Job Description for the Post
of Specialty Trainee in Diagnostic Radiology

Radiology Clinical Academic Unit
Barts and The London NHS Trust

Including Job Descriptions for rotations at:-

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children
Homerton Hospital
Whipps Cross Hospital

The National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery
SPECIALTY TRAINEE IN DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

The Post

The Specialty Trainee post is for five years, subject to satisfactory yearly Annual Review of Competency. The post is approved by The Royal College of Radiologists as a training post for Fellowship of the College and for training leading to the Certificate of Completion of Specialty Training (CCT).

There are 35 funded Specialty Trainees in the Barts and The London Training Scheme. At any time, there may be additional trainees holding honorary or supernumerary appointments.

Training will take place at The Royal London Hospital, St Bartholomew's Hospital and The London Chest Hospital covering all aspects of diagnostic imaging and interventional radiology. Included in the programme are rotations to Homerton and Whipps Cross Hospitals which are district general hospitals. A rotation to The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street is part of the programme.

After the FRCR has been obtained, every effort is made to allow the acquisition of additional experience in those areas of imaging in which the appointee wishes to develop a special interest.

Qualifications required:

a) At least one year's post-registration clinical experience.

b) Registration with GMC.

c) A higher qualification – MRCP or FRCS - is desirable but not essential

Duties of the Post

Core training is delivered in the first 3 years with opportunities for more flexible training opportunities in yr 4 and 5

a) During the first year Specialty registrars will develop core skills in radiographic techniques and reporting. They will be trained in and expected to undertake fluoroscopic examinations including all barium studies of the GI tract, intravenous urograms, micturating cystograms, and venograms, etc, appropriate to their level of training and in accordance with the requirements of The Royal College of Radiologists' Structured Training Document (RCR Curriculum). They will also gain core experience in CT scanning and ultrasound, nuclear medicine and neuroradiology and will attend plain film reporting sessions. They are also expected to attend the Part 1 course organised by the RCR to learn principles of Radiation Protection and basic physics as well as the in house anatomy training in advance of the part 1 anatomy exam.

b) In years 2 and 3 there are formal rotations –usually of 3 months duration -which provide an opportunity for further experience. The training includes a mix of modality based and systems based rotations as this is currently thought to provide the best learning opportunities. These rotations include:- general and gynaecological ultrasound, CT scanning, neuro and body MRI, angiography and interventional procedures, chest radiology, neuroradiology, breast radiology, nuclear medicine, paediatrics and musculoskeletal imaging. Other modules may be introduced in the future. There are rotations to District General Hospitals – usually after some core experience has been achieved at the base hospitals. It is expected that trainees will
spend approximately 3 months of each of the first 3 years on rotation to either Whipps cross or Homerton.

c) STRs are also expected to attend the London Course in Diagnostic Radiology organised by the RCR, in preparation for the FRCR examination and are allowed study leave time to attend this course.

d) There are 5th year sub-specialist rotations currently available in:
   - Neuroradiology
   - Paediatrics
   - Breast imaging
   - Interventional radiology
   - Body MRI
   - Radionuclide radiology
   - Musculoskeletal radiology
   - GI radiology/ Cross-sectional imaging

In addition, further general experience can be developed in the 5th year, dependant upon the individual needs of the ST.

**Rotations to Other Hospitals**

All these rotations will be on a 3 monthly basis. They occur at various times throughout the Specialty Registrar post (Years 1-5).

There are usually 3 STRs at Whipps Cross at any time. This rotation is full time – but trainees are released to attend the College Course and the monthly academic half day teaching at BLT.

There are usually 2 STs at Homerton – usually in the 2nd and 3rd years. The rotations are full time.

There are excellent opportunities to develop expertise in all aspects of general radiology at these busy DGH’s.

The rotation to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOS) is full-time, offering subspecialty experience in paediatric radiology- particularly in paediatric oncology. This also includes on call at GOS for the period of the attachment.

