

Speciality Trainee in Special Care Dentistry

We are seeking a caring, enthusiastic and flexible clinician to join our existing team within the Special Care Dental Service based in Hertfordshire. We are a consultant led Community Dental Service and part of Hertfordshire NHS Community Trust HCT.

The Dental Service aims to deliver high quality special care dentistry in a patient centred environment and dental public health work with the community. The service provides assessment and treatment on referral for patients with additional needs, either as a 'one-off' course of treatment or a 'shared' or 'continuing care' arrangement. Treatment modalities include local anaesthetic, inhalation sedation, intravenous sedation, general anaesthesia, and domiciliary care. There will be tertiary secondment opportunities in local hospitals and Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust London (GSTT), as well as internal and external management and leadership development courses.

The service is committed to delivering exemplary quality care and has won several national awards in recognition of its commitment to patient care. Clinics have been co-designed using experts by experience and are well staffed, equipped and computerised. Two clinics have sensory rooms attached to support patient experience and reduce anxiety. CPD, clinical audit and peer review are supported within an excellent clinical governance process.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. As part of our safe recruitment practice pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. As part of the selection process, you will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring check.

• Training Details (Description of post) Maximum of 300 words.

The training programme is designed to provide structured teaching and supervised clinical experience in order to develop the sound knowledge base and clinical skills required for the trainee to be able to deliver a high standard of special care dentistry.

Each clinical session is under the supervision of a named educational supervisor with an average of 8 clinical sessions per week. Tertiary secondments will be with local hospitals and will include a 2 week placement at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT), London.

The post holder will be required to actively contribute to an agreed educational programme and attend regional study days as part of their specialist training, in order to meet the requirements of the training Curriculum in Special Care Dentistry.

Successful completion of the three-year training programme and success in the Membership examination in Special Care Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons,

will enable the postholder to apply for a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training and entry to the GDC Specialist list in Special Care Dentistry.

- **Duties and responsibilities 300 words max**

The post holder will provide high quality dental care for people with complex needs and/or disability under specialist guidance and supervision including speciality clinics, conscious sedation (both IV and inhalation sedation) and treatment under general anaesthesia. The specialist registrar will work collaboratively with other members of the dental team including dental nurses, dental managers and the oral health improvement team. They will also work collaboratively with other health and social care professionals.

The Specialist Registrar will be accountable to the Educational Supervisors. The post holder will participate in peer review, clinical governance and audit. Also occasional participation in teaching clinical skills to other members of the dental team under the mentorship of the Educational Supervisors.

The Specialist Registrar will be expected to participate in management and administration as part of their training.

- **Description of main training sites**

The Dental Department in Cheshunt Community Hospital was opened in July 2021. It has three large dental surgeries as well as a sensory room and oral health room. The surgeries are well equipped with a hoist, digital x-rays and OPG machine.

The Dental clinic in Peace Children's Centre Watford has just been refurbished and has three surgeries as well as a sensory room in the main reception area. It has a ceiling hoist, digital x-rays and OPG machine.

The Dental Clinic at the Marlowes Health and Well Being Centre in Hemel Hempstead was opened in 2018. It has 3 large surgeries, hoist digital x-rays and OPG machine.

All the clinics were designed with support from an expert in experience within the learning disability community and have been accredited by the National Autistic Society.

Dental General Anaesthetics are carried out at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage.

- **Staff Involved in training – name ES and CSs with role**

**Sadie Hughes: Consultant in Special Care Dentistry and current President of SAAD.
Dental Department, Cheshunt Community Hospital**

**Zareena Chaudhry: Specialist in Special Care Dentistry.
Dental Department, Peace Children's Centre, Watford.**