

HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

1. POST

Pre Registration House Officer (Foundation year 1) - Ophthalmology

2. LOCATION

Hull and East Yorkshire Eye Hospital, within the main Hull Royal Infirmary campus.

The Hull and East Yorkshire Eye Hospital was built recently with a pre-assessment unit, day-surgery department and a 12-bedded ward. There are three operating theatres catering for all aspects of adult ophthalmology. The department has its own library including a retinal laser simulator and a surgical wet-lab.

The Hull Royal Infirmary (834 beds) is the major hospital in East Yorkshire and has the only Accident and Emergency Department in the vicinity. There is an Intensive Care Unit, a Cardiac Monitoring Unit and Admissions Units for both medical and surgical emergencies.

All major medical and surgical specialties are represented within Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Hospital is on a bus route, but is within walking distance of the city centre. A purpose built doctors' mess provides satellite television, video and megadrive, and social activities for those wishing to become members of the mess.

3. DURATION OF POST

4 months.

4. STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT

There are ten Consultant Ophthalmologists with a range of special interests.

Mr. A.K. Mathur

Mr. N. Zaman

Miss H. Cook

Miss. C. Edrich

Medical Retina

Mr. O. Stewart

Cornea and External eye diseases

Mr. C. Vize

Oculoplastics

Mr. A. Babar

Mr. M. Costen

Surgical Retina

Mr. S. Datta

Glaucoma and Paediatric Ophthalmology

Mr. J. Innes

Paediatric Ophthalmology

5. GENERAL DUTIES

The House Officer will be responsible for the care of patients in the Eye Hospital. Pre-assessment and ward patients will take priority. There will be opportunities to attend outpatient clinics in the various sub specialities as well as specialist operating theatres and eye

accident and emergency sessions. PRHO sessions on the laser simulator and surgical wet-lab will be bookable.

6. ACUTE ADMISSIONS UNIT

The Acute Admissions Unit (50 beds) was established in December 2000 adjacent to the Accident and Emergency Department. This allows greater integration of the General medicine teams with the Department of Medicine for the Elderly, at junior and senior level, to cope better with the pressures on emergency admissions. There are more than 20 Consultants contributing to the medical take, in addition to 2 Consultants in acute medicine (Dr V Anand and Dr D Bhatia). There are also 3 Staff Grade Physicians. A Phlebotomy Service and clerical support is available.

7. WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

The current arrangements are a 1 in 11 full shift rota (including prospective cover) covering the Acute Admissions Unit and the wards.

The PRHO's normal working day will be on the base ward, however the nights and long shifts will be on the Acute Assessment unit at Hull Royal Infirmary.

The current pay banding is 1B with contracted hours below 56 hours per week maximum

The average contracted hours must not be exceeded. However, in exceptional circumstances, practitioners in the grades of Senior Registrar, Specialist Registrar, Senior House Officer and House Officer shall be expected in the normal run of their duties, and within their contract and job description to cover for the occasional brief absence of colleagues as far as is practicable. Sick colleagues will normally be covered only for short periods of absence.

In addition, practitioners will be prepared to perform duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances without additional remuneration but may be granted time off in lieu at the discretion of the employing trust. Commitments arising in such circumstances are, however, exceptional and the practitioner should not be required to undertake work of this kind for prolonged periods or on a regular basis.

8. INDUCTION

An induction/orientation programme is arranged for new starters at the beginning of August during which they have no other duties and is mandatory.

9. ACCOMMODATION

Single accommodation is available. Accommodation is usually at your base hospital and may involve travel between hospitals.

10. ANNUAL LEAVE

9 days annual leave for a 4 month period. In order to maintain the service, annual leave is planned into the rota. Please note that leave cannot be allowed whilst scheduled to work 'nights'. However annual leave may be swapped with colleagues if appropriate after discussion with Consultants.

