JOB DESCRIPTION

SPECIALTY DOCTOR

General Medicine & Respiratory Medicine
1. The Work of the Department

The department of Respiratory Medicine has two full time consultants and one part time consultant bringing the total consultant time to 2.5 WTE. Each consultant is supported by a medical secretary. There is a very good complement of specialist respiratory nurses equivalent to 4.25 WTE (six members in their team). They support both in-patient and out-patient services in a wide range of respiratory conditions including lung cancer, TB, COPD, Asthma and Sleep.

15 beds are allocated for in-patients under care of the respiratory physicians and the rest of the ward is shared with the Endocrine team. The grade of doctors allocated for the respiratory team include one FY1, one FY2 and (currently) one specialist registrar at ST3 grade. This post will increase the ‘middle grade’ compliment to two. NIV is provided on the respiratory ward.

Thoracic surgical services are provided from the Bristol Royal Infirmary. A Thoracic surgeon visits Yeovil Hospital once a month and during the rest of the month the thoracic surgeons join the lung cancer MDT meeting via a video link. Radiotherapy is provided by Musgrove Park hospital in Taunton and chemotherapy for lung cancer is administered at the MacMillan unit at Yeovil Hospital. In 2013, a Clinical Oncologist was appointed at Yeovil who also sees in-patients with lung cancer. There is an excellent support from the Radiologist with special interest in respiratory conditions.

The clinical investigation department provides full lung function testing. Spirometry is also available on the respiratory ward and all respiratory out-patient clinics and is performed by the specialist respiratory nurses.

Members of the respiratory team take an active part in national as well as internal audits on a regular basis. There is a weekly teaching / training session that is attended by all members of the team.

Part of the role will be to work with the Consultants assisting with the design and the delivery of a more formal Pleural Disease Service at Yeovil Hospital; the aim being to streamline the patient pathway from initial referral; often as part of the 2 week fast track route, through the initial diagnostic stages and subsequent management. We would aim for this to occur as day case or outpatient care for the majority of patients. We have a modern ultrasound machine enabling bedside pleural ultrasound examination.

We liaise closely with colleagues in neighbouring trusts regarding patients who require indwelling pleural catheters or medical thoracoscopy. The development of the Pleural Disease Service has the support of the department and the Trust.

Respiratory services in the community are provided by a private provider and include assessment for home nebulizer, home oxygen and pulmonary rehabilitation as well as follow up of patients with COPD.
2. **The Job Itself**
   
1. The post holder will help and support the Consultants in the Respiratory Medicine Department on their dedicated wards with their ward patients plus the outpatient clinics and bronchoscopy day case sessions.

2. The post holder will work closely with all grades of Foundation, Specialty Training Doctors and Specialist Registrars within Medicine.

3. On-call commitment to the (current) 9 person Middle Grade on-call rota which is being expanded to 12 person rota as part of this recruitment.

4. Any other special interests would be encouraged.

5. All sessions are based at Yeovil District Hospital.

6. *The above list is not exhaustive.*

A provisional timetable is attached for information. **NB on-call, start and finish times and SPA are all built into the middle grade rota available on appointment.** This could be subject to change.

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- **Normal Working Day 9am to 5pm**
- **Late 9.30am to 10pm**
- **Night 9.50pm to 10am**

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3. **Study and Training**

Post holders are encouraged to attend courses and conferences and departmental meetings to meet CME requirements. The Trust allows study leave and expenses for this purpose at the authorisation of the Clinical Director and Medical Director in line with Trust Policy.

4. **SAS Tutor**

Our highly regarded SAS Tutor is Dr Michael Fernando, a Consultant Paediatrician. Our SAS Committee Chairman is Mr Sanjit Das, a Specialty Doctor in Urology.

As an SAS Tutor, Michael can:

- Provide support, development and advise to all SAS doctors
- Facilitate the education, training and career progression for SAS doctors
- Provide support to those undertaking a CESR applications via the GMC
- Arrange training days, group sessions and presentations on various topics. For example, over the last year the following have been arranged: Human Factors, Legal Aspects of Medicine, facilitation of formal Endoscopy Training, Communication Training, Leadership Training via the King’s Fund.
- Access Trust study leave funding in addition to SAS funding.

Michael received excellent feedback through the SAS Doctors 2015 survey, with 100% of respondents reporting that they felt their career development was being encouraged by the trust. The feedback comments included:

- Fantastic SAS tutor, looks after SAS doctors well
- He has been exemplary in the role and really encourages good use of funding
- Thank you
Michael is a very good SAS tutor. If he is willing to continue I think that would be a very good thing.

