

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL

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No. of posts: One

General

The two principal ophthalmology departments are based at Cheltenham General and Gloucestershire Royal hospitals, with 16 consultants providing a comprehensive ophthalmology service across the county. Clinical specialities include: vitreo-retinal, glaucoma, cornea and anterior segment disorders, paediatric ophthalmology, oculo-plastics, primary care, medical retina and diabetes. The optometry department comprises 8 full time optometrists (including pre-reg), 8 part-time optometrists, one contact lens optician and 4 optometry technicians. The pre-reg will be based in Cheltenham General Hospital, however, the opportunity to provide clinical sessions at the purpose-built ophthalmology department, at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, will be a part of their timetable. The optometry staff are very friendly and approachable and include a number of experienced, specialist optometrists who are actively involved in the training and supervision of the pre-reg optometrist.

Job Description

The pre-registration optometrist is involved in the optometry outpatient clinics for approximately seven sessions a week. These sessions involve all aspects of hospital optometry, including refraction - paediatric, cycloplegic, routine pre- and post-operative cataract and graft, visual field assessment, including Goldmann perimetry, comprehensive contact lens and low vision services and colour vision analysis. Our pre-registration optometrist will participate in the optometry-led post-operative cataract and glaucoma shared-care clinics, which include visual fields, Volk 90D disc assessment, anterior segment slit lamp examination, applanation tonometry and scanning laser ophthalmoscopy (HRT 3) of the optic nerve head. The optometry department also provides corneal topography, ocular B-scan ultrasound, optical and ultrasound biometry assessments, OCT and anterior segment imaging. Optometrists are involved in extended roles within ophthalmology including; retinal, diabetic, macular treatment (anti-VEGF/Lucentis), cataract and glaucoma clinics.

A weekly session is organised for observing ophthalmology clinics. Additionally, half a day a week is arranged in a local community practice to gain experience in spectacle dispensing and primary eye-care examinations. There are numerous opportunities for examining orthoptic patients under supervision of the orthoptists and also to observe specialist optometric and ophthalmic clinics, eye casualty and theatre. The pre-reg is encouraged to attend ophthalmology teaching and audit sessions on a Friday afternoon and to participate in departmental audit and research activities. The pre-reg normally attends a refresher course and is given optometry tutorials and practical clinical assessments to support their training period and to prepare for the final assessment.

Contract

- Agenda for Change Terms, conditions & salary – Band 4, £18,402 per annum (as at 2011/12).
- Accommodation: Normally available in hospital staff accommodation.
- Contract: Start date July 2013 for **13 months**, allowing for one month overlap with pre-reg.
- Study leave will be given for attendance at the final assessment examinations.
- Annual leave entitlement - 38 days for 13 month period (inclusive of bank holidays).

Interviews

- Interested candidates are welcome to contact the department before making an application.
- Interviews will be held in Cheltenham during June/July 2012.

COLCHESTER HOSPITAL UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION TRUST

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Posts: One

General

Colchester is situated in north-east Essex near the sea and Suffolk countryside. London is one hour away by train. The optometry department has one principal; two full time seniors, six sessional optometrists and support staff. We support and work closely with the ophthalmic department, which has seven consultants, two associate specialists, four staff grade doctors, one ST3 and two ST2's.

We provide care in the partial sight clinic, (providing advice, information, optical aids and nonoptical aids), contact lens clinic, refraction, corneal topography, dispensing, colour vision and visual field assessments (Humphrey and Goldmann).

We are also developing and expanding shared care clinics in glaucoma, cataract and macular clinics.

During the year all ophthalmic departments are visited, ophthalmology, surgery, photography, fluorescein angiogram, orthoptic etc. We also provide regular tutorials and mock exams.

We also organise block releases throughout the year to work with a friendly community practice to gain experience of community optometry work for both eye examinations and dispensing experience.

Friday afternoons are reserved for structured teaching.

Contract

The Trainee post is for 13 months (start date usually 1st August).

Salary – NHS Band 4 (around £17k with annual pay award pending)

Hospital accommodation is usually available.

Paid leave is 27 days.

Please telephone to ask for any further details.

MAIDSTONE HOSPITAL

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No. of posts: One

General

Maidstone Eye Unit is a dynamic training environment for a wide range of Ophthalmic Professionals. The Opticians Department is situated adjacent to the Orthoptic department and works closely with other professionals in the eye unit including 11 Consultant Ophthalmologists, who offer specialist services in: Glaucoma, Anti-VegF, Oculoplastics, Vitreo-Retinal, Medical Retina & Diabetes, Paediatric Ophthalmology, Cornea and Ophthalmic A&E.