There is also a day release secondment in oncological radiology to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Rd which takes place during the senior MRI rotation.

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Postgraduate Training

There is a very active programme of teaching with daily tutorials based on film viewing led by consultant radiologists on both the Barts and the London sites. A detailed programme is available. Tutorials take place between 8-9am with further lunchtime sessions on many days.

In addition there is monthly Academic Half Day (Thursday pm) when a more structured systems based approach to teaching is followed. There is a separate programme of outside speakers, occurring after the monthly academic half day, which junior staff are expected to attend.

There are well equipped Radiology libraries within the department at both Barts and the London Hospitals where both up to date text books and radiology journals are available.

There is also access to the general medical school library facilities at all sites. Additional library facilities are available at the Basic Sciences Building at Queen Mary & Westfield College adjacent to Mile End Hospital. A specialist library is available at the London Chest Hospital.

There is internet access in the registrars room and throughout the departments on all sites with many online journals available.

Multidisciplinary meetings are held with almost all departments within the hospital including Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Neurology, Gynaecology, Urology, Renal Medicine, Hepatobiliary, Respiratory Medicine and Breast Surgery and a weekly Trauma meeting. Attendance by StRs particularly from years 3 onwards is strongly encouraged to develop a good understanding of clinico-radiology intercommunication.

Teaching

Specialty Registrars participate in the training of more junior radiologists within the department. They are also often required and encouraged to teach undergraduate medical students, postgraduates, radiography students, nurses, etc. and to participate in the research programme in the department.
Audit

Departmental audit sessions take place on a monthly basis and routine lists are cancelled to allow attendance at this essential function. All members of the Radiology and Radiographic staff are expected to attend. StRs are expected to actively participate in the audit process and to be involved in audit projects as part of their training.

Research

There is a very active research programme within the department and participation in research is both supported and encouraged. There are fortnightly research meetings which take place at Barts (Monday lunchtime – led by Professor Rockall and Professor Reznek).

The output of research publications by the department is exceptionally strong. There is strong encouragement for STs to submit research and educational exhibits to International Radiology meetings – particularly the RSNA meeting - with attendance at meetings encouraged should submissions be accepted for presentation.

Equal Opportunities

The post-holder must carry out all duties and responsibilities with due regard for Barts and The London NHS Trust's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Salary and Conditions of Service

The post will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of Service of Hospital Medical & Dental Staff (England & Wales) and to the National Health Service Pensions Regulations and London Weighting Allowance is payable.

Hours of Work and On Call

First year STs undertake a shadow on call system for one evening per week. STs usually join the junior on Call rota in year 2. There are between 20 and 22 STs on the rota with pairing of a junior and Senior StR. The on call commitment is usually very busy but is compliant with the European Working Time Directive. The experience gained via the on-call commitment is highly regarded. The frequency will vary between 1 in 8 and 1 in 12 depending on the number of appropriately trained STs available.

Appropriate banding has been negotiated and STs achieve the requisite hours of rest. At present, a partial shift system operates and STs are granted a half day off prior to and a full day off following overnight on-call. A full shift system is in operation at weekends. There are continuing discussions as to how the needs of training and service can be met and it may be that a full shift on call system will be required in the near future.

Barts and The London NHS Trust reserves the right to change the parameters of the standard working week, the number of hours additional duty you are required to undertake and the area in which you are required to undertake it, in the light of the requirements of the service. Barts and The London NHS Trust will endeavour to give as much advance notice as possible of such change. In the event of a change in the number of additional duty hours you are required to undertake your pay will be adjusted
appropriately. In the event of a change in working hours the banding will be adjusted accordingly and there will be no right to salary protection.

Your may be required to provide on-call cover for patients throughout Barts and The London NHS Trust and the other hospitals in the rotation, including cross-district, inter- and intra-directorate, and Barts and The London NHS Trust reserves the right to change cover requirements in accordance with the needs of the service.

Due to the nature of the work in this post, it is exempt from the provision of section 4(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions Order 1975).