11. POST GRADUATE EDUCATION

The East Riding Medical Education Centre at Hull Royal Infirmary contains a 200 seat lecture theatre with full audio visual facilities, 3 seminar rooms and a well resourced medical library staffed by professional librarians. There is a full CD-ROM and data star on line facilities.

The Director of Postgraduate Medical Education is Dr Colin R Melville. The Associate Director of Post graduate Medical Education responsible for PRHO's is Mr Vern Johnson.

Generic Skills Training

All PRHO's are required to attend the generic skills training programme which is run in conjunction with the other trusts in the North Yorkshire East Coast Foundation School (<http://www.nyecpgme.org.uk/foundation>). Attendance is timetabled in the rota, but may require you to travel to one of the other hospitals. There is also a full supporting lunchtime PRHO teaching programme on a Thursday lunchtime held in ERMEC (food is provided!).

Other educational opportunities

There is a full timetable of other lectures and tutorials, details of which are published on the Intranet (<http://intranet/ermec>). Departments also hold educational meetings, and house officers are welcome to attend those in other departments as well as their own, duties allowing.

12. EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR

Each house officer has a nominated supervisor, with whom they should meet formally at the start of the post, after 2 months and at the end of the post, using the PRHO logbook as a basis for discussion.

13. EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

To build upon undergraduate education.

To gain experience and familiarity in dealing with a wide variety of medical conditions.

To develop the skills of history taking, physical examination, appropriate investigation and rational prescribing.

To master several basic medical techniques.

To improve communication skills with patients, relatives and colleagues.

To develop skills in managing time and conflicting priorities.

14. MEDICAL SCHOOL

Postgraduate School of Medicine

This was inaugurated on 1 August 1994. This is a collaborative venture in which the University of Hull is supported by the local NHS Trusts and East Riding Health.

There are currently Chairs in Reproductive Medicine & Surgery (Professor S R Killick), Surgery (Professor J R T Monson), Head & Neck Surgery (Professor N D Stafford), Vascular Surgery (Professor P McCollum), Primary Care Medicine (Professor P Campion), Psychiatry (Professor A Mortimer), Medicine (Professor A Morice), Radiology (Professor L W Turnbull), Institute of Rehabilitation (Professor L G Walker), Academic Cardiology (Professor J Cleland) and Oncology (Professor M Lind)

Undergraduate Medical School

The Hull - York medical school (HYMS) took its first intake in 2003. The first clinical students will begin their attachments in August 2005.

15. HEALTH AND SAFETY

You are required to inform your line manager of any safety issues that could affect you or others, in the workplace. You are responsible for your own health and safety and must co-operate with management, at all times, in achieving safer work processes and work places, particularly where it can impact on others.

You will be trained in the correct use of any equipment provided to improve safety and health within the Trust. You are required to use the equipment when necessary and as instructed, it is your responsibility to ensure the equipment is safe to use, prior to its use and must report any defects immediately to your line manager.

16. GENERAL INFORMATION

Kingston upon Hull is one of the country's main ports and is an ancient borough, its first Royal Charter being granted 1299. Hull was substantially rebuilt after heaving bombing in World War II and is therefore a modern as well as an historic city. There is a yacht marina, an international ice rink and a range of other leisure and recreational facilities, including theatres, cinemas, concert halls and recently The Deep. There are two Universities and a College of Further Education. Shopping facilities including a large shopping complex occupying a unique waterfront position in the centre of the city.

There is easy access to pleasant countryside, coastal resorts, moors and dales. A regular passenger/car ferry operates from Hull to nearby continental ports and direct flights from Humberside airport cover a number of overseas destinations.

NB. All applicants are asked to check, before applying for a post, that they will be eligible for registration with the General Medical Council. You can check for eligibility on the website <http://www.gmc-uk.org> . If there is any uncertainty, contact the GMC and seek advice, preferably in writing. If you cannot register with the GMC you cannot be employed as a Pre Registration House Officer.