

PERSON SPECIFICATION 2008
APPLICATION TO ENTER SPECIALTY TRAINING at ST1 : NEUROSURGERY (CNT YEAR)

ENTRY CRITERIA		
	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBBS or equivalent medical qualification 	
ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for full or limited registration with the GMC at time of appointment • Evidence of achievement of Foundation competencies by August 2008, in line with GMC standards/Good Medical Practice including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good clinical care • Maintaining good medical practice • Good relationships and communication with patients • Good working relationships with colleagues • Good teaching and training • Professional behaviour and probity • Delivery of good acute clinical care • Eligibility to work in the UK 	
FITNESS TO PRACTISE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is up to date and fit to practise safely 	
LANGUAGE SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants to have demonstrable skills in written and spoken English that are adequate to enable effective communication about medical topics with patients and colleagues which could be demonstrated by one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A) that applicants have undertaken undergraduate medical training in English, or • B) have the following scores in the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - Overall 7, Speaking 7, Listening 6, Reading 6, Writing 6 • However, if applicants believe that they have adequate communication skills but do not fit into one of the examples they need to provide evidence 	
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets professional health requirements (in line with GMC standards/Good Medical Practice) 	
CAREER PROGRESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to provide complete details of employment history • 12 months or less experience in Neurosurgery (not including Foundation modules) by August 2008 	
APPLICATION COMPLETION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL sections of application form FULLY completed according to written guidelines 	

SELECTION CRITERIA		
CLINICAL SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Knowledge & Clinical Expertise: Capacity to apply sound clinical knowledge & judgement. Demonstrates competence in the assessment and management of critically-ill patients. Demonstrates a capacity to apply basic clinical knowledge & judgement to the management of patients with disorders of the central nervous system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Attributes: Demonstrates aptitude for relevant practical skills, e.g. Manual dexterity, hand-eye co-ordination, visual-spatial awareness • Attendance at relevant courses, e.g. ALS, ALERTS or equivalent
ACADEMIC / RESEARCH SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Skills: Demonstrates understanding of the basic principles of audit, evidence-based practice, and clinical research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of relevant academic & research achievements, e.g. degrees, prizes, awards, distinctions, publications, presentations, other achievements • Evidence of active participation in audit • Teaching: Evidence of contributing to teaching & learning of others • Evidence of participation in clinical and/or laboratory research
PERSONAL SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judgement under Pressure: Capacity to operate effectively under pressure & remain objective in highly emotive/pressurised situations. Awareness of own limitations & when to ask for help • Communication Skills: Capacity to communicate effectively & sensitively with others, able to discuss treatment options with patients in a way they can understand • Problem Solving: Capacity to think beyond the obvious, with analytical and flexible mind. Capacity to bring a range of approaches to problem solving • Situation Awareness: Capacity to monitor and anticipate situations that may change rapidly • Decision Making: Demonstrates effective judgement and decision-making skills • Leadership & Team Involvement: Capacity to work effectively in a multi-disciplinary team & demonstrate leadership when appropriate. Capacity to establish good working relations with others • Organisation & Planning: Capacity to manage time and prioritise workload, balance urgent & important demands, follow instructions. Understands importance & impact of information systems 	
PROBITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Integrity: Takes responsibility for own actions, demonstrates respect for the rights of all. Demonstrates awareness of ethical principles, safety, confidentiality & consent. Awareness of importance of being the patients' advocate, clinical governance & responsibilities of an NHS employee 	

COMMITMENT TO SPECIALTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning & Development: Demonstrates a major interest in the clinical neurosciences. Shows realistic insight into the demands of a career in neurosurgery and the pressures of a surgical lifestyle. Demonstrates knowledge of the neurosurgical training programme. Demonstrates a critical and enquiring approach to self-directed learning and practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extracurricular activities / achievements relevant to neurosurgery
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Northern Ireland Neurosurgery Training Programme

Specialty Registrar Job Description

Reports to:	Consultant Neurosurgeons in the employing Trust and the Postgraduate Dean
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Contact Information:	<p><u>Training Programme Director:</u></p> <p>Mr J Gray Consultant - Neurosurgeon Royal Victoria Hospital Grosvenor Road Belfast, BT12 6BA</p> <p>Tel: 028 9024 0503</p>
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MAIN ACTIVITIES / RESPONSIBILITIES:	
Clinical	<p>Trainees will participate in the routine clinical work as specified in the job description of the individual unit to which they are attached and as required in the Log Books of the JCST Structured Training Programme. Trainees will have the opportunity to spend time in the various subspecialties during the course of the training programme and will be encouraged to develop a special interest where appropriate.</p>
Managerial	<p>Trainees will have the opportunity to develop managerial skills as they rotate through the various hospitals. Trainees should undertake a formal management training course during the final year of training.</p>

Research	All trainees will be expected and encouraged to have an active interest in research and publication. This does not necessarily mean taking a year or two years out-of-programme to work towards an MD or PhD unless the trainee also wishes to undertake subspecialist training.
Audit	All trainees will be expected and encouraged to have an active interest in audit and will be expected to undertake audit projects during their training.
Education	All trainees will be expected to attend the various educational opportunities provided in their own hospitals and those provided on a regional basis. Trainees should also where appropriate assist in the training and education of others.
Assessment	Regular assessment of progress will be made during the period of training. There will be an annual ARCP assessment at which the trainee will be required to demonstrate evidence of satisfactory progress in order to proceed to the next year.

PLACEMENT ARRANGEMENTS:

Placements are administered by the Regional Specialty Training Committee for the School of Surgery and are determined usually on a yearly basis according to the Trainee's educational and training needs. Trainees will rotate through the various posts and subspecialties within the Training Scheme. The Postgraduate Dean has confirmed that these posts all have the required educational and staffing approval. Excellent postgraduate facilities exist at this unit.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION 2008
APPLICATION TO ENTER FIXED TERM SPECIALTY TRAINEE APPOINTMENT at ST3 :
NEUROSURGERY

ENTRY CRITERIA		
	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBBS or equivalent medical qualification 	
ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for full or limited registration with the GMC at time of appointment • Evidence of achievement of Foundation competencies by time of application, in line with GMC standards/Good Medical Practice including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good clinical care • Maintaining good medical practice • Good relationships and communication with patients • Good working relationships with colleagues • Good teaching and training • Professional behaviour and probity • Delivery of good acute clinical care • Evidence of achievement of the St1 and St2 generic surgical competencies at the time of application • Evidence of achievement of the St1 basic neurosurgical competencies at the time of application • Eligibility to work in the UK 	
FITNESS TO PRACTISE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is up to date and fit to practise safely 	
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CAREER PROGRESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to provide complete details of employment history • At least 18 months' experience in all surgical disciplines (not including Foundation modules) by August 2008, including at least 12 months' experience in Neurosurgery 	

APPLICATION COMPLETION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL sections of application form FULLY completed according to written guidelines 	
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SELECTION CRITERIA		
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