

JOB TITLE: Higher Specialty Trainee (Old Age-functional inpatients and general hospital liaison)

DIRECTORATE: OPMH Services

REPORTS TO: Dr Al Amaladoss

RESPONSIBLE TO: Clinical Director and Service Director, OPMH

PAY BAND:

LOCATION: Harold Kidd Unit, Chichester

HOURS OF WORK: F/T

ON CALL RESPONSIBILITY: Yes

DISCLOSURE REQUIRED: Yes

Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
a.m.	Reviewing IPs with trainees	Family meetings on IP wards	Supervision with cons	DGH liaison work	Research/ special interest day
p.m.	Clinical work on the wards	DGH liaison work	Inhouse teaching programme, Chichester	Admin work;medical student teaching	

JOB OUTLINE:

This post aims to provide the HST with experience in functional inpatient work, on a 12 bedded unit located in the Harold Kidd Unit, Chichester, and the opportunity to network with a range of other acute services, such as an ageless Crisis Response team(CRT). The aim is to admit patients only when their needs cannot be met by these community-based services, and to use these other teams to facilitate early discharge. The CRT has a gate-keeping role with all admissions. There is also the opportunity to develop skills in liaison psychiatry for older people, largely at the local DGH (St Richard’s Hospital, Chichester) and at community hospitals in Bognor Regis, Arundel and Midhurst.

In the locality (Bognor Regis, Chichester and Midhurst) there is a nurse-led hospital liaison team, serving the DGH (St Richard’s Hospital, Chichester), and community hospitals in Arundel, Bognor Regis and Midhurst An ageless Crisis Resolution Team provides urgent care to older people with functional illnesses. A major reorganisation of services has taken place, with a separate Memory Assessment Service, a Living Well With Dementia Team and with inreach services to rest and nursing homes. There are also several Primary Care Dementia Practitioners, who provide support at the primary care level. Day centres are run and managed by West Sussex Social Services.

The HST would be expected to take an active role with the inpatient teams, to develop both their clinical and leadership skills. There will be opportunities to work with the various innovative teams already described, so the post would appeal to someone wanting specific experience in the delivery of acute OPMH services. There will also be the opportunity to carry out MHA work, in preparation to eventually become an Approved Clinician. The HST will also be able to acquire experience in old age liaison work with a busy team that receives 30-40 referrals every month, and which is highly regarded by DGH medical colleagues.

Inpatient services are based at the Harold Kidd Unit in Chichester. The team has access to a 12 bedded functional inpatient unit(Orchard Ward). The CRT is based in the Centurion Unit in Chichester.

There is an active teaching programme based at the Centurion Mental Health unit, for trainees and career-grade staff. The postholder will be expected to play a major part in planning and delivering the educational programme. Final year medical students from Southampton University and the Brighton and Sussex Medical School undertake clinical placements in the locality, and there are plenty of opportunities to acquire and develop teaching skills. Dr Amaladoss is also College Tutor, and has a major interest in medical education in the Trust.

MAIN DUTIES: Instead of conventional ward rounds, the HST will be expected to attend the daily handover meetings, with the consultant, to plan immediate patient care. The postholder can also expect to supervise, support and give clinical advice to more inexperienced medical staff on the wards.

Objectives of Placement To acquire experience, at a more senior level, in all aspects of inpatient management, and general hospital liaison. There is a county wide oncall service for West Sussex. To build on educational work with junior trainees and medical students.