Applicants are therefore not entitled to withhold information about convictions, including those which, for other purposes are "spent" under the provisions of the Act. Failure to disclose such information may result in dismissal or disciplinary action.

**Leave**

Study leave is available as provided for under the Terms and Conditions of Service for Hospital, Medical and Dental Staff and in accordance with the recommendations of the Royal College of Radiologists.

Annual leave will be in accordance with the Terms & Conditions of Service of Hospital Medical & Dental Staff (England & Wales).

**Visiting the Department**

Open days will be held at The Royal London Hospital on two separate days following short listing and prior to interview. The details of the Training programme will be covered in these sessions and there will be an opportunity to visit the available facilities. Candidates are encouraged to attend these days. The number of applicants for the posts makes it impossible to arrange individual visits and visits will not be encouraged prior to the short listing process.

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RADIOLOGY CLINICAL ACADEMIC UNIT
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The Radiology Clinical Academic Unit (CAU) encompasses all Radiology Departments across all hospitals. There is a CAU director (Mathew Matson) and Lead Consultants (Alison McLean/ Matthew Matson) on each main site.

As part of the PFI programme, new hospitals are being built at both The London and Barts sites. The planning is now at an advanced stage and it is anticipated that the new Imaging Department at Barts will be ready for commissioning in early 2010 and The Royal London in 2011.

The Royal London site will incorporate all acute services and include a paediatric hospital. The Barts site will provide Cancer and Cardiac services.

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Consultant Radiologists and Areas of Special Interest

Predominantly based at Whitechapel:

Dr E. Friedman  US/Paediatrics
Dr R. Jalan  Musculoskeletal
Dr L. Moon  Paediatric imaging
Dr S. Chippington  Paediatric Radiologist
Dr Ian Goddard  Paediatrics and general Radiology
Dr J. Murfitt  US/Mammography/ GI
Dr N. Power  CT/MR/GI
Dr P. Butler  Neuro Interventional/MRI
Dr C. Thakkar  Neuroradiology
Dr J. Evanson  Neuroradiology
Dr P. Richards  Neuroradiology/Max-fax
Dr C. Offiah  Neuroradiologist/Max-fax
Dr N. Garvie  Nuclear Medicine/General Radiology
Dr H. Jan  Nuclear medicine
Dr M. Ahmad  Musculoskeletal
Dr S. Vaidya  Musculoskeletal
Dr L. Biassoni  Nuclear med (and GOS)
Dr I. Renfrew  Vascular/intervention
Dr N. Fotiadis  Interventional
Dr D. Low  Intervention
Dr M. Matson  Vascular/Intervention
Dr T. Fotheringham  Intervention
Dr J. Makdissi  Dental/ Max-fax

Predominantly based at Smithfield:

Dr N. Avril  PET CT/nuclear med
Dr P. Cannon  General
Dr A. McLean  CT/US/G-I

Dr N. Perry  Mammography/Forrest Screening
Professor R. Reznek  CT/MRI/US  (Med College)
Dr S. Vinnicombe  Breast/CT/MRI
Professor A. Rockall  MRI
Dr A. Sahdev  Oncology
DR S. Usiskin  Breast symptomatic/oncology
Dr M. Smith(ass spec)  Breast screening physician
Dr A. Canizales (ass spec)  Nuclear medicine
Dr C. Anagnostopoulos  Nuclear Medicine / PET
Dr I. Froud  Breast symptomatic/oncology

Predominantly based at the London Chest:

Dr S. Ellis  CT/Thoracic/General( + SBH)
EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

A fully operational and integrated RIS and PACS system operates across all sites.

