

Consultant in General Surgery

Applicant Information



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Consultant in General Surgery with a subspecialty Upper GI interest

FULL TIME (10 PA, including up to 2 PA SPA)

Permanent

Salary – from £107,144 to £142,369 per annum



Looking for a new and exciting challenge? Then think about working in NHS Forth Valley in the heart of Scotland.

We are a busy general surgical unit and currently have 12 consultants who provide the full range of GI surgery. We are looking for a new dynamic colleague with an interest in benign upper GI surgery that would complement the interests of those already in post.

As a result of departmental reorganisation, this position provides the opportunity for a new member to join the team. The successful candidate will play an equal role in both the elective commitments of the unit and the general surgery emergency on call rota which is a 1 in 12 commitment.

You can look forward to a warm welcome and strong support from colleagues. Our hospital is situated in the heart of Scotland, nestled against the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, and close to vibrant towns that are richly endowed with excellent cultural and sporting facilities, offering good transport links to Edinburgh and Glasgow.

To apply for this post, please visit the job posting on the NHS Scotland Job Train website. Applicants should have full GMC registration and a licence to practise.

Applicants will be expected to have broad surgical training (including emergency surgery) with specialist training in Laparoscopic Surgery. Applicants will be in possession of the FRCS or equivalent, registered with the General Medical Council and on the Specialist Register or be within 6 months of the anticipated award of a CCT at the time of interview. Applicants applying under the Portfolio pathway must be entered onto the GMC Specialist Register at time of application. Applicants are required to have evidence of recent continued academic and professional development. Excellent, communication, listening and organisational skills are essential.

Informal enquiries should be directed to Mr Akan Emin, Consultant Surgeon and Clinical Director for Surgery via email initially to akan.emin@nhs.scot or Mr Michael Wilson, Consultant Surgeon and Clinical Lead for General Surgery at michael.wilson3@nhs.scot.

Closing date: Sunday 2nd February 2025

Interview date: Wednesday 19th February 2025

Please quote reference number **203013** on all correspondence.

Introduction to NHS Forth Valley

NHS Forth Valley is one of 14 regional health boards in Scotland and serves a population of nearly 310,000 in a diverse geographical area which covers the heart of Scotland and covers three council areas, [Clackmannanshire](#), [Stirling](#) and [Falkirk](#).

NHS Forth Valley has an annual budget of approximately £570 million and is the largest employer in the area, with approximately 8000 staff from a wide range of professional and support occupations. Acute Services are based in our modern, purpose built 860 bedded, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, which opened in 2011 and provides inpatient and outpatient services. It is supported by a network of four [community hospitals](#), 56 health centres, day centres providing care and support for patients with mental illness and learning disabilities and a wide range of community based services.

We are home to the [Scottish Centre for Clinical Simulation and Human Factors](#), one of the most advanced training facilities of its kind where medical staff are able to hone their skills using computerised mannequins. In addition, NHS Forth Valley has been named in a survey of trainee doctors as one of the top places to be in the UK for medical education and training.

There are two Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP) which cover the Forth Valley area – one for [Clackmannanshire and Stirling](#) and one for [Falkirk](#).

Further information is available at www.nhsforthvalley.com



The Forth Valley Area

Forth Valley, in the heart of Scotland, is an exciting place to live and work. Transport links are second to none with excellent motorway and rail links and two international airports nearby, Edinburgh and Glasgow. House hunters in the Forth Valley area are spoiled for choice. On offer are a large array of established and new properties in a variety of attractive settings.



Education in the area is first class, with excellent provision of pre-school, primary and secondary education. State schools in the area have strong reputations and there is also easy access to the area's private schools in Dollar and Crieff. On the further education front, Stirling boasts an excellent University and access to the University cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh is easy. There are also further education Colleges in Falkirk, Stirling and Alloa.

Stirling Area

A wee city with a big history, Stirling punches well above its weight for historic attractions and spectacular scenery, not to mention shopping, places to eat and exciting events. Visit Stirling and take in the magnificent views from [Stirling Castle's](#) hill-top esplanade towards the [National Wallace Monument](#) on the edge of the rolling Ochil Hills before looking north east for the mountain peaks of [Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park](#). Find out more about the area on [Your Stirling](#).