Best thing about the SAS group is Dr Fernando as SAS tutor.

I have really appreciated Michael's unfailing support and advice, and benefited from the group sessions and courses he has arranged. I think SAS doctors in Yeovil have an excellent tutor and I hope he continues in post for a long time to come.

5. **Main Conditions of Service**

a) The successful applicant will be employed under the Terms and Conditions for Speciality Doctors and will receive a salary based against payscale code MC46, as detailed in the National NHS Terms and Conditions of Service for Medical Staff in England. The details of the Terms and Conditions for Speciality Doctors can be found on the NHS Employers website: [www.nhsemployers.org](http://www.nhsemployers.org).

The salary and incremental increases are subject to annual review and in accordance with the National NHS Terms and Conditions of Service for Medical Staff in England.

Please be aware that if you are currently in a Specialty Registrar post either run-through or locum post, that, in line with the Terms and Conditions of Service for Specialty Doctors time spent in the Specialty Registrar grade does not count towards incremental credit on the Specialty Doctor pay scale. If you are moving from a run through programme to the Specialty Doctor grade your basic salary will be matched to the nearest point of the Specialty Doctors pay scale subject to verification of previous NHS Service. Pay-banding supplements paid to training doctors are not taken into account.

b) The post is full time working 12 PA’s per week. The current working rota is a 9 person Middle Grade on-call rota which is being expanded to 12 person rota as part of this recruitment drive.

c) Purpose built, off site, accommodation for Yeovil District Hospital staff members opened in 2012 and is managed by the Yarlington Housing Group.

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For further details regarding this accommodation please contact Sarah Morgan, Yarlington Housing Group Accommodation Officer, on 01935 404522 or email [hospital@yhg.co.uk](mailto:hospital@yhg.co.uk). Alternatively you can view the details and pricing structure on the Yarlington Housing Group website [www.yhq.co.uk](http://www.yhq.co.uk) by entering ‘Yeovil Hospital’ in the search box. Applications for this accommodation must be made direct to Yarlington Housing Group.

If you require occasional single room accommodation for short stay periods only (e.g. for 7 days per month whilst undertaking a period of night duties) please contact the Hospital Accommodation Officer via email [accommodation@ydh.nhs.uk](mailto:accommodation@ydh.nhs.uk).
6. **Other Facilities**

There is a Doctor's Mess within the hospital. Opposite the hospital there are tennis and squash courts and it may be possible to arrange membership for members of the medical staff.

A municipal sports complex with swimming pool and gymnasium is situated close to the hospital.

The hospital is situated within easy walking distance of the town centre.

7. **Conditions of Appointment**

The successful candidate should have acceptable references.

Specialty Doctors must have a minimum of 4 years experience since qualification, 2 of which must be in the relevant specialty.

The appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical assessment carried out at the hospital’s own Occupational Health Department. The medical is on the basis of a questionnaire issued at the time of appointment to the post.

This post has been identified as one involving exposure prone procedures. As such, additional health clearance is required based on Department of Health guidance March 2007. In addition to TB, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B antibody status are now required.

All pathology specimens must be identity validated from a UK laboratory and samples must be obtained by Occupational Health staff or other officially designated department.

The appointment is also subject to satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau police clearance.

8. **Arrangements to Visit the Hospital**

Any shortlisted applicant for this post who wishes to visit the hospital prior to interview should contact Dr J Gotto, Clinical Director, on 01935 475122 (main switchboard).

*The information contained in this Job Description is accurate at the time of typing but may be varied from time to time by agreement.*
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**Weighting**: Criteria in each area are ranked in order of importance 3 - 1, with 3 being essential.

**Shortlisting Criteria**: Each candidate will be scored against the person specification as follows:
3 points = fully meets or exceed the criteria.
2 points = significantly meets criteria although falls short on minor aspects.
1 point = partially meets criteria but falls short on key aspects.
0 points = does not meet criteria.

**NB**: SCORING ONLY TO BE COMPLETED AT SHORTLISTING STAGE.

**Job Description Agreement**

Specialty Doctor Respiratory (Post Holder):

Name (print):

Signature: Date:
Appendix 1 The Organisation: Yeovil District Hospital Foundation Trust

Our facilities, services and achievements

Yeovil District Hospital has enjoyed a stable and successful history; trusted and respected by our patients, staff and commissioners and well-rated by the Care Quality Commission and Monitor.