St Bartholomew’s Hospital (new department, scheduled to open March 2010)

State of the art equipment to include:

MRI: 2 Phillips scanners, a 1.5T and a 3T

CT:
1 Siemens Definition AS 64 slice
1 Siemens Definition DS 64 slice (Dual Source)

Interventional Suite: Siemens Artis

Ultrasound equipment to be confirmed

PET/CT: Phillips Gemini TF 64 (installed 2007)

Royal London Hospital

- **Ultrasound department:**
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Alex Wing First Floor

Bay 1 Siemens Antares
Bay 2 GE system E9 (Feb 2009)
Bay 3 Siemens Acuson Sequoia
Bay 4 GE system E9 (Feb 2009)
Bay 5 Siemens Antares

Obstetrics – Basement RLH

Room 1 Phillips IU22
Room 2 Voluson 730
Room 3 Phillips
Room 4 Phillips
Room 5 Voluson 730
- **Alexandra Wing X-ray (1st Floor):**

  Day case recovery suite+

  Angiography/fluoroscopy - Room 10-Philips Integris allura V5000 (2002/2003) - NB this unit is now non operational and of December this year will be replaced by a Phillips Xper FD20 system
  Room 11-GE Innova Biplane 3131
  Room 12- Phillips Integris Eleva
  Room 3 - Siemens Polystar (1998)

- **Alexandra Wing X-ray (1st Floor):**

  R5 – Wolveerson plain film and tomo room
  R6 – siemens plain film room
  R7 – Siemens plain film room
  5 mobile units for portable x-rays – xograph dart DR and AMX4
  4 Theatre units – Ziehm and Siemens.

- **Alexandra Wing A&E (Ground Floor):**

  2 General A/E rooms -Both Siemens and Siedent OPG unit.
  Resus Room - Ceiling mounted trauma unit & Ultrasound

- **AE- CT**

  - Two Siemens sensation 64 slice scanners

- **MRI**

  1.5T-GE Excite and twinspeed (2003)

The new Royal London Hospital is scheduled to open in 2011 and there will be extensive replacement of current equipment. At present the equipment for the new build has however not been confirmed.
Overview

Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) is an internationally recognised specialist hospital for children, treating tertiary, national and international referrals. The hospital has the widest range of paediatric specialties of any UK hospital. It is the largest UK centre for paediatric cardiothoracic surgery, neurosurgery and oncology. GOSH and the allied Institute for Child Health is the largest centre for research into childhood illness outside the United States.

Trainees in radiology in years 3 and 4 from 6 London based training schemes undergo rotational attachment to GOSH. Attachments are for from 3-4 months depending on training scheme.

During the attachment, trainees are exposed to a wide range of often complex paediatric pathology from all paediatric medical and surgical specialties. Trainees rotate through the different modalities within the department including plain film reporting, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, CT, MRI, neuroradiology and nuclear medicine.

Trainees experience a high level of clinical supervision from a friendly and approachable Consultant body.

Trainees are encouraged to get involved in audit and research, and many high quality audit studies, case reports and research studies have been carried out by trainees on rotational attachment at GOSH over the past few years, resulting in prizes and publications.
The Department

The department sees approximately 50000 attendances per year. Examinations are frequently complex, and normal studies are unusual.

There are 8 consultant general paediatric radiologists, 3 interventional radiologists, 3 neuroradiologists and 2 nuclear medicine consultants (see supplement for details).

The department is excellently equipped: there are 4 1.5T MRI units, including one composite MRI and cardiac intervention lab. CT is provided by a 64 slice dual source scanner (installed 2007), capable of performing gated cardiac imaging even in neonates with rapid heart rates. We have a brand new Fluoroscopy unit (installed June 2009). DR and CR digital radiography units are utilised, with funding secured for a new state of the art CR unit, to be installed in 2010.

We are seeking funding for rolling replacement of all our ultrasound units.

We utilise a Siemens PACS, integrated with RIS (iSoft Radcentre) through a Soliton front end, which provides excellent voice recognition and worklist functionality. RIS and PACS are due for replacement in 2012.

We are introducing an Ordercomms electronic requesting and reporting system in 2010.

