

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

SPECIALIST REGISTRAR IN ORAL MEDICINE

Job Description

APPOINTMENT

This is a whole time (40 hours), non-resident Specialist Registrar in Oral Medicine based at Liverpool University Dental Hospital. The Postgraduate Dental Dean has confirmed that this post has the required approval.

The post is for five years (two year exemption for a registered medical qualification with a license to practise) in preparation for the Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship Examination in Oral Medicine^(1,2). This is the expected length of specialist training in Oral Medicine, subject to satisfactory progression^(1,2,3). Applicants considering applying for this post on a flexible training basis should initially contact Dr Bijaya Rajlawat and the Postgraduate Dental Dean's Office⁽⁴⁾ for a confidential discussion.

- (1) Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Programme (ISCP, 2011) available via:
https://www.iscp.ac.uk/curriculum/surgical/specialty_year_syllabus.aspx?enc=WMMI2QH6SDMLibX6pINohg
- (2) Intercollegiate Specialty Fellowship Examinations guidance available via:
<http://rcpsq.ac.uk/dentistry/exams/isfe/oral-medicine>
- (3) A Reference Guide for Postgraduate Dental Core and Specialty Training in the UK – The Dental Gold Guide September 2021, available via:
[Dental Gold Guide 2021 - COPDEND](#)
- (4) Health Education England - North West: Dental Specialist Training information available via:
<https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/>

DATE WHEN VACANCY AVAILABLE

Immediately

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF LIVERPOOL AND SURROUNDING AREA

Liverpool is a dynamic city. It has experienced a major revival over the past few years and Merseysiders enjoy a superb quality of life. Liverpool is unusually compact and travel both into and around the city is fairly stress-free.

The county abounds with fine architecture, lively cultural pursuits and outstanding sport. Tourism has become a major industry and millions of people visit the city every year, attracted both by the area's natural and man-made assets.

Liverpool was European Capital of Culture in 2008 and Merseyside's theatres, museums and art collections are now amongst its strongest assets. The city is alive with independent theatre groups, authors, poets and dance groups. Photography, sculpture, street art and video makers abound. The Walker Art Gallery contains a collection equal to any in the provinces and the Tate Gallery opened in 1988 on Liverpool's waterfront at the refurbished Albert Dock. The Philharmonic Orchestra is nationally acclaimed and there is a full range of musical activities of all types.

There are both Anglican and Roman Catholic Cathedrals and facilities for worship for every other faith in the city. There are excellent schools for both genders, including a variety of denominational schools, both in the private and public sectors. Very good housing in pleasant suburbs near the sea and in rural areas is available, the cost of which is rather less than the national average.

Two airports are within easy reach, Liverpool John Lennon and Manchester International Airport, which is within three quarters of an hour driving time. There are excellent train services and motorway links to all parts of the country, with easy access to the National Parks of North Wales, the Peak District and the Lake District, as well as to both the Lancashire and North Wales coasts.

2. THE HOSPITALS / DEPARTMENTS

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUHFT)

The Royal Liverpool University Hospital was opened in 1978 and became a self-governing Trust within the NHS in April 1991. It subsequently amalgamated with Broadgreen Hospital NHS Trust to form the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals Trust (RLBUHT) in 1995. Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust consists of Aintree University Hospital, the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Broadgreen Hospital and Liverpool University Dental Hospital. The new Royal Liverpool University Hospital is located in the city centre and is one of the biggest in the country to provide inpatients with 100% single en-suite bedrooms, improving patient experience, safety and enhanced recovery.

Most medical and surgical specialties are represented within the Trust. Many of the departments offer a service for tertiary referral from within and outside the region. It is the main teaching hospital in the region for the University of Liverpool and is adjacent to the

University Campus. The Clinical Academic Departments of the Faculty of Medicine are situated within the Trust.

Liverpool University Dental Hospital

Liverpool University Dental Hospital (LUDH), which is rated Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission, is co-located with the Royal. It is an integral division of LUHFT. Located on the main teaching hospital campus alongside the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool University Dental Hospital (LUDH) occupies a self-contained modern building on Pembroke Place, originally constructed in the late 1960s. It has undergone a series of major refurbishments in recent years that have significantly extended and upgraded its surgeries, teaching clinics, patient waiting areas and, most recently the Oral Surgery Department in summer 2013.

The Liverpool University Dental Hospital (LUDH) provides a regional service to the inhabitants of Merseyside covering the full range of dental specialties, including Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Paediatric Dentistry, Restorative Dentistry, Orthodontics and Special Care Dentistry. There is an Oral Diagnosis Department which accepts limited numbers of walk-in patients for teaching purposes and operating facilities for day case patients requiring treatment under general anaesthesia or intravenous sedation. The Hospital has approximately 160 dental units, including six 20-unit teaching clinics, consultation and teaching suites for all the dental specialties and its own dental technical laboratories.

