist to join the Department of Paediatric Dentistry at Dundee Dental Hospital and Research School. The School of Dentistry at the University of Dundee is currently ranked 1st in the UK (Complete University Guide 2025).

Dundee Dental Hospital & The School of Dentistry share the same building which is situated on the main University of Dundee campus, close to Dundee city centre and it’s many attractions. There are five clinical floors consisting of open clinics and individual surgeries with over 100 dental chairs in total. The hospital and school are linked to the Dundee Dental Education Centre, which includes a Postgraduate Centre, a 38-place clinical skills laboratory and various offices.

The School of Dentistry is autonomous within the University and has an annual target intake of 68 undergraduate students. There is also a three-year BSc course in Oral Health Sciences (Dental Therapy and Hygiene) with 10 students per year. The School of Dentistry has a strong pedigree in oral and dental research with the recent Research Excellence Framework determining many aspects to be internationally excellent and world leading. Our research strategy is aligned along the following themes:

1. Population Health Sciences (including Dental Health Services Research and Evidence Based Dentistry)
2. Cariology (including Dental Health Services Research and Evidence Based Dentistry)
3. Craniofacial abnormalities (incorporating the WHO Collaborating Centre for Craniofacial Anomalies and Technology Transfer)
4. Oral Cancer - with contributions to the Dundee Cancer Centre

A teaching commitment to undergraduate and postgraduate education underpins the clinical service and students benefit from clinical attachments to staff and specialist clinics.

## THE POST

This part-time post will support the delivery of the undergraduate Paediatric Teaching Clinic at the dental hospital and the successful candidate will also deliver routine and emergency dental care for student patients out with term time, when the students are on leave. Screening of patients for suitability for inclusion on student clinics will also take place out with term times, to which the post holder will also be expected to contribute.

The Paediatric Dental Department is busy and in high demand, serving all areas of NHS Tayside and being a secondary care referral site for colleagues in general dental practice and the Public Dental Service (PDS) as well as for some neighbouring healthboards.

The Paediatric Department was recently refurbished and has a bright and colourful clinical area, which is shared with our Orthodontic colleagues. It has an open clinic as well as side surgeries, one of which is fully equipped for treating patients under Inhalation sedation. There are strong links with our medical colleagues at Ninewells Hospital, where some Paediatric Dental Consultant clinics are held. Provision for treatment under general anaesthesia is available at Ninewells Hospital.

It is envisaged that the University of Dundee will offer an appropriate honorary contract within the School of Dentistry Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Clinical Sciences. This post is fully funded by NHS Tayside, and the post holder will work closely with the clinical leadership. The post holder will also need to have good relations and communicate effectively with all the specialties in the dental hospital.

Appropriate candidates for this post will hold full registration with the General Dental Council and should have at least three years of clinical experience.

## PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY IN DUNDEE

Paediatric Dentistry in the dental hospital provides both specialist and emergency dental care for paediatric dental patients across Tayside and also recruits and delivers dental care for patients who are appropriate for treatment delivered by undergraduate students in the dental hospital.

A teaching commitment in both undergraduate and postgraduate education underpins the service provided. Our NHS and Academic colleagues work closely together both in the delivery of clinical treatment and delivery of didactic teaching.

Support from colleagues in other dental specialties and ancillary support is readily available and easily accessible. The Dental Radiology services are based on the Dental Hospital site and include a full digital dental radiography system and Cone Beam CT. A Medical Photographer records clinical images on a digital system. There are Orthodontic, Prosthetic and Restorative Laboratories on site.

Administrative support is provided by a dedicated team sited within the Dental Hospital.

Paediatric Dentistry is managed within Hospital Dentistry. Within NHS Tayside, Hospital Dentistry is one of 10 specialty groups in the Specialist Surgery Clinical Care Group. This in turn is one of the three Clinical Care groups within the NHS Tayside Surgical Division.

The clinical groups within Hospital Dentistry are Paediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Restorative Dentistry, Special Care Dentistry and Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Dental A&E and Dental & Maxillofacial Radiology. Each clinical group has a Clinical Lead who works with the Clinical Director for Hospital Dentistry within the clinical leadership team. This group works with Service Leads to provide operational and strategic direction for Hospital Dentistry.

