

Job Description

CT2-3 in Older Adult Liaison Psychiatry
Clinical Supervisor: Dr James Lee-Davey
Locality: Tower Hamlets
Main Base: Royal London Hospital
Team / Service: RAID

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Introduction & Summary

This job description is for a core training post in older adult liaison psychiatry, working at the Royal London Hospital (RLH).

The post holder will spend six months in this post, under the Clinical Supervision of Dr James Lee-Davey, but also providing some clinical support to Dr Rosie Smyth and Dr Charlotte Wattebot-O'Brien.

The post-holder will gain experience in assessment and management of: psychiatric emergencies in the Emergency Department (ED) and medical/surgical wards, medically unexplained symptoms, cardiac, cancer, neuroscience, intensive care, renal and trauma liaison.

Brief description / profile of Clinical Supervisor

Dr James Lee-Davey is a consultant liaison psychiatrist in the RAID team with a special interest in neuropsychiatry and psychodynamic psychotherapy.

The team (including staffing) / service description

The team consists of Consultant Psychiatrists Dr Lee-Davey, Dr Smyth and Dr Wattebot-O'Brien, some sessions from a Higher Trainee, a GPVTS doctor, a psychologist, OT and senior psychiatric liaison nurses.

The Department of Psychological Medicine provides a Liaison Psychiatry Service which has a single point of access available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and is available to all patients with mental health and drug and alcohol problems who present to acute care. The service provides expert advice, support and training to clinicians at the RLH ED and the wards at the RLH and St Bart's Hospital. The older adult liaison psychiatry team see patients over the age of 65, and occasionally those under 65 who are frail or with cognitive difficulties.

Role of the Core Trainee / Main Duties and Responsibilities

The post holder is based at The Department of Psychological Medicine and will cover older adult inpatients at the RLH, and those patients under 65 who require cognitive assessment. There is cross cover with another junior doctor (GPVTS doctor for Dr Smyth) for annual/study leave and nights.

You will see newly referred patients on medical and surgical wards and in the ED with a wide range of diagnoses including delirium, dementia and affective disorders. You will gain experience of assessing, formulating and managing patients.

You will see patients who require urgent psychiatric assessment both as part of your work within the team, and when you are on-call.

Weekly clinical supervision is with Dr Lee-Davey and support is given to fulfil the core trainee's development and training requirements including QI/audit and attending MRCPsych courses. The consultants can be easily contacted at other times for advice either on the phone or email. When on-call and outside of normal working hours the on-call rota higher trainee and consultant can be contacted on the telephone via switchboard.

At the beginning of the post the trainer will determine the level of clinical supervision required; as a guideline, for core trainees who are new to psychiatry, it is mandatory for you to discuss all patient management decisions that you make, prior to their being enacted.

Core Trainee Timetable

NB. This programme is indicative only; it may vary in the light of the trainee's learning needs and the needs of the clinical service.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Ward work	Ward work	MDT ward round	Ward work/ Supervision	Ward work
PM	Ward work	Ward work/ MRCPsych course teaching	Academic afternoon	Ward work/ MRCPsych course teaching	Ward work

Clinical Supervisor Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Clinical RLH	Clinical RLH	Clinical RLH	Clinical RLH	Clinical RLH
PM	SPA	Clinical RLH	Academic afternoon/ Clinical RLH	Clinical RLH	SPA