

Liaison Psychiatry SpR post – Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton

JOB TITLE: Job Description ST4-6

DIRECTORATE: Acute Mental Health Services, SPNFT

REPORTS TO: Dr Lisa Page (Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist)

RESPONSIBLE TO: Dr Lisa Page (Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist)
Dr Claudine Vant (Locum Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist)
Dr Helen McColl (Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist – currently on maternity leave)

LOCATION: Mental Health Liaison Team, Level 5,
Royal Sussex County Hospital, Eastern Road,
Brighton, BN2 5BE

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HOURS OF WORK: 40 (Fulltime)

Proposed Timetable

| Day | A.M. | P.M. |
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| Monday | Clinical work at RSCH | Supervision with Consultant/admin/ psychotherapy pt |
| Tuesday | Clinical work at RSCH | Audit / Research |
| Wednesday | Special Interest Session | Grand Round / Post grad Teaching/Training |
| Thursday | HIV Psychiatry / Neuropsychiatry | Clinical work at RSCH / Neuropsychiatry |
| Friday | Clinical work at RSCH | Clinical work at RSCH |

The Post

The Post is based with the Mental Health Liaison Team at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton. The team is multi-disciplinary and provides mental health expertise to the acute hospital 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The post holder is likely to work 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday, although flexible working can be accommodated.

The Team base is located next to the Emergency Department of the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Around 70% of referrals come directly from the Emergency Department, with the remainder coming from the wards. The post holder will have the opportunity to work with the HIV psychiatry team, who are based in Hove. If interested, the post holder may also work with the Neuropsychiatry service based at Hurstwood Park or with the older adult liaison psychiatry team. The post holder will gain excellent training in the clinical management of self harm, risk assessment, risk management, psychological consequences of chronic physical illness, management of delirium and other organic psychiatric states, neuropsychiatry, medically unexplained illness and emergency psychiatry.

Audit & Research will be facilitated and there will be opportunities for involvement in relevant Management projects. The post holder will be expected to attend Clinical meetings and Post Graduate training sessions and will also participate in the non resident On Call Rota (approximately 1 in 10).

The time table will be adjusted to meet the ST4-6's specific training needs.

Proposed Job Plan

The post holder will be expected to agree a job plan with the consultant on taking up the post within the following flexible format:

- Clinical care of patients referred to the Mental Health Liaison Team
- Attendance at Multi-disciplinary Professional meetings
- Flexible sessions for additional interests e.g. Neuropsychiatry, HIV Psychiatry, psychotherapy, old age psychiatry
- Teaching and training of multidisciplinary staff (incl. medical students)

- Participation in the Senior Psychiatrist On Call Rota (currently approximately 1:10)
- Audit and research
- Annual Leave and Study leave is to be taken by arrangement with the Supervising Consultant

Associated Services

The post holder will be expected to develop close working relationships with nursing team members, medical and surgical colleagues, Social Services, primary care, voluntary services and other clinical agencies. There are also opportunities for teaching and research collaborations with Brighton and Sussex Medical School, which is based in Brighton.

Clinical Audit

The post holder will be expected to participate in audits related to Liaison Psychiatry.

Research

There will be opportunities to develop research interests related to Liaison Psychiatry.

Maintaining Medical Excellence and Continuing Professional Development

It is expected that the post holder will attend organised teaching sessions and appropriate external courses on study leave as well as Calman days.

The post holder will participate in an annual performance appraisal with their Supervisor.

The Trust is committed to providing safe and effective care for patients. To ensure this there is an agreed procedure for staff to raise concerns confidentially about the conduct, performance or health of colleagues (Chief Medical Officer, 1996). All medical staff should ensure they are aware of this procedure and apply it if necessary.

Clinical Governance

The Trust is committed to clinical governance and has an agreed strategy to support staff in maintaining and monitoring the highest possible standards of practice and to establish a culture of continual improvement and personal development.

Teaching

All doctors engage in medical and multidisciplinary teaching. Teaching is organised for junior staff, and the appointee will be expected to participate in clinical meetings and to engage in teaching undergraduate medical students on elective periods or on attachments. There may also be opportunities to teach nursing staff and other non-medical staff.

Non-Smoking Policy

A non-smoking policy applies throughout all premises administered by the Trust.

Terms and Conditions

The appointed doctor will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of Service for National Health Service Medical and Dental Staff except where amended by SPNFT.

Registration

The post holder will be fully registered with the General Medical Council and where appropriate will be a member of a Defence Society.