Trainee induction

On their first day, trainees receive a half day local induction led by the training director. This includes a walking tour of the department and PACS, RIS and voice recognition training. Trainees also receive an induction pack including modality based guidance, lists of clinical meetings, lists of training opportunities and an induction checklist. Trainees also receive a username and password for the hospital computer system, giving them access to an email account. Compulsory Trust training courses, including in child protection, can be completed through a web-based e-learning system.

Trainee supervision

All rotational trainees are assigned a named clinical supervisor for their attachment who will complete paperwork, with appraisal interviews at the beginning, middle and end of the attachment. Trainees should maintain their educational supervisor from their base hospital.

Day to day supervision is intensive. During the first month of their attachment, trainees are expected to show all their cases to a consultant for review prior to authorisation of reports; later in the attachment trainees may be given leeway to authorise reports they are happy with, depending on progress in that first month, which is reviewed in the monthly teaching and training meeting.

Clinical meetings

There are a large number of clinical radiology meetings throughout the week covering all specialties, which trainees are encouraged to attend.
Formal teaching

There is a rolling 4 month long weekly didactic teaching programme covering all aspects of paediatric radiology, and delivered by the Consultants on Mondays or Tuesdays. There is weekly case based review teaching on Wednesday lunchtimes and most Thursday mornings. Monthly audit meetings and bi-monthly discrepancy meetings are also held on Thursday mornings. There is weekly Nuclear Medicine teaching on Friday lunchtimes.

Training meetings

There is a monthly teaching and training committee meeting, chaired by the college tutor, to which all trainees are invited. Changes to the teaching program, training and supervision issues and external trainee attachments are discussed at this meeting. A confidential session is held at the end of the meeting to discuss trainee progress.

Audit and Research

The department has an excellent record of research publication, and there are abundant opportunities for trainees to become involved in research projects, from case reports to major international scientific studies.

The department presents between 16 and 20 audit projects a year, many of these led by trainees.

Library Facilities

The main library for hospital staff is located within the Institute of Child Health and provides good accommodation for quiet undisturbed study. The full range of paediatric journals is available and access is available 18 hours per day including weekends.

On-Call

The standard working week is 40 hours. On call is on a 1 in 7 to 1 in 8 basis, on call from home for emergencies. This has been diaried at a band 2B rating, and is EWTD compliant. Trainees receive a half day of compensatory rest.

Leave

- All leave must be agreed in advance by the Admin SR.
- At least 4 SpRs must be available at any one time.
- There is no formal limit on the amount of leave taken during the attachment, but trainees must comply with their overall annual leave allocation from their base hospital. If more than 12 days are applied for during the attachment, this must be discussed with the College Tutor.
- Study leave is usually provided on a one half-day per week basis: however, trainees may elect to utilise their study leave for conference attendance etc, in which case, the weekly half day may not be given.
APPENDIX: Departmental structure

College Tutor and Training Director: Dr AD Calder

Clinical unit chair: Ms Judith Cope

Director of Postgraduate Medical Education: Dr B Buckley

Department - The Staffing Structure

Consultants:

General Paediatric Radiology

Dr R de Bruyn
Dr AD Calder
Prof K Rosendahl
Dr K McHugh
Dr C Owens
Dr O Olsen
Dr M Easty
Dr MP Hiorns

Paediatric Neuroradiology

Dr K Chong
Dr T Cox
Dr R Gunny
Dr D Saunders

Vein of Galen Service

Dr S Brew
Dr F Robertson

Paediatric Intervention

Dr D Roebuck
Dr A Barnacle
Dr S Chippington
**Paediatric Nuclear Medicine**

Dr L Biassoni  4 sessions at GOS  
Dr M Easty  4 sessions at GOS

**Junior Staff**

- 5 full time Specialty Registrars (Year 3-4) on rotation from St George’s Hospital, Royal Free Hospital, UCH Hospital, Barts and The London Hospitals, Hammersmith Hospital.
- 2 part time specialty Registrars (Years 2-4) on rotation from Hammersmith and Northwick Park.
- 1 Full time Junior (years 1-2) SpR from St George’s Hospital
- There is also a full-time Henri Bequerel Fellow in Paediatric Nuclear Medicine.
- 1 SpR on rotation from Queen’s Square National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery
- There are 3 sub-specialty training posts at Year 5 SpR/post CCT fellows.
- There is an academic clinical fellow in paediatric radiology at the Institute of Child Health (ICH)/GOS, based clinically at Barts and the London.
- Periodically there are other UK trainees and international trainees on secondment to GOSH