We are a District General Hospital, based in the market town of Yeovil, serving a population of around 185,000 people in South Somerset and Dorset.

Among our accolades, we have been repeatedly rated as one of the top-10 healthcare employers in the Country, are a leading-light in global stroke research and development, and have attracted national interest in our iCARE model which has established the principles of exemplary patient care and experience within our Hospital.

Yeovil Hospital at-a-glance facts:

- Strong-history as one of the top-ten healthcare employers in the country
- An NHS Foundation Trust since 2006
- Single-site hospital, providing some off-site clinical care in partnership
- Full-range of clinical services – including General Medicine, Cardiology, General Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Trauma and Paediatrics – with an emphasis on enhanced recovery achieved through multi-disciplinary input and delivered through laparoscopic-techniques, day-surgery procedures, and patient-enabling support
- Full range of on-site diagnostics, including respiratory lab and bone densitometry
- Workforce of approximately 2,300
- Provide care for a population of about 185,000, primarily in south Somerset, North and West Dorset and parts of Mendip
- 345 beds and a private patients’ wing, the Kingston Wing.
- In 2011/12, there were 17,668 emergency admissions, 3,337 elective admissions, 16,765 day case admissions, 162,790 outpatients seen, 43,915 Emergency Department attendances; 1649 births, and 645 admissions to intensive care
- An excellent reputation for research activities, including the second-highest uptake for the global AVERT stroke trial

Our future

While we enjoy stability, both in financial and operational performance, we are clear that the success of our past must be employed as a strong base from which to launch into an innovative and sustainable future.

We know that the role which an acute hospital plays within a wider care landscape must change in order to meet people's aspirations for improved outcomes, greater independence into later life, and access to more care closer to home. We also know that the sustainability and continued quality of both the NHS and public-sector social care relies upon collaboration and creativity.

As with the rest of the South West, our population consists of more people aged 65+ and 85+ than the England average. In fact, our demography matches that forecast for England in the...
15 years-time. This means the country’s medical communities and policy-writers are looking to Trusts like ours us to find solutions to tomorrow’s problems today. This brings us challenges and opportunities in equal measure.

We must develop and deliver services across specialties which are capable of caring for patients with many co-morbidities, increasing complexity and acuity, and greater incidences of dementia. We will need to apply new techniques and service-models early, and establish innovative partnerships to enable skills, experiences, and resources to move with the patient to provide the right care in the right place.

This means we need brilliant people; those who are able to deliver exceptional care on the frontlines and as managers, providing our patients with the best possible experience and outcomes, and helping to build the NHS of the future.

Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has an active and well established Department of Research and over the last year record numbers of patients have welcomed the opportunity to take part in clinical research studies available here. Patients who are eligible for a research study and consent to take part are cared for by an experienced team of research staff who provide individual support throughout. There has been a year-on-year increase in providing access to new drugs and treatments across most disease areas, particularly the common cancers, diabetes, heart failure, arthritis and stroke.

**Working for Yeovil District Hospital**

The Hospital is one of the largest employers in the area with around 1,700 whole time equivalent staff. In 2011 the Healthcare 100 survey identified Yeovil District Hospital as the second best general hospital to work for in the UK, for the third year running. Yeovil is very proud to have scored in the top 20% of acute trusts in the annual staff survey, for the third year in a row, and was the top acute trust in the South West in terms of staff attitudes to working at Yeovil. Staff retention is excellent with over 85% of staff employed by the Trust for over a year.

Yeovil District Hospital recognises how important it is to involve both its staff and the local community in developing services for the future. Clinicians’ views formed the Clinical Services Strategy and are key to the Trust’s Service Improvement Plans; to provide high quality safe services which make best use of our resources.

The Trust supports a rich, multi-cultural workforce representing some 40 nationalities and the Hospital has been used as an example of good practice across the region for equality and diversity by NHS Employers, who gave the Trust a top score and ‘Positively Diverse Lead Site Status’.

High quality training is also important to the Trust. YDH links with the Universities of Plymouth, Bournemouth, West of England and Bristol to train the healthcare professionals of the future in its prestige new learning centre, the Somerset Academy.

**Neighbouring community hospitals**

There are currently four local community hospitals run by NHS Somerset at Wincanton, South Petherton, Crewkerne and Chard. The majority of the beds are used for General Practitioner care.