There are approximately 60,000 outpatient attendances per year, plus 5,000 self-referrals through the Oral Diagnosis department.

A team of full-time, part-time and honorary consultants receive secondary and tertiary referrals from throughout the area of the former Mersey Health Region and beyond, as well as participating in the training of dental undergraduates and junior staff. There are strong links with the Regional Maxillofacial Unit (MFU) based at Aintree Hospital, a leading centre nationally for the treatment of oral cancer, and a number of consultants from the MFU have sessions in the Dental Hospital.

The Liverpool University Dental Hospital is currently engaged with a paper lite program with moving to an Electronic Patient Record during 2023.

School of Dental Sciences

The Liverpool University Dental Hospital also houses the School of Dentistry and supports a cohort of over 500 dental undergraduates. The School is one of six within the University of Liverpool, Faculty of Health and Life Sciences' Institute of Learning and Teaching. The Dean of the School of Dentistry is Professor Vince Bissell.

All areas of dental, medical, biomedical, veterinary and biological sciences research within the University of Liverpool were brought together into the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences as part of the University's restructuring in 2009/10. Key research strengths have been identified and embedded into five Research Institutes within the new Faculty. All research active academic staff in the School of Dentistry are aligned to one (or more) of the Faculty of

Health and Life Sciences Research Institutes: Ageing and Chronic Disease; Infection and Global Health; Integrative Biology; Psychology, Health and Society; and Translational Medicine. These Institutes enhance existing collaborations and foster interdisciplinary alliances, allow better integration of related research activities and increase the critical mass focusing on areas of research with high impact. A number of NHS consultants actively participate in clinical research.

The School of Dentistry has a substantial full-time academic staff supported by a number of part-time staff with many honorary appointments held by hospital staff. Within the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, the School of Dentistry is represented on the Faculty Management Team and all the Faculty Quality Assurance Committees. The School has its own Board of Studies that reports to the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences. Strong links exist between the School of Dentistry and Dental Hospital.

The Oral Medicine Unit

The Unit of Oral Medicine is based within Liverpool University Dental Hospital. A specialist clinical service is provided to patients from across the region. Referrals are received from dental and medical colleagues based in either primary or secondary care settings. The majority of patient contacts are outpatient consultations with involvement in local inpatient care undertaken, as required.

Patients with a wide range of oromucosal conditions and orofacial manifestations of systemic disease are seen in the Oral Medicine Unit, which has close links with dermatology and ophthalmology. A joint oral dysplasia clinic is also scheduled with an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon. Multidisciplinary clinics are held for Orofacial Pain, Dermatology and Sjogren's/Dry Mouth patients. The Oral Medicine Unit has close links with Special Care Dentistry.

3. THE POST

Duties of the Post

The duties of the post include:

- Provision of high-quality patient care under the direction and guidance of the Consultants with respect to conditions falling within the scope of Oral Medicine practice;
- Involvement in other clinics as directed by the relevant Consultants;
- Involvement in research activity within the Unit as directed by the Consultants or relevant colleagues;
- Involvement in the education and training of students and clinical colleagues within the Unit as directed by the Consultants;
- Participation in clinical governance and related activities that promote safe and appropriate care, as directed by the Consultants;
- Participation wherever possible, including the opportunity to give verbal and non-verbal communications in relevant meetings held:

- Within the Unit, Dental Hospital or elsewhere on Merseyside
- Nationally or internationally including:
 - The British and Irish Society for Oral Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting;
- Involvement in the day-to-day management of Unit and other duties from time to time at the discretion of the Consultants.

Clinical Staff Related to Training Programme

- Consultants (full-time) in Oral Medicine – Dr B Rajlawat
- Consultants (part-time) in Oral Medicine – Professor A Field
- Mrs A Macpherson, Divisional Medical Director and Consultant in Special Care Dentistry
- Professor C Butterworth, Associate Postgraduate Dean and Consultant in Restorative Dentistry
- Mr T Lord, Clinical Director and Consultant in Oral Surgery
- Mr P Nixon, Consultant in Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology
- Dr A Triantafyllou, Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant in Oral Pathology
- Professor K Hunter, Professor of Head and Neck Pathology, LUHFT
- Professor R Shaw, Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant, Maxillofacial Surgery
- Professor V Bissell, Dean of the School of Dentistry
- Dr L Dawson, Director of Student Education, School of Dentistry
- Dr P Yesudian, Consultant Dermatologist
- Dr L Boyle, Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry
- Professor B Quinn, Professor, Restorative Dentistry

The appointee will be expected to work in close collaboration with all departments in LUDH.

