

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY**JOB DESCRIPTION**

POST: Clinical Assistant in Geriatric Medicine
Gosport War Memorial
Geriatric Day Hospital

GOSPORT DAY HOSPITAL

The Gosport Day Hospital is the newest of the four Geriatric Day Hospitals within the Portsmouth and South East Hants Health Authority. Patients will be accepted from Gosport and Lee-on-Solent which has an over 65 population of around 13,000.

The Day Hospital is purpose built and part of the new block of the Gosport War Memorial. A maximum of fifteen patients a day could attend from Monday to Friday. This would provide 3,750 annual attendances. The War Memorial currently provides Outpatient Services, and also has an Elderly long stay ward and a General Practitioners' ward. In the next phase Psychiatric Services for the Elderly will also be on site.

The Day Hospital aims to provide medical and nursing therapies, rehabilitation, and maintenance in the community using a multi-disciplinary team approach with a view to maintaining independence for as long as possible.

STAFFING

The Day Hospital will be staffed by two Consultants who will each contribute one session per fortnight - Dr. R.F. Logan on a Tuesday morning and Dr. A. Lord on a Monday morning. There will be a total of five Clinical Assistant sessions.

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The Clinical Assistant will be required to attend in the mornings and attend to the ongoing medical problems, and carry out venesections as well as specific tests like ECG, sigmoidoscopy, and pleural aspiration. Review and adjustment of drug regimens, co-ordination of referrals with other departments, including the arranging of admissions will also be required. New patients would need to be clerked in and a treatment plan formulated together with the other members of the multi-disciplinary team. Communication with General Practitioners and dictation of discharge summaries will also be required.

Consultant support will be in the form of a ward round (as above) but is also available at any other time on an informal basis.

Patients from the acute, rehabilitation or long-stay wards of the Elderly Services Department may be referred direct to the Day Hospital, while those from the Community and other departments and wards will initially be seen by a Consultant or Senior Registrar in Geriatric Medicine.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Working in the Day Hospital should provide an excellent opportunity to learn the basic principles of Geriatric Medicine, and staff are encouraged to sit for the Diploma in Geriatric Medicine. Participation in Audit and Research will be supported.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

This post is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Hospital Medical and Dental Staff.

Salary: £2,810 per session, per annum

Annual Leave: 6 working weeks per annum

Superannuation: Optional NHS Superannuation Scheme in operation

Notice: 2 Calendar months in writing

Any candidate wishing to visit the Day Hospital should contact Dr. R.F. Logan or Dr. A. Lord via Medical Secretary, Gosport War Memorial - extension