There are minor injury units at Crewkerne and Chard hospitals and Wincanton Community Hospital which are run by GPs and nurses. Wincanton Community Hospital accommodates the Herridge Unit for rehabilitation of the elderly and South Petherton Community Hospital is being rebuilt.
NHS Dorset manages the Yeatman Hospital in Sherborne, which has a minor injuries unit and a surgical day ward with an operating theatre equipped for minor and intermediate day surgery.

Appendix 2  Important Information for Candidates

Main Terms and Conditions

1. The successful applicant will be employed under the National Terms and Conditions for Medical & Dental Staff in England. They will receive a gross annual salary based on payscale code quoted on page 1 of the job description. The details of the Terms and Conditions for Doctors can be found on the NHS Employers website: http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/pay-and-reward/pay/pay-and-conditions-circulars/medical-and-dental-pay-and-conditions-circulars

2. The salary and incremental increases are subject to annual review and in accordance with the National NHS Terms and Conditions of Service for Medical Staff in England.

Pre-Employment Screening

3. All candidates recommended for appointment will be subject to mandatory pre-employment checks before commencing in post.

4. Any offer of appointment may subsequently be withdrawn if a candidate knowingly withdraws information or provides false or misleading information. Information disclosed on application forms or CV’s will be checked.

5. References will be required to cover a minimum of three years of previous employment and/or training and one reference must be from your most recent/current employer. References will be requested after a verbal job offer has been made.

6. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory medical assessment carried out at the hospital’s own Occupational Health Department. The medical is on the basis of a questionnaire issued at the time of appointment to the post.

7. This post has not been identified as one involving exposure prone procedures. Additional health clearance maybe required based on Department of Health guidance March 2007. In addition to TB, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B antibody status are now required.

8. All pathology specimens must be identity validated from a UK laboratory and samples must be obtained by Occupational Health staff or other officially designated department.

9. The appointment is also subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Clearance (DBS).
Hospital Accommodation

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Appendix 3 Supplementary Information for Candidates

About Yeovil

Situated on the Southern boundary of Somerset, bordering Dorset, Yeovil enjoys a prime position for accessing and enjoying some of the best countryside, coast and cities in the UK.

Yeovil itself is a vibrant market town with a population of around 40,000, and the population we serve is drawn from the town as well as the many rural and semi-rural conurbations which surround it.

Good public transport networks, easy motorway and A-road links, exciting urban neighbours in Bristol and Bath, and easy access to Bristol International Airport, means we can live amidst some of the country’s most beautiful countryside without compromising on access to the rest of the UK and beyond.

Airports – Local airports providing access to European and international destinations are at Bristol, Southampton, Exeter and Bournemouth.

Living here - Whether buying or renting, the surrounding area offers something to suit every taste and budget; whether you prefer the tranquility and community of village life, or more vibrant surroundings in one of our many nearby local towns.

With such choice, there is wide variety in house prices for buyers. However, prices for Somerset and Dorset are very attractive when compared to national averages.

Somerset average house price: £215, 400

Dorset average house price: £260, 800

Source: Land Registry of England & Wales (Dec 2012)

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Schools & Higher Education

Parents moving into South Somerset or those wishing to start a family have a wealth of educational facilities on their doorstep. As well as a choice of state primary, secondary and further education facilities, the area also boasts a number of private schools with excellent reputations.

Access to academic excellence at a higher level is unparalleled, with both the University of the West of England (Bristol) and Bath University less than an hour away.

The website of Somerset County Council, our Local Education Authority, contains everything you need to start planning for the education needs of your family.

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Activities

There is a Doctor’s Mess within the hospital. Opposite the hospital there are tennis and squash courts and it may be possible to arrange membership for members of the medical staff. A municipal sports complex with swimming pool and gymnasium is situated close to the hospital. The hospital is situated within easy walking distance of the town centre.

After a busy week making a difference to the lives of your patients, you may feel you deserve some serious rest and relaxation; and based in or around Yeovil you couldn’t be in a better place.

Within easy reach are the Somerset levels and moors, and the golden-sand beaches of Dorset, with opportunities to enjoy a wide variety of activities such as sailing, climbing, and walking. Families are also catered for in abundance, with the renowned Longleat Safari and Wildlife Park and Cheddar Gorge, and Fleet Air Arm Museum close by, while for urban days-out Bristol and Bath offer superb shopping, along with global cuisine, arts and culture.

Meanwhile, gastronomes will find several Michelin-starred restaurants nestled in the surrounding countryside and cities.

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