

## F2

# Haematology & Oncology

### 1. York Hospital

York Hospital opened in September 1976. It is a general hospital, providing a wide range of services. It serves a population of more than 290,000 people, providing acute and elective care. The only specialties not provided are Neurosurgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Plastic Surgery. There is a Day Treatment Unit separate from the main operating theatres as well as an Intensive Care Unit. The main theatre suite has 10 operating theatres. There is a very well equipped X-Ray Department, including CT scanning and MRI. Maternity and Neonatal Services are provided on site.

### 2. Hospital Service

The Trust provides a full range of services. These include an Accident and Emergency Unit, led by four Consultants, a recently refurbished Obstetric Unit, a Special Care Baby Unit, a full sub-specialist medical service, a Department of Elderly Medicine, a recently built Neurosciences Department, General Surgery, Urology, Gynaecology, Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthopaedics and Trauma, ENT, Ophthalmology, Chronic and Acute Pain Management Services, Paediatrics, Mental Health, Learning Disability and Dermatology. The Coronary Care Unit was extensively refurbished in 1998 and a Renal Dialysis Unit for the management of Chronic Renal Failure opened in January 1999.

Radiotherapy and plastic surgery are provided from Leeds. Cardiothoracic surgery is provided from both Leeds and Hull and head injuries are treated in Leeds.

### 3. The haematology & oncology departments

The haematology and oncology departments are closely integrated. A combined dedicated inpatient unit is planned for the end of 2005, and a capital project is currently underway to develop a combined outpatient unit, which is due to be completed in January 2006. The two departments share common policies and protocols.

There are 3 consultant haematologists (Drs Bond, Howard & Munro), a specialist registrar, an SHO and 3 haematology specialist nurses. There are currently 2 consultant oncologists (Drs Jackson & Joseph) with a 3<sup>rd</sup> post planned for October 2005. These consultants work between both York & Harrogate. Four visiting consultant clinical oncologists provide an additional 7.5 sessions. There is an oncology specialist registrar and a staff grade post planned for April 2006. Four oncology specialist nurses are responsible for

chemotherapy administration. Further expansion is planned in the nursing and pharmacy infrastructure.

#### **4. Duties**

This is a four month F2 post.

There are two posts based within the haematology and oncology departments. One post will be attached to each speciality, with the two post holders swapping over halfway through the attachment. The posts will cross-cover between the specialities during periods of leave.

A dedicated ward is planned for the treatment of haematology & oncology patients, and the post holders will be responsible for the care of these inpatients, supervised by a haematology SHO, and haematology & oncology SpRs. Experience will be gained in the assessment and management of patients with acute leukaemia, lymphoma and non-malignant haematological conditions, as well as common (lung, breast, colorectal) and intermediate frequency (upper gastrointestinal, urological) solid tumours. Particular experience will be gained in managing the complications of chemotherapy treatment and the complications of malignant disease, including effective palliation of cancer related symptoms. The post holders will have some opportunities to attend haematology and oncology outpatient clinics.

There is a strong multi-disciplinary approach, with site-specific MDT meetings, as well as multi-professional ward rounds for haematology, oncology and palliative care.

#### **5. On-call**

On-call commitment will be a full shift pattern and is fully EWTD compliant.

#### **6. Study & training**

Teaching will be available both within the haematology & oncology departments and within the general medicine department, including a weekly grand round, protected teaching sessions and monthly audit meetings. There will also be an opportunity for teaching in laboratory haematology. Each post holder will have a nominated supervisor for regular appraisal and assessment.

The Postgraduate Medical Centre is based at York Hospital and meetings are held regularly, both of a general and specialist nature, through the week. The Centre is full equipped with lecture theatres, seminar rooms and most audio-visual aids. There is also a medical library, staffed with full-time librarians, with facilities for reading and for borrowing books and journals. There are regular training sessions for junior medical staff in most disciplines on a weekly basis. In the Medical Division there are regular seminars and clinical meetings each week.

## **7. New deal**

York Hospitals NHS Trust works hard to achieve compliance to New Deal Targets. We therefore have a contractual obligation to monitor junior doctors' New Deal compliance and the application of the banding system. For this purpose the Trust has adapted the method of the Yorkshire Monitoring cards. You will be contractually obliged to cooperate with the monitoring arrangements and will be required to complete the diary cards during your period of employment with the Trust. Failure to monitor may lead to disciplinary action.

## **8. Conditions of service**

Conditions of Service for General Medicine and Speciality Medicine.

The posts are whole time and designated non-resident. (Residential accommodation will be available – subject to availability).

The salary scale and conditions of service are those for Hospital Medical and Dental Staff (England and Wales).

## **9. Tenure of post**

The appointment is for 4 months, with a contract issued through the medical directorate.

## **10. General**

York has traditionally been the chocolate city, the historic city and the railway capital. However more recently the City has seen major retail developments at both Clifton Moor and Monk's Cross, the arrival of MAFF and its Sand Hutton laboratories plus the research and development facilities of Smith & Nephew. By far the largest industry is tourism with over 3 million visitors each year visiting York (the largest tourist influx to any town in England outside London).

York Hospital is within walking distance of the city centre, which is just over a mile away. York is an attractive medieval city with lots of cultural activities, wonderful museums and an active nightlife too. There are good train and road connections to Leeds with easy access to Leeds/Bradford airport and other parts of the county and the country. York is on the main railway line to London.

York Hospitals NHS Trust provides healthcare to a population spread over approximately 400 square miles. The area extends to Easingwold in the North and Selby to the South.