



Established in 1826, the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital is a tertiary-referral voluntary teaching hospital with national, regional and area responsibilities for ensuring the optimal health of mothers, women and infants. The Hospital is the largest provider of women and infants healthcare in the Republic of Ireland and indeed one of the largest in Europe. It is a recognised centre of excellence for tertiary services including maternal and fetal medicine, neonatology, gynaecology and peri-operative medicine (caring for almost 9,000 mothers, with more than 1,000 neonatal admissions and almost 5000 gynaecology operations in 2018).

The Hospital has a substantial academic portfolio in terms of multidisciplinary education, research and training, with medical students from Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and postgraduate Non Consultant Hospital Doctors, in addition to midwifery and neonatal nursing students. The Hospital hosts two University Departments of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, the National Cellular and Molecular Cytopathology Training School and the Hub Centre for Continuing Midwifery Education in the Greater Dublin Area; the Research Laboratory on the Hospital campus is a leading European centre for molecular biology research.

Over the last number of years, significant infrastructural developments have been completed on the Hospital campus including the development of a new Delivery Suite with a purpose-built Emergency Obstetrical Theatre and Adult High Dependency Unit, a new Women's Health Unit for Colposcopy and Ambulatory Gynaecology and the re-development and expansion of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Special Care Baby Units.

2019 marks the fourth year of the Hospital's 5 year strategy which continues to set the direction of the hospital, underpinned by the commitment to its mission of "excellence in the care of women and babies", and the values of excellence in everything we do, respect, progressive, woman and babycentred, caring and pride in what we do, and the vision to be a "nationally and internationally recognised leader in healthcare for women, babies and their families".

## **Senior House Officer or Registrar In Perinatal Mental Health NCHD**

### **(6 months contract)**

This position is within the Psychiatry Department reporting to the Consultant Psychiatrists (Dr Joanne Fenton and Dr Catherine Hinds).

**ROLE SUMMARY:** This role is a SHO or Registrar post in perinatal psychiatry, a successful candidate will work as part of a multidisciplinary team helping deliver mental health care to women attending the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital from their booking visit up to six months post-delivery.

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES & ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

The NCHD's standard duties and responsibilities include, as directed by the Consultant / Employer to, inter alia:

- Participate as a member of a multi-disciplinary team in the provision of medical care to patients;
- Diagnose and treat patients;
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests;
- Initiate and monitor treatment;
- Communicate effectively with patients and clients;
- Attend clinics and participate in relevant meetings, case conferences; followed by documentation of findings on each patients chart; follow through with actions arising from the meetings;
- Represent the department / profession / team at meetings and conferences as appropriate
- Further progress knowledge of diagnosis and management;
- Participate in multi-disciplinary clinical audit and proactive risk management and facilitate production of all data / information for same;
- Co-operate with investigations, enquiries or audit relating to the provision of health services;
- Maintain professional standards in relation to confidentiality and ethics; abide by the Irish Medical Council 'Guide to Ethical Conduct and Behaviour' ([www.medicalcouncil.ie](http://www.medicalcouncil.ie));
- Seek advice and assistance from the Consultant / Employer with any assigned cases or issues that prove to be beyond the scope of his / her professional competence in line with principles of best practice and clinical governance;
- Engage in technological developments as they apply to the patient and service administration
- Cover for occasional unplanned absence of colleagues;
- Perform other duties as required by the supervising Consultant / Clinical Director / Employer.

## **Legislation / Policy / Procedures:**

- Document appropriately and report any near misses, hazards and accidents and bring them to the attention of relevant / designated individual(s) in line with best practice;
- Be aware of risk management issues, identify risks and take appropriate action.

## **Education and Training:**

- Attend NCHD Induction;

- Participate in mandatory and recommended educational and professional development programmes in accordance with organisational / professional requirements;
- Maintain and develop professional expertise and knowledge by actively engaging in continuing professional education and development;

#### **Health & Safety:**

- Comply with the policies, procedures and safe professional practice of the Irish Healthcare System by adhering to relevant legislation, regulations and standards;
- Document appropriately and report any near misses, hazards and accidents and bring them to the attention of relevant / designated individual(s) in line with best practice; Work in a safe manner with due care and attention to the safety of self and others
- Be aware of risk management issues, identify risks and take appropriate action;
- Promote a culture that values diversity and respect.

#### **Administrative:**

- Ensure good working practice and adherence to standards of best practice;
- Promote quality by reviewing and evaluating the service, identifying changing needs and opportunities to improve services;
- Assist the Consultant / Clinical Director / Employer in service development, including policy development and implementation; Ensure the maintenance of accurate records in line with best clinical governance, the organisation's requirements and the Freedom of Information Act, and provide reports and other information / statistics as required;
- Engage in service audit and demonstrate the achievement of the service objectives;
- Represent the department / profession / team at meetings and conferences as appropriate;
- Keep up to date with change and developments within the Irish Health Service.

#### **Qualifications and Experience:**

- A relevant third level qualification
- Irish Medical Council Registration
- At least two years psychiatry experience
- Perinatal experience desirable
- Irish Healthcare experience

Informal enquiries regarding this post should be addressed to Dr Joanne Fenton, Consultant Psychiatrist. Tel: 01 703 6158 or [joanne.fenton@hse.ie](mailto:joanne.fenton@hse.ie).

Applicants should include a current CV, cover letter, name and emails addresses of two recent referees.

*The Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital is an equal opportunities employer. As a major provider of healthcare, the hospital is also a Tobacco Free Campus. Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the grounds (including all electronic smoking devices).*