## Paediatric Dentistry Staff:

Dr Rosie Power Consultant, Clinical Lead

Dr Sharmilla Surendran Consultant

Dr Catherine McCann Senior Lecturer/Hon Consultant

Dr Sarah Grosse Clinical Lecturer/Hon Specialty Dentist

Dr Mark Robertson Clinical Lecturer/Hon StR

Dr Clem Seeballack Clinical Lecturer/Hon Specialty Dentist

Dr Ewan McKessack-Leitch Specialty Dentist

Dr Mary Gonzalez Specialty Dentist

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There are a number of Core Training (CT) staff who rotate through the Paediatric Dentistry Department clinical areas and there are a number of visiting GDPs.

# DUTIES OF THE POST

## Clinical

To support the delivery of the Paediatric undergraduate student treatment clinics. The appointee will be responsible for supporting this clinical service to the Clinical Director for Dundee Dental Hospital via the Clinical Lead for Paediatric Dentistry. The post -holder will be expected to communicate and liaise with both dental and medical specialties, where necessary. The Paediatric dental department also recruits patients which are suitable for undergraduate dental training. The post holder will be expected to participate in assessment clinics out with term times, and to be able to identify appropriate patients and engage with established referral pathways, to ensure appropriate management of patients.

**Education and Teaching**

Undergraduate students from both the BDS and Oral health science degrees are assigned to the Paediatric Dentistry department on a daily basis during term time. The post holder will be expected to supervise the students during their attachments and be involved in their assessment.

**Research**

There is no formal requirement to undertake research however, the post-holder may be expected to support current and future clinical research programmes.

**Administration**

Administrative duties include those that are associated with the care of patients or teaching responsibility which the specialty dentist agrees to take on.

**Management**

The specialty dentist is expected to contribute to the day to day running of the department by supporting the Clinical Lead and other members of staff in Paediatric Dentistry.

**Job plan**

All staff employed by NHS Tayside are expected to work to an agreed job plan and within systems of governance; clinical, information, financial, corporate etc.

The job plan will be negotiated with the successful applicant. A specimen job plan is at the end of this document. The agreed job plan will be reviewed at least annually or at the request of either the employee or their manager. The appointee must also undergo an annual appraisal.

This appointment will be for **one 4-hour** session per week of direct patient care. The outpatient direct clinical patient care sessions traditionally run from 8.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m but extended hours may be necessary.

## Responsible to

Dr Rosie Power, Clinical Lead for Paediatric Dentistry and Dr Brian Stevenson and Steph Sammut, Joint Clinical Directors for Dundee Dental Hospital

## Responsibility for Records Management

All records created in the course of the business of NHS Tayside are corporate records and are public recordsunder the terms of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937. 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.

Further details regarding this appointment can be obtained from Rosie Power, Clinical Lead for Paediatric Dentistry or Brian Stevenson (brian.stevenson@nhs.scot), Clinical Director for Dundee Dental Hospital & Research School.

**Indicative Job Plan**

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| DAY | TIME | LOCATION | DESCRIPTION OF WORK | CATEGORY | PROGRAMMED ACTIVITY |
| Monday | 08.45-12.45 | Dundee Dental Hospital (DDH) |  |  |  |
| 13.15 -17.15 |  |  |  |
| Tuesday | 08.45-12.45 | DDH |  |  |  |
| 13.15 -17.15 |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | 08.45-12.45 | DDH |  | DCC  (Direct Clinical Care) | 1 |
| 13.15 -17.15 |  |  |  |
| Thursday | 08.45-12.45 | DDH |  |  |  |
| 13.15 -17.15 |  |  |  |
| Friday | 08.45 - 12.45 | DDH |  |  |  |
| 13.15 -17.15 |  |  |  |

There is some flexibility regarding which session is taken on, this can be discussed with Rosie Power ([rosie.power@nhs.Scot](#)) prior to interview.