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WHIPPS CROSS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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SPECIALTY REGISTRAR RADIOLOGY ROTATION

Whipps Cross Hospital is an acute general hospital with 570 beds serving most medical and surgical specialities and 200 maternity beds. It has a very busy A & E Department together with a recently opened Emergency Medicine Centre which has succeeded in reducing patient waiting times to less than 4 hours in 95% of cases. There is a large obstetric unit, a breast screening service, and a modern Day Surgical Unit.

The X-ray Department has 2 fluoroscopy rooms, 5 general purpose rooms, 7 ultrasound rooms, a dedicated interventional and CT (2 X 64 slice scanners) suite with full patient recovery facilities, a nuclear medicine department with 2 gamma cameras (one with SPECT capabilities), and MRI. There is a district-based breast screening service.

Medical Staff
Dr Nick Reading  Lead Clinician and Clinical Tutor
Dr Jaya Namasivayam  Audit Lead
Dr Indira Mootoosamy  Clinical Governance Lead
Dr Sandeep Pathak  Consultant Radiologist
Dr Emma Pelluet  Consultant Radiologist
Dr Bill Ebeid  Consultant Radiologist
Dr Sherif Sadek  Consultant Radiologist
Dr Alex Clayton-Jolly  Consultant Radiologist

The Post
The post is a 2/3-month rotation (depending on year) at Whipps Cross Hospital as part of the Royal Hospitals Specialty Registrar Training Scheme in Radiology. Three SpRs attend Whipps Cross Hospital at any one time, usually from years 1, 2 and 3 of the rotation. Timetables are flexible to cater for the needs of the particular SpR.

There are particular opportunities in the following radiological specialties:

- Interventional
  - Peripheral vascular work including angioplasty and stenting
  - EVAR
  - Interventional uroradiology, e.g. ureteric stent insertion & PCNL
  - Biliary drainage procedures
  - Ultrasound-guided prostatic biopsy
  - Image-guided biopsies

- Musculoskeletal imaging - Particular emphasis on image-guided injections

- Breast screening - Whipps Cross Hospital has its own breast screening unit which is part of the National Breast Screening Service. There are opportunities to gain experience in mammography, breast ultrasound, stereotactic biopsy and sentinel node imaging.
**Obstetric ultrasound** - Whipps Cross Hospital is a recognised centre for training in obstetric ultrasound for both obstetricians and radiologists. The training is organised and carried out by the Radiology Department.

**CT** – Full range of CT examinations including CT colonography. Cardiac CT is being developed.

**MRI** - There is scope to develop some aspects of MRI in the hospital with particular emphasis on the liver and biliary tract.

**ERCP** - The consultant gastroenterologist responsible for ERCP works closely with the radiology department and combined percutaneous/endoscopic biliary procedures are performed for calculous and malignant disease.

There are many clinico-radiological meetings held each week which are well attended by clinicians and form an important part of overall patient management. MDT meetings for chest, upper GI, colorectal, urological cancers and haematology are also held regularly and the department is fortunate in having teleconferencing facilities which allows combined meetings with an oncologist and histopathologist on different sites. The SpR is encouraged to attend and participate in as many of these as possible.

There is a comprehensive library of radiology textbooks in the department and also an X-ray museum. There is a well-equipped seminar room in the department with an LCD projector and PC with network facilities (Medline, Cochrane Library, etc.). A good medical library which subscribes to the major journals is present in the Medical Education Centre which also has extensive computing facilities. A hospital Grand Round is held weekly in the Medical Education Centre and includes case presentations and lectures by visiting speakers.

