

Job Description

CT1-3 in Liaison Psychiatry

Locality: City & Hackney

Team / Service: Homerton Psychological Medicine

Clinical Supervisor: Dr Hugh Grant-Peterkin

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Introduction & Summary

This job description is for a core training post in liaison psychiatry, working at Homerton University Hospital. The post holder will spend six months in this post, under the clinical supervision of Dr Hugh Grant-Peterkin but also providing clinical support to Dr Chloe Beale.

The post-holder will gain experience in providing liaison psychiatry to patients at Homerton University Hospital. Other opportunities are for teaching and training, particularly to general hospital (i.e. non-psychiatric) staff. The trainee is involved in the local academic programme and teaching medical students when attached to the firm.

Brief description / profile of Clinical Supervisor

Dr Hugh Grant-Peterkin is a consultant liaison psychiatrist in older adult and adult psychiatry, with special interest in medical education. Dr Chloe Beale is a consultant liaison psychiatrist in adult psychiatry with an interest in medical law. They hold joint responsibility for clinical leadership of the service.

The team (including staffing) / service description

The team members come from multiple disciplines with individual expertise. The team consists of:

- One consultant psychiatrist in adult liaison
- One consultant psychiatrist in older adult liaison
- One higher trainee
- One core trainee
- Band 8A psychologist
- Team manager
- Band 7 nurses x3
- Band 6 nurses x9
- Administrator

Role of the Core Trainee (1-3) / Main Duties and Responsibilities

The post-holder will provide a clinical psychiatric service, including psychiatric input to medical and surgical in-patients as well as those presenting to the Emergency Department. The size of the team relative to the clinical demand necessitates an emphasis on emergency work, however close follow-up is also provided to a large number of in-patients with wide clinical variation. Liaison psychiatry assessments on the wards and ED are also conducted by the senior trainee and he/she also supervises the core trainee's assessments as well as advising psychiatric liaison nurses. HPM is an integrated psychiatric liaison team providing input to any patient over the age of 16. The post will involve assessment and management of dementia and delirium as well as functional mental illness in older adults, largely overseen by Dr Grant-Peterkin. The team includes a number of psychiatric liaison nurses who primarily carry out initial assessments in ED. The work is extremely varied.

Any other specific characteristics of this job

- . Liaison Nature – The service combines multiple elements that bridges the gap between biological, psychological and social factors of mental illness. You will also learn about different legal frameworks to manage mental and physical health problems. Also, the urgent nature of patients seen in emergency department improves your skill of managing crises.

- . Delirium Protocol – HPM worked with Geriatricians in Homerton to develop a comprehensive protocol for management and treatment of patients with Delirium. You will definitely get a lot of experience with these cases.

- . Teaching Opportunities – There are a lot of opportunities to teach colleagues within HPM, Emergency Department, Medical Students and other chances which Hugh and Chloe are very supportive about.

- . Work Environment – HPM is a very supportive team to work in. The environment is friendly and informal.

- . Quality Improvement and Audit – during the course of a six month placement the CT will be supported to either work on an existing project or develop their own project specific to the liaison post.

. C&H MHU Day Cover – Due to the nature of working in the liaison service and covering the Emergency Department, there is an expectation that you make yourself available for supporting the team during the day time which means you won't be expected to cover the day rota (9 am to 5 pm) on weekdays for the C&H MHU.

. Out-of-hours Rota – You will be part of the City & Hackney out-of-hours rota that covers East Wing (MHU), Homerton University Hospital, John Howard Centre (Medium Secure Forensic MHU) & Wolfson House (Low Secure Forensic MHU).

Timetable

This is an example with special interest and non-fixed sessions which is negotiable on commencing post.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	09:00 Handover 10:00 Supervision 11:00 Ward and ED reviews	Psychotherapy case and supervision	09:00 Handover 09:30 Ward and ED reviews	09:00 Extended clinical meeting 10:00 Ward and ED reviews	09:00 Handover 09:30 Ward and ED reviews
PM	Ward and ED reviews	Ward and ED reviews	Local academic programme 1 st Wednesday Barts programme	MRCPPsych teaching	Ward and ED reviews