



Post-CSCST Fellowship in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry for Children and Adolescents

Invitation

Applications are invited for a one-year Post CSCST Fellowship funded by the HSE, in partnership with the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland. This fellowship will provide an exciting opportunity for an individual who has completed specialist training in child and adolescent psychiatry to develop clinical skills in the specialised area of *consultation-liaison psychiatry*, with excellent research opportunities, scope to develop and enhance collaboration skills with multiple agencies, along with contributing to and experiencing first-hand the development of a new clinical service for patients.

The fellowship in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry for Children and Adolescents addresses significant clinical needs of patients in the acute hospitals, as well as well as giving a unique opportunity to develop a particular skillset in specialised area of child psychiatry.

What is on offer

The fellowship is fully funded for a period of 12 months to cover the July 2022 to July 2023 training year for a post based in Cork University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital. The successful candidate will be expected to take up post from July 2022.

The fellow will gain experience of consultation-liaison psychiatry for children and adolescents up to age 18 presenting to the two university hospitals. Cork University Hospital is a model 4 tertiary referral centre and university teaching hospital, partnered with University College Cork, serving a population of over 1.1 million. It is one of the largest university teaching hospitals in Ireland and the only Level 1 Trauma centre in the country. The work is split between approximately 75% in Cork University Hospital and 25% in Mercy University Hospital.

The service provides care via three pathways which are the Emergency Department Service, Acute Service and Outpatient Service, and the fellow will have opportunity to engage with all of them. There is opportunity to work in the development of outpatient services for children with physical illness, along with emergency child psychiatry services and the acute ward services. The main goals would be in enhancing clinical expertise in each setting, contributing to or leading a quality improvement project in the pathways and participating in or leading a research project, and overall improving care of vulnerable patients by providing psychiatric expertise. There is excellent opportunity for research via University College Cork, including the potential to join existing projects.

Both hospitals are located in Cork City and easily accessible by private or public transport and are within walking and short biking distance of University College Cork and the city centre.

Who we are:

The liaison team consists of a consultant psychiatrist, a specialist psychiatry trainee and the service development plan includes recruitment of specialist staff in nursing, social work and administration. The liaison team has just completed its first year of service in September 2021. The team is open in manner, flat in hierarchy and direct in communication.



Who we are looking for:

We are looking for a team player who enjoys working in a fast-paced and dynamic multidisciplinary environment, working with children, adolescents, parents/carers along with a large and diverse group of professional colleagues and agencies, in clinical areas of complex problems and from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences.

Initiative, creativity, and adaptability to a wide variety of situations is recommended, including the ability to show leadership and work collaboratively with others in tandem. Excellent knowledge of national policies, procedures and protocols is advised, along with skills in working towards productivity-based goals and results.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must be registered as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners by the Medical Council in Ireland in the speciality of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Applicants must be no more than three years post completion of a CSCST and have completed their HST training within an Irish Postgraduate Training Body. In the case where a candidate has been appointed to the fellowship subject to completion of CSCST sign off from the relevant training body must be obtained. In order to assist the selection process, applicants should submit a CV with a brief covering letter.

Further Information:

Informal enquires about this post can be made to Dr Peter Dineen at Peter.Dineen2@hse.ie / 021 492 2000.