The department is staffed by 6 Optometrists across 3 sites, with each Optometrist having their own interest and specialities. All are very experienced with working with Pre-Reg's and are actively involved in the supervision and training for the Pre Reg Optometrist. Collectively the department provides an extensive range of Optometric Services including: Low Vision Services, Complex Contact Lens Service, Complex Refractions, Paediatric Refractions, Ocular B-Scan Ultrasound, Optometric Shared Glaucoma & Diabetes Clinics, HRT3 Optic Disc and OCT Scanning services

Throughout the year we accommodate up to 4 Visiting Pre-registered Optometrists from community opticians, who attend the Opticians department 1 day a week. We find this helps both Pre-Registered Optometrists in their learning experience within the department.

Job description

Pre-Registration Optometrists are expected to complete 8 Sessions in the department examining patients attending the clinics, mentioned above. They are fully supervised by the Senior Optometrists who are at hand to help with any queries. We like our Pre-Registered Optometrists to be hard working and take initiative in their work. Our Optometrists are all very approachable and friendly and we ask our Pre Registered Optometrists to constantly ask questions that will help increase their knowledge and competence. Each patient examined by the Pre-Reg Optometrists should be discussed with Supervising Optometrist and then and signed off.

As part of your training we allow our Pre-Registered Optometrists to work 1 day per week, at a local Community Optician in order to gain experience in the community setting.

We encourage the Pre-Registered Optometrists to attend teaching sessions on Friday afternoons and to participate in relevant audits ongoing through the eye department. During the year there are many opportunities to observe the ophthalmology clinics and regular sessions are arranged throughout the year..

Contract

Salary: Current Salary NHS Band 4 (approx £17,732)
One year contract starting August. 2012
Annual Leave 27 Days plus Bank Holidays.
External Refresher course fees are not paid for
On site accommodation available

Open Day

Wednesday 21st March 2012 at 2pm. Please register your interest to attend the Open Day by emailing the Principal Optometrist on satvinder.shoker@nhs.net

Interviews

Held in June/July 2012

MANCHESTER ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL

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Supervision by above plus experienced supervisory team

Number of posts: 2

General:

MREH is one of the largest provincial Eye Hospitals in the country, the Department of Ophthalmology providing the focus for postgraduate ophthalmic teaching in the North-West region and being part of a major Foundation Trust hospital. MREH has >20 Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons, providing the full range of ophthalmic subspecialties. The Optometry Department comprises ~20 full time members of staff, and includes Dispensing Opticians and Medical Technical Officers in addition to qualified and Trainee Optometrists. In August 2009 we moved to a brand new purpose built and highly equipped hospital on the central Manchester site.

Job Description:

The Optometry Department is involved with the provision of a wide range of clinical services including the core services of adult and paediatric refraction, contact lens fitting, corneal topography, low vision rehabilitation, A-Scan biometry, B-Scan Ultrasonography, perimetry, colour vision, macular/OCT imaging and ophthalmic dispensing. The department also has a significant extended role in glaucoma co-management, cataract services, and new patient assessment and macular treatment assessment clinics. Trainee optometrists will be expected to participate and/or observe these extended role activities. Routine eye examination experience will be provided at a community optometry practice.

Regular opportunities will be given to observe specialist clinics and Trainee optometrists will be expected to attend lectures, tutorials and other teaching opportunities provided by the optometric, orthoptic or ophthalmological staff.

Contract:

The Trainee contract is for 12 months (start date to be discussed at appointment). Salary is Band 4 (NHS Agenda for Change payscale April 2011, £18,402), with standard NHS terms and conditions applying (37.5 hour week contract, including 27 days leave with 8 general public holidays). Hospital accommodation may be available if required.

Interviews:

Wed 13th June 2012

MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL

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Bela Soneji BSc MCOptom,	Deputy Head of Optometry

Number of Optometry Pre registration Posts: Four

General Information

Moorfields is a specialist post-graduate teaching hospital and is responsible for training one quarter of all ophthalmic consultants in the UK. With over 90 consultant ophthalmologists it is the largest eye hospital in Europe and treats approximately 1000 patients daily. Our consultant-lead specialist services include Adnexal, Cataract, Corneal and External Diseases, Glaucoma, Medical retina, Paediatric, Physicians, Strabismus, Uveitis, Vitreo-retinal, and ophthalmic A&E. The majority of clinical activity occurs on the City Road site; however Moorfields operates outreach clinics at several other hospitals. In addition the Hospital's research activities are closely linked with the Institute of Ophthalmology and are recognised internationally.

The Optometry Department has over 100 members of staff. The department provides a comprehensive optometric support service, Low Vision Service, Contact Lens Service, and optometric extended role. We play a major role in the training of ophthalmic professional staff including a 2 year optometric resident post (for optometrists planning a hospital career). We have laboratories for spectacle glazing & surfacing and contact lens manufacturing.

Job Description

Pre-registration optometrists gain experience in diagnostic, pre- & post- operative, paediatric and routine refraction, contact lenses, low vision assessment, spectacle dispensing and automated visual field analysis. Every case is discussed with one of the experienced senior members of the department. Each pre-reg is encouraged to undertake increasingly complex work as the year progresses and will work as part of a team alongside other professional staff. We organise regular sessions for the pre reg to undertake full routine eye examinations on patients referred for VDU assessments in the hospital and also in community practice with a selected supervisor.

Tutorials and mock exams are arranged throughout the year. Observations in clinics include Glaucoma, A&E, PCC, Medical retina and Strabismus services, plus the ultrasound, medical illustration and orthoptics departments. All our staff are welcome to attend the Hospital's evening lectures as well as the Optometry Department's weekly teaching.

Contract Details

- Currently salary NHS Band 4 + High Cost Area Living Allowance
- Unfortunately no on-site accommodation is available.
- External refresher course fees and exam fees are not provided (training is provided in-house).

Open Day: Optometry undergraduates are welcome to attend our "Open Days" on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st March and the afternoon of Friday 13th April. Please email: jenny.gernon@moorfields.nhs.uk if you wish to attend.

Interviews: Wednesday 11th, Friday 13th & Monday 16th July 2012.

Start date: Monday 22nd July 2013.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

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No. of Posts One

General

Nottingham University Hospitals is a large modern teaching hospital. The Nottingham Medical School and Medical Sciences Faculty is integrated on the same site, known as Queen's Medical Centre Campus. The building is adjacent to Nottingham University and is about three miles from the city centre.

Job Description

The Department of Ophthalmology is a busy, sixteen Consultant service. The Optometry Unit consists of nineteen staff of different backgrounds, grades and professions. We provide pre-registration optometrists with broad experience in many areas of clinical optometry including refraction, contact lens and low vision clinics. A wide range of equipment is available.

A weekly session is organised for attachment to routine outpatient clinics with medical staff. Experience in general optometric practice is gained outside the hospital in two community practices. Specialist ophthalmology clinics and the orthoptic, casualty and operating departments are readily accessible.

All senior clinical staff are experienced tutors and there are currently 6 registered supervisors in the Unit.

There are excellent library facilities in both the Optometry Unit and the Medical School.

Contract

The contract runs from 1st August to 31st July.

Interviews

Interviews will be held in July 2012

OXFORD EYE HOSPITAL

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No. of posts: One

General

Oxford Eye Hospital is a busy teaching hospital, with a team of 10 Consultant Ophthalmologists covering a wide range of sub-specialities including vitreo-retinal, glaucoma, paediatric, neuro-ophthalmology, cornea, medical retina, genetics, diabetes and oculo-plastics.

The Department of Optometry has a team establishment of 9 Optometrists (working full or part time), one full time pre registration optometrist, 2 Dispensing Opticians and 3 Optometric Assistants. Our clinical activities include refraction (pediatric cycloplegic and adult cases), specialist contact lens fitting, low vision assessment, optical dispensing, ophthalmic electro-diagnosis, B-scan ultrasound, orbiscan corneal topography, visual fields (Humphrey, Goldmann and FDT), colour vision assessment, contrast sensitivity and dark adaptometry. The Optometry led shared care clinics in glaucoma utilise the GDX and HRT II technologies. Some members of the Optometry team work in an eye casualty towards independent prescribing and in shared care role in the diabetic clinics.

Job Description

The trainee will work in the Department of Optometry, undertaking core Optometric procedures under supervision. Each case is discussed with the supervisor and as the year progresses the pre-reg is encouraged to develop their skills and undertake more complex work. Arrangements are made for weekly observation at the variety of specialist Ophthalmology Out-patient clinics, Eye Accident & Emergency, Artificial Eye unit and ophthalmic operating theatres. There is the opportunity for frequent practical and theoretical tutorials in the Orthoptic clinics. Placement at a local community optometric practice is arranged within the year.

The trainee is encouraged to attend a refresher course, for which funding is available. Study leave is provided for the exams. There is a weekly post-graduate ophthalmology teaching session in the Eye Hospital, which all staff are invited to attend. Additionally, regular tutorials are organised with the supervisors and other team members in their area of speciality.

There is a comprehensive optometry library within the department and the general hospital library.

Contract

- 1) The appointment is planned for a 12 month contract, commencing in August and allowing for a one week overlap with the previous pre-reg.
- 2) Hospital accommodation for a single person is usually available on site if required.
- 3) Annual leave per annum is 24 days, plus study days for exams
- 4) Agenda for change pre-reg salary.

Open Days

Oxford Eye Hospital does not hold an official open day. All short listed applicants are given a tour of the Hospital prior to the interview.

If you wish to visit the department prior to application, please contact the Secretary on 01865 234740 for more details.

Interviews

Interviews will be held in July 2012.