Falkirk Area

The Falkirk area is steeped in history with a wealth of attractions, including two of the world's most unique, including, [The Falkirk Wheel](#) and [The Kelpies](#) in [The Helix Park](#). Plus the Falkirk area has a significant section of the [John Muir Way](#). [Falkirk](#) is a historic town centre with a traditional high street and lots of things to be doing with two large shopping centres. Find out more about the area on [Visit Falkirk](#).

Clackmannanshire Area

Clackmannanshire lies between the majestic Ochil Hills and the River Forth and provides the perfect year-round base to explore the stunning countryside, rich history, medieval castles and tower houses. For leisure, there are six golf courses, a luxury spa and a major shopping outlet. Find out more about the area on [Discover Clackmannanshire](#).

Job Description

Job Title: Consultant in General Surgery with a benign Upper GI subspecialty interest

Posts: 1 permanent post

Hours of Work Full time/Part time – up to 40 hours per week

Background

The surgical department provides a full range of general surgical and breast services. All major elective and emergency surgery is carried out on the Larbert site. This is supported by an Intensive Care and High Dependency Unit. A full range of diagnostic facilities is available including CT and MRI scanning and endoanal ultrasound. Vascular services are provided in conjunction with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow and there is a vascular presence in Forth Valley during the week. As a Trauma Unit, Forth Valley is aligned to the South East Major Trauma Network.

The General Surgery department currently comprises four general surgeons with an Upper GI interest and eight general surgeons with a colorectal interest. Major oesophago-gastric resections for Forth Valley patients are performed at Glasgow Royal Infirmary as part of the Regional Service. A full range of benign biliary surgery is performed at FVRH, including hiatal surgery, bile duct explorations and ERCP. Complex and malignant hepatic and pancreatico-biliary surgery is provided by the regional service in NHS Lothian. We have an established hot gallbladder pathway and any candidate who can contribute to the delivery of emergency biliary surgery would be looked upon favourably.

All major colorectal resections are performed locally at FVRH, the vast majority laparoscopically, utilising our well-established ERAS programme.

Approximately 80% of general surgery at FVRH is performed on an ambulatory basis, via our specially designed Ambulatory Care Unit.

There are also two breast surgeons and one breast/plastic surgeon who do not contribute to the emergency general surgery service. There are five fully accredited nurse endoscopists who support the endoscopy service.

The successful applicant will contribute to the general surgery on call rota along with 11 other consultant colleagues with an equal commitment to elective surgery. One consultant colleague does not contribute to the emergency general surgery on call rota.

The successful candidate should have an interest in Upper GI surgery and a specific interest in a particular aspect as Upper GI surgery would be welcome. An interest in hot gallbladder surgery would be looked upon favourably. Endoscopic experience in upper GI endoscopy is desirable.

Medical Staff

Mr C Rodger, Consultant Surgeon (Colorectal)
Mr J Camilleri-Brennan, Consultant Surgeon (Colorectal)
Mr J Crozier, Consultant Surgeon (Colorectal)
Mr E Macdonald, Consultant Surgeon (Colorectal)
Mr A Crumley, Consultant Surgeon (Upper GI)
Ms E Cannings, Consultant Surgeon (Upper GI)
Mr P Hendry, Consultant Surgeon (Colorectal)
Mr A Emin, Consultant Surgeon, Clinical Director (Colorectal)
Mr M Wilson, Consultant Surgeon, Clinical Lead (Upper GI)
Mr J Kynaston Consultant Surgeon (Colorectal)
Mr H Wadhawan Consultant Surgeon (Upper GI)
Mr A Geraghty Consultant Surgeon (Colorectal)
Mr F Robertson Locum Consultant Surgeon (Upper GI)
Mr M Winkler, Consultant Surgeon (Breast)**
Mr R Clark, Consultant Surgeon (Plastic and Breast)**
Ms Lucy Khan, Consultant Surgeon (Breast)**

In addition there are six Consultant Urologists.

**Does not participate in out of hours general cover

The general surgery Consultant staff are supported by SAS doctors and trainees. We have also recently appointed a number of clinical developmental fellows to the department.

Non Medical Staff

The service is supported clinically by nursing staff and non-clinically by medical secretarial support and a dedicated Service Manager.



Training and Education

NHS Forth Valley places a high priority on training and development across all staff groups and strongly supports continuing medical education. There is a purpose built education service with a library, lecture theatre and meeting rooms with PACS and video-conferencing facilities. We have a strong reputation for delivering a high standard of surgical training and was recently ranked in the top 2% of departments in Scotland for training in General Surgery.

Responsibilities

- As agreed with the Director of Acute Services and Deputy Medical Director to provide with Consultant colleagues an area wide service in General Surgery with responsibility for the prevention, diagnosis and management of illness, and for the proper functioning of the service;
- Out-of-hours responsibilities for Forth Valley Royal Hospital shared with the other Consultants as part of a Consultant team;
- To provide cover for Consultant colleagues during annual and study leave or at such other times as agreed with the Director of Acute Services and Deputy Medical Director;
- To offer professional supervision, training and appraisal of junior medical, nursing and technical staff as appropriate to enhance role extension and job skills within the general surgery service in order to improve the service provided to patients;
- To motivate staff within the service, through leading by example, and fostering good working relationships at all levels in line with the principles of the local Partnership Agreements;
- To contribute to developments and initiatives within the organisation as appropriate and as requested;
- To undertake teaching, accreditation and examination duties, and contribute to postgraduate and continuing medical education activity across the area service;
- To agree and implement an annual medical audit and clinical governance programme with the Deputy Medical Director in line with the Board's Clinical Effectiveness Strategy;
- To support the General Surgery Department's Clinical Governance agenda;

- To participate fully in Consultant appraisal and personal development planning activities;
- To ensure the efficient and effective use of the organisation's resources;
- To work with General Surgery colleagues to ensure the effective and efficient development and implementation of support systems.

The requirements of this post will change through time in line with clinical advances and developments in services provided by the NHS in Forth Valley.

Job Plan

The post holder is required to agree a detailed job plan which will be reviewed at least annually. Efforts will be made to complete job planning prior to the date of commencement in post, or, if this is not possible, as soon as possible following this date.

NHS Forth Valley consultant posts are initially for 10 PAs. We are keen that SPA-related activity over and above the 1 PA of SPA for individual requirements (CPD, audit, clinical governance, appraisal, revalidation, job planning, internal routine communication and management meetings) is offered to new consultants. 8DCC + 2SPA would be offered on appointment and SPA activity for the second PA would be agreed.

Roles in this department that have an SPA allocation are:

- Peer appraisal
- Educational supervision of trainees
- Tutors
- Departmental Leads
- Clinical Governance
- Departmental links to other departments
- Committee representation
- Research
- Service development

Exact allocation of SPA time will be agreed with the successful applicant and reviewed at annual job planning.

| Day | Location | Type of work |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|
| Monday | Forth Valley Royal Hospital | 08:00-09:00 Ward Round 09:00-12.30 Clinic 13.30-17.00 Theatre |
| Tuesday | Forth Valley Royal Hospital | 09:00-13.00 SPA 13.00-17.00 Endoscopy |
| Wednesday | Forth Valley Royal Hospital | 08:00-13.00 Clinical admin 13.00-17.00 SPA |
| Thursday | Forth Valley Royal Hospital | 08:00 -17.00 Theatre |
| Friday | Forth Valley Royal Hospital | 08:00-09.30 MDT 09.30-10.30 Ward Round 10.30-12.30 Unit Meeting 13.00-17.00 Endoscopy/Clinic |

The on call commitment following recruitment to this post will remain 1 in 12. This will comprise 9 weeks elective work and 3 weeks emergency work over a 12 week period. The emergency work will comprise one week as the front door consultant covering the surgical admissions unit from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 2 weeks doing 24 hour oncalls sharing the week with another consultant colleague. An example of the present 10 person template for this is shown for illustration but please discuss this further with the present consultant group.

| Wk | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 24 hrs on call | Off | 24 hrs on call | Off | 24 hrs on call | Off | Off |
| 2 | Front door | Front door | Front door | Front door | Front door | Off | Off |
| 3 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 4 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 5 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 6 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 7 | Elective | 24 hrs on call | Off | 24 hrs on call | Off | 24 hrs on call | 24 hrs on call |
| 8 | Post take morning ward round | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 9 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 10 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 11 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |
| 12 | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Elective | Off | Off |

Contractual Details

Contracted activities for this appointment will be defined and agreed with the post holder and the Directors of Acute Service.

The post holder will be professionally responsible to the Deputy Medical Director and managerially responsible to the Director of Acute Services.

The Consultants in the department will agree arrangements for cover of General Surgery duties.

This Consultant post is available on a full-time basis and part time basis but the Board welcomes applications from individuals who are unable to undertake a full time commitment and who may wish to work on either a part-time or job share basis.

The terms and conditions of service applicable to this appointment are the Consultant grade terms and conditions of service as amended from time to time.

NHS Forth Valley requires each Consultant to agree with the Director of Acute Services and Deputy Medical Director or Clinical Director, a job plan of fixed and other commitments, which will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised as necessary to meet the requirements of the local and national service issues.

Consultants will be required to participate in an annual appraisal.

The post holder will normally be expected to reside within 30 minutes travelling distance of Forth Valley Royal hospital. If NHS Forth Valley Health Board considers that there is a requirement for the post holder to relocate his or her home in order to take up the responsibilities of the post, relocation expenses will be available in accordance with the Board's Relocation Policy. Support to the level of 15% of starting salary up to a maximum of £10,000 may be available, subject to the provisions of the policy.

Formal appointment to this post will be conditional upon satisfactory completion of all pre-employment checks, including satisfactory medical screening.

NHS Forth Valley does not negotiate salary placements. On commencement of employment, salary will be determined in accordance with Section 5 of the terms and conditions of service.

This appointment will be superannuable under the NHS Superannuation Scheme, which is contracted out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS). New employees will automatically be enrolled in the scheme unless they opt out. For further information, please contact the Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) on 01896 893100 or visit www.sppa.gov.uk

The employment is subject to three calendar months notice on either side.

The successful candidate will be expected to be registered for CPD with the Royal College of Surgeons and to fulfil requirements for annual certification and for appropriate revalidation.

Annual leave entitlement is 33 days per year (pro rata for part time post holders), with additional statutory holiday entitlement as agreed by the Local Negotiating Committee and published annually.

If you are successful at interview and receive an offer of appointment with NHS Forth Valley, can you please advise the Medical Workforce Team of any periods of Less Than Full Time Training (LTFT) you may have had.

General Employment Information

Equality in Employment

NHS Forth Valley fully supports the principle of equality in employment and opposes all forms of unlawful and / or unfair discrimination which cannot be shown to be justified. NHS Forth Valley is committed to ensuring equality of treatment for both present and potential employees.

Human Resources Policies and Services

NHS Forth Valley is the largest employer in Forth Valley, and is committed to ensuring its employment and Human Resources policies and procedures reflect best practice. As a progressive employer, NHS Forth Valley is committed to supporting and developing all employees.

The Medical Workforce Team

In recognising the needs of services, operational requirements and medical staff, the operational Medical Workforce team provides a range of services for all grades of medical and dental staff. For assistance or information, please contact:

Katrina Vernon Medical Workforce Adviser

01786 457387
katrina.vernon@nhs.scot

Pre-Employment Screening

Criminal Convictions - Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme

The Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme has replaced the previous disclosure arrangements for people who work with vulnerable groups. The duties of this post require the post holder to undertake regulated work with children and young people (individuals aged under 18 years) and / or protected adults (individuals aged 16 or over who is provided with (and thus receives) a type of care, support or welfare service).

The post holder will be required to be a member of the PVG Scheme and to consent to NHS Forth Valley obtaining a Scheme Record or Scheme Record Update, as appropriate. Any failure to disclose convictions could result in the withdrawal of an offer of employment.

Any applicant wishing to discuss any existing criminal convictions and how these may impact upon an application for employment should contact the Medical Workforce Manager in the first instance.

Occupational Health Screening

This post involves the performance of exposure prone procedures and therefore the successful applicant will be required to produce evidence of their Hepatitis B and C Immunity Status prior to appointment and to undergo satisfactory health screening. Any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory Occupational Health assessment.

Confidentiality

During the course of their employment with NHS Forth Valley, employees may have access to information about staff or patients or other aspects of NHS Forth Valley's activities, about which they have a duty to maintain confidentiality at all times. In common with all other staff, the post holder will have, in addition, a responsibility to ensure that information relating to his or her work and the operation of the Forth Valley Acute Services in general is kept and maintained securely in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act (1998), the Board's policies and good practice. In particular, the disclosure of commercial or other confidential information which may affect the Board's business interests or endanger the survival of any of its services will be regarded as a fundamental breach of the mutual confidence which must exist between the employer and the employee.

Infection Control and Hand Washing Policy

NHS Forth Valley is committed to providing as clean and safe environment as possible for staff, patients and visitors. The post holder will be required to comply with the Infection Control and Hand Washing Policies.

Health & Safety at Work

All employees have a responsibility for their own health & safety and the health & safety of others who may be affected by what they do. Employees also have a duty to co-operate with their employer by following NHS Forth Valley policies and procedures and safe systems of work; by using equipment safely and by bringing any shortcomings in health and safety arrangements to the attention of their employer. Where something is provided in the interests of health & safety employees must not interfere or misuse it. All employees have a legal responsibility to report any shortcomings in terms of this in their area. Managers and supervisors have a responsibility for monitoring health & safety arrangements and ensuring staff are following policies and procedures and safe systems of work.

Partnership Agreement

NHS Forth Valley is committed to partnership working. All employees are required to contribute to the development of partnership working by:

- supporting NHS Forth Valley in delivering its goals and objectives;
- supporting continuous improvement in individual performance and the performance of the relevant team / department, directorate and NHS Forth Valley;
- attending training, development and other activities aimed at improving individual skills for the benefit of the organisation and patient care.

Selection Criteria

| Criteria | Essential | Desirable |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Qualifications | <p>Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons</p> <p>Full GMC registration, with licence to practise</p> <p>Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCT).</p> <p>Applicants who are within 6 months of achieving CCT at the date of interview are eligible to apply.</p> <p>Applicants applying under the Portfolio pathway must be entered onto the GMC Specialist Register at time of application.</p> | <p>Higher degree e.g. MSc, MD or PhD higher degree</p> <p>MBA or other relevant diplomas</p> <p>JAG accreditation for upper or lower GI endoscopy.</p> |
| Knowledge and Skills | <p>Knowledge in managing general and emergency surgical patients</p> <p>Knowledge of managing upper and lower GI surgical conditions</p> <p>Demonstrated ability to work unsupervised and make decisions</p> <p>Excellent written and oral communication & listening skills.</p> <p>Demonstrated ability to manage time effectively</p> <p>Demonstrated ability to work effectively a multi-disciplinary team</p> <p>Empathy to the needs of patients anxious and or in pain.</p> <p>High level of competence in the clinical aspects of Surgery and evidence of an ability to develop new skills and train colleagues as appropriate.</p> <p>Good information technology and administrative skills.</p> | <p>Demonstrated ability to lead a multi-disciplinary team</p> <p>Appropriate sub specialty interest and knowledge.</p> <p>Understanding Forth Valley pathways and process for managing emergency patients</p> |

| Criteria | Essential | Desirable |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Academic | <p>Participation in research or clinical audit to improve clinical care.</p> <p>Participation in departmental teaching</p> | <p>Formal research training; demonstrated ability to design a research or audit project</p> <p>Formal training in teaching methods; demonstrated ability in teaching / training.</p> |
| Management | <p>Understanding of management issues including medical discipline; clinical governance, service planning and willingness to contribute to the activity of the NHS in Forth Valley.</p> <p>Understanding of the challenges faced by NHS Scotland and how these are being addressed in NHS Forth Valley</p> <p>Understanding of Patient Safety and Quality Improvement</p> | <p>Demonstrated ability to manage e.g. project work; mentoring junior staff</p> <p>Delivery of a patient safety or quality improvement project</p> <p>Demonstrates knowledge of Realistic Medicine.</p> |
| Other | <p>Ability to work flexibly according to the needs of the service, and contribute to team and skills development.</p> <p>Willing to travel as required by the duties of the post.</p> | |

Application Process

To apply for this post, please visit the job posting on the NHS Scotland Recruitment website.

Please note that applicants who are not yet in receipt of a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) must be within 6 months of award at the date of interview for the post and should provide documentary evidence of eligibility to apply when submitting their application.

Applicants applying under the Portfolio pathway must be entered onto the GMC Specialist Register at time of application.

It is important that all applicable sections are completed as it will not be possible to consider incomplete applications.

Please quote reference number **203013** on all correspondence.

Please note the following dates:

Closing Date: Sunday 2nd February 2025

Interview Date: Wednesday 19th February 2025

Please note that we *do not* accept applications in the form of Curricula Vitae

Web Sites of Interest for Candidates

Scottish Health on the web: <http://www.scot.nhs.uk/>

Scottish Government: www.scotland.gov.uk

Living & Working in Scotland

<https://medicaljobs.scot.nhs.uk/working-in-scotland/>