Radiology SpRs are encouraged to undertake an audit during their time at Whipps Cross. An audit department is available to assist in such projects.

Tutorials with the consultant radiologists are arranged on an ad hoc basis and are structured to reflect the stage of the SpR's training.

**Visits to the Hospital**

Applicants may arrange a convenient time to visit the hospital. Please contact Dr Reading on 020 8535 6652.

*WX/Oct 09*
**General Information**

Homerton Hospital is an acute modern (1986) general hospital housed in an award-winning development serving the population of Hackney and became a first wave foundation Trust in 2004. This status has enabled the Trust to facilitate innovative service developments and improve services to the local population. As well as the trust board there is a council of 26 governors representing the local community who are elected by the foundation members.

It is a refreshingly bright and well-maintained campus, which provides a welcoming oasis in the inner city environment surrounding the hospital. Hackney is a diverse borough in inner city London, with a population of 250,000. The borough is one of the most deprived in Europe, with the consequence that demand for high quality, local health services is great.

The recent (2008) Health Care Commission Survey has awarded the Trust an ‘Excellent’ rating both for Management of Resources and Quality of Service. The NHSLA inspection in November 2007 resulted in the Trust retaining its Level 2 award.

The Hospital has approximately 500 beds at present, including a 50 bed nursing home in Shoreditch East London. The Accident and Emergency Department sees 98,000 attendance’s per year, and is supported by teams in general medicine, general surgery, orthopaedics, and obstetrics and gynaecology. There is a Primary / Urgent Care Centre (PUCC) comprising of – a nurse-led Walk-in Centre (WIC) and GP access clinic. The vision of the PUCC is to make access to primary care as convenient as possible for those who live, work or visit Hackney and who require clinical attention.

There is a Children’s Early Assessment Unit located in the A&E Department supported by the ambulatory Paediatric services on Starlight Children’s Unit.

Homerton’s fertility unit opened in 1995. This is HFEA accredited and offers a full range of fertility treatments. All obstetric services within the City of London and Hackney are centralised at Homerton, and there are 5,000 babies delivered per year at the hospital. Specialist fetal medicine services are available on site and we are currently expanding our Level 3 Neonatal intensive care unit, from 8 to 16 cots.

There is a 10-bedded combined adult Intensive Care / High Dependency Unit. The Hospital also has an Academic Unit of Gastroenterology, a dedicated Stroke Unit, a specialist Neurological Rehabilitation Unit (RNRU), a range of general and specialist medicine, surgery and gynaecology, a fertility unit, and an open access service for genitourinary medicine.

There is an extensive range of surgical services provided on site at the trust. This includes breast surgery. There is a rapidly expanding Bariatric Surgical Unit which presently performs close to 10% of UK bariatric surgery.
The emergency 4 hour, outpatient and cancer targets have been met by the Trust in the last financial year.

**Continuing Medical Education**

Continuing Medical Education is an integral part of the post. The appointee will be encouraged to ensure that his/her full entitlement to CME/study leave is taken. Limited funding is available to attend appropriate postgraduate courses and activities.

**Duties of the Post**

SpRs will take part in the general departmental lists including, CT, US, Fluoroscopy and plain film reporting. There is opportunity for the SpRs to attend Gynae US and neonatal cranial US sessions with the Ultrasonographers.

Regular meetings occur with clinical firms during the week and the Specialty Registrars are encouraged to attend and participate actively in these clinical meetings. There is a Postgraduate Centre with a good library housing a large range of textbooks, including radiological texts and journals. In addition, there are textbooks and journals within the department. The Specialty Registrars are encouraged to take part in audit, teaching and research projects within the department.

**Visits to the Hospital**

Applicants are invited to visit the department by arrangement with Dr Susan Rowe, Clinical Director (Tel: 020 8510 7524) or Dr Kamini Patel, College Tutor (tel: 020 8510 7113).

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