Consultant Vacancies

Dear Prospective Candidate

Have you ever considered working in one of Scotland's most attractive NHS Island Boards? NHS Orkney is working hard to be the best remote and rural health care provider in the UK – do you want to help us achieve our ambition? In common with other NHS Boards in Scotland, NHS Orkney is required to provide routine and urgent care whilst at the same time have the infrastructure to be able to respond to life threatening emergencies and in other situations resuscitate, support and care for patients of all ages whilst we wait for emergency retrieval services to transport people to a more appropriate care setting.

NHS Orkney in partnership with NHS Highland is looking for Consultants to join its existing talented pool of Consultants as we transform the healthcare landscape of this stunning archipelago. Our new hospital and healthcare facility with state of the art diagnostics will open in 2019. This new facility will have 49 inpatient beds with purpose built emergency, high dependency, diagnostic and theatre facilities. There will be increased technical connectivity to support videoconferencing and telemedicine enabled care. Cathie Cowan, Chief Executive and Mr Marthinus Roos, Medical Director invite applications from suitable candidates for the post of Consultants in the following specialties:

- anaesthetics
- medicine
- surgery

Each of these posts requires a certain type of doctor - a generalist who is happy to utilize digital technologies to involve clinical colleagues from outwith the organisation to inform and support decision making when required. Can you see yourself in one of these new roles? These posts require a broad spectrum of clinical skills which for many are greater than those covered by specialty training.

To help we have agreed with the Post Graduate Deanery to offer a bespoke training programme to assist consultants to gain the skills required to competently fulfill these roles. Opportunities to spend time working in NHS Grampian and/or NHS Highland together with access to an attractive CPD package will help you maintain your skills. In return you can expect a person specific contract to meet both your own and NHS Orkney's needs.

For some staff, living in Orkney permanently is not an option and they have opted for a two week time on island and two week off island; accommodation for those entering into this type of contractual arrangement is available.

For others who wish to work as volunteers overseas we are willing to consider a partnership to accommodate your placements. Our ability to offer flexibility makes NHS Orkney an attractive employer. We can and will work with you to meet your needs.

Interested, why not get in touch and spend time with us to sample Orkney life and see firsthand our clinical setting and the many opportunities for clinicians working in a remote and rural context. In return, we can arrange a 3 day visit to the Island to support you to experience Island life.

For those interested in working with us in NHS Orkney, Orkney lies off the northern coast of Scotland, between John O’Groats and the Shetland Isles. The total population is approximately 22,000 with most people living on the Mainland. Kirkwall, the capital, with a population of 7,500, it is the administrative centre of Orkney with a good mix of shops, supermarkets and businesses. Orkney is a wonderful place to live and work and voted the happiest place to live in the UK. Orkney also offers low pollution, low crime, excellent schools, good leisure facilities, unique wildlife and amazing scenery.

Access to the islands is easy. The recent announcement by the Scottish Government to introduce a ‘Road Equivalent Tariff’ on the Pentland Firth routes improves transport links for Orkney with the Scottish mainland. Kirkwall has several flights a day (just under 1 hour) connecting to the mainland, and with high speed broadband available on the islands, friends and family are just a click away. Homes are very affordable - what might you get for £200,000 in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow or Leeds? For that sort of money, you get 4 bedroom detached homes in the most sought after locations in Kirkwall and the best bit is there being very little traffic anywhere. But don't take our word for it - come and see for yourself! Please feel free to visit the island and the Balfour Hospital where you will find a very warm welcome.

To find out more about living and working in Orkney go to: www.orkney.com or www.visitorkney.com
Further information on NHS Orkney can be found at www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk.

For further information on the posts please contact: Dr Paul Cooper, Lead Hospital Clinician on 01856888000, or email: paul.cooper7@nhs.net

Follow the link for more job details and to apply online: http://nhso.engageats.co.uk/

Please note that in order to apply for a position at NHS Orkney the standard NHS application form needs to be completed – CVs are not accepted.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 15th November 2017 at midnight

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