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To: All Specialist Registrars and Specialty Registrars at level 3 or above

Re: Specialist Training Post with Academic Training Opportunities

Queen's University of Belfast in partnership with the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (Northern Ireland Postgraduate Deanery) and Belfast Health and Social Care Trust has developed a pathway of academic clinical training opportunities. Applications are now invited for Academic Clinical Fellowship (ACF) and Academic Clinical Lecturers (ACL) at ST3 level or above within the academic medicine and paediatrics training programme. These new posts have been created as part of Modernising Medical Careers/National Co-ordinating Centre for Research Capacity Programme of Integrated Academic Training and offers candidates a comprehensive experience in clinical academic medicine alongside international clinicians and researchers.

We are seeking highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals wishing to excel in both clinical and academic training and who have the ambition to be the next generation of world leading academic clinicians. The four areas in 2008/09 for either ACF or ACL posts are:

- Respiratory
- Child Health (2 posts)
- Ageing
- Cardiovascular Medicine

ACF posts

The ACF post is for 2/3 years and your National Training Number will convert to an NTN(a). During this period it is expected that the ACF candidate will complete ST3 and ST4 training with an integrated period of up to 50% of whole time equivalent academic research training in each of the specialties. However, if appointed at ST3/ST4 level the candidate will be required to make application for an externally funded clinical research training fellowship to undertake a PhD.

ACL posts

The ACL post is a 2/3 year training post and your National Training Number will convert to an NTN(a). Those appointed at clinical lecturer level will already have obtained a postgraduate degree (PhD, MD) and finish their clinical training while continuing academic development at post-doctoral level. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a programme of post doctoral research leading to an application to a major funding body.

Training

Trainees may enter at ST3 or above of the unified training grade. Core clinical competencies will be gained as necessary through access to the essential elements of the training curriculum. The clinical training bases together provide an appropriate and wide range of clinical opportunities and have a strong track record in specialty training rotation.

For further information please contact Professor J Stuart Elborn in the School of Medicine & Dentistry at Queen's University (028 9097 1449 or v.reid@qub.ac.uk).

Applicants should forward a CV and covering letter stating the reasons for their preferred choice of discipline. This should be returned to NIMDTA, Beechill House, 42 Beechill Road, Belfast. BT8 7RS by **Monday 28 April 2008** or e-mail specialty@nimdta.gov.uk detailing in the subject line of the e-mail which post you are applying to. Interviews will take place on **Wednesday 14 May 2008**.

Yours sincerely

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