The Training Programme

- Training Programme Director – Dr Bijaya Rajlawat, Consultant in Oral Medicine
- Educational Supervisors – Dr Bijaya Rajlawat and Professor Anne Field, Consultants in Oral Medicine
- Curriculum – this is outlined in the Specialist Training Curriculum for Oral Medicine; ISCP website:
https://www.iscp.ac.uk/curriculum/surgical/specialty_year_syllabus.aspx?enc=WMMI2QH6SDMLibX6pINohg
- Assessment – the learning outcomes will be assessed using both workplace-based performance assessments and examination of knowledge and clinical skills, which will sample across the domains of the curriculum *i.e.*, knowledge, skills and attitudes. The assessments will be supported by structured feedback for trainees within the training programme. Assessment tools will be both formative and summative and will be selected on the basis of their fitness for purpose.

- Appraisal - the Educational Supervisor will appraise the trainee at least twice yearly, including prior to any ARCP (Annual Review of Competence Progression). The appraisal process is confidential, but there will be an agreed mechanism to feedback information from the confidential appraisal process to other relevant parties.

Timetable

The appointee will participate in several Oral Medicine outpatient clinics each week. There will be week-to-week variations to:

- Ensure time is spent between varying clinics;
- To undertake oral mucosal biopsies;
- Allow participation in specialist medical clinics to meet the needs of the trainee and competence progression as per the curriculum.

The initial timetable will be:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Oral Medicine Consultation Clinic	Oral Medicine Consultation Clinic	Oral Medicine Consultation Clinic	Oral Medicine Consultation Clinic/Biopsy	Oral Medicine Consultation Clinic (1:2), Dry Mouth Clinic (1:4) and Orofacial Pain Liaison Clinic (1:4)
PM	Patient Related Admin	CPD/ Research	Oral Medicine Consultation Clinic (1:2), Joint Oral Medicine/Dermatology (1:4) and Joint Dysplasia Clinic (1:4)	Patient Related Admin	Oral Medicine Consultation Clinic

NB: Clinics in medical specialties for e.g., Gastroenterology, Rheumatology, Ophthalmology, Genito-Urinary Medicine, Infectious Diseases including HIV will be arranged as per trainee's progress.

Postgraduate Educational Facilities

The day-to-day facilities to meet the trainee's needs, including office and computer facilities, will be provided by the Liverpool University Dental Hospital.

The Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Trust has a dedicated Education Centre at the Royal Site with 24-hour access to library and IT facilities.

Continuing Professional Development

The post-holder will periodically formulate a personal development plan for review at appropriate time points in the training, such as during appraisal and on an annual basis with the Training Programme Director. The development plan will take account of general and specialist requirements for professional development issued by the relevant Royal Colleges, the General Dental Council, the Chief Dental Officer and the Trust itself. The post holder will be supported by appropriate study leave allocations and financial support. Study leave must be approved in advance in accordance with procedures in the Dental Hospital.

The trainee will be expected to participate in the research activities of the Oral Medicine Unit, the Department or School. This will include working as part of a multi-disciplinary research team, attendance and presentations at research seminars and journal clubs and preparation of work for publication.

4. MAIN CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The appointee is subject to the Trust Terms and Conditions of Service, Terms and Conditions.

The successful candidate will be required to maintain his/her private residence in contact with the public telephone service and such residence must not be more than 10-mile residence away from the hospital, unless specific approval is given by the Trust to a greater distance.

This post is subject to an enhanced level Criminal Records Bureau check.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Through the course of your employment you may become aware of information concerning patients or staff. All such information must be treated as confidential. Breach of this confidence may result in dismissal.

INFECTION CONTROL

All medical/dental staff must co-operate with infection control measures which are in place throughout the Trust and comply with any guidance and best practice relating to infection control.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All healthcare professionals have a statutory duty to promote ways for the service user and the community they serve to improve their own health and provide services to enable this to happen (e.g. smoking cessation, lifestyle and weight management).

STUDY AND ANNUAL LEAVE

Study leave for external courses is allowed where appropriate. Application for study or annual leave must be made at least six weeks prior to the period of absence and ALL

consultants involved in training during the planned dates must be consulted. Application forms are to be submitted to the Postgraduate Dental Dean when signed by the relevant consultants.

5. VISITING THE DEPARTMENT

The variety and scope of work offered in the post can best be appreciated by visiting the department, and potential applicants are cordially invited to contact:

- Mrs Avril Macpherson, Divisional Medical Director, Liverpool University Dental Hospital (telephone 0151 706 5000)
- Dr Bijaya Rajlawat, Consultant and Speciality Lead in Oral Medicine (telephone 0151 706 5067 or 5000)

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