

Job Description

ST4-6 in Liaison Psychiatry

Clinical Supervisor: Paul Lomax

Locality: Luton

Base: Luton and Dunstable Hospital/Calnwood Court

Team / Service: Luton Psychiatry Liaison Service

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Introduction

This job description is for a higher training post in Liaison and Psychiatry working at Luton and Dunstable Hospital next to the main Psychiatry inpatient units around Calnwood Court

The post holder will spend 12 months in this post, under the Clinical Supervision of Dr Paul Lomax but also providing some clinical support to Dr Anna Beljajeva, General Adult Psychiatry Liaison Consultant, Dr Ada Chime, General Adult Psychiatry Liaison Consultant, Dr Trupti Koli, Speciality Doctor.

The post-holder will gain experience in; Medically unexplained symptom assessment and management, Delirium and Dementia assessments, Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia assessment, Depression and Anxiety in patients with chronic health problems, as well as Emergency Assessments in A and E. There is the opportunity for perinatal experience as Psychiatry Liaison are the first point of contact for the Obstetric Wards. There is also involvement in Mental Health Act Assessments as well as complex capacity assessments.

We aim to ensure the higher trainee gets exposed to areas within those mentioned above that best meet their training needs.

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Brief description / profile of Clinical Supervisor

Dr Paul Lomax is the Old Age Liaison Psychiatry Consultant in Luton.

- I am dual trained in General Adult and Old Age Psychiatry.
- I have an interest in ethics and law (LLM), as well as medical education (PGCert).
- I am relatively new to the trust starting in September 2019 after finishing my training in South West London.
- I am both a clinical and educational supervisor within the trust.

The team (including staffing) / service description

In addition to the medical members detailed above the team includes band 6 and 7 nurses on 24-hour rota, deputy team manager 9-5 and team manager. We also have a clinical psychologist working with our team 4 days a week and a Core Trainee

The service is a 'Core 24' Psychiatry Liaison Team with 24/7 nursing cover and receive referrals from A and E, EAU, and the wards in Luton and Dunstable Hospital.

Role of the Specialist Trainee (4-6) / Main Duties and Responsibilities

The Specialist Trainee (4-6) will provide a clinical psychiatric service, including;

- New assessments on wards – to be discussed in team MDT following
- Emergency assessments including Mental Health Act assessments
- Follow-up assessments on wards.
- Joint capacity assessments with medical teams.

There are no physical health care requirements from the Specialist Trainee as the patients are under the care of medical teams however there is frequent liaison with the medical teams about the physical health care issues.

Any other specific characteristics of this job

Other opportunities are for supervising medical students on rotating attachments, in house teaching for Luton and Dunstable staff, and supporting supervision for 1 day a week foundation year doctors, and the team core trainee.

I (clinical Supervisor) have begun attending the L and D ethics committee, tutorials for medical students as well as attending management meetings within the crisis care pathway, the specialist trainee is more than welcome to join me and gain experience in these areas.

If completing 12 months in Liaison Psychiatry as a ST4-6 the trainee can apply for endorsement in Liaison Psychiatry.

ST4-6 Timetable

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

Example Psychiatry Liaison Specialist Trainee Work Schedule 9am to 5pm						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
am	PLS – Luton Handover 9:15-9:45	Special Interest Session	PLS- Luton Handover 9:15-9:45	PLS – Luton Handover 9:15-9:45	PLS – Luton Handover 9:15-9:45	
pm	PLS – Luton Handover 12:30-1 Supervision – 2-3pm	Special Interest Session	Academic programme	PLS – Luton Handover 12:30-1	PLS – Luton Handover 12:30-1	Notes: Due to the nature of psychiatry liaison the day to day jobs depend on our caseload and types of referral we receive.

Clinical Supervisor Timetable

Paul Lomax's current time table below; in addition, Dr Beljajeva works full time and Dr Chime works Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

	Monday 8-4	Tuesday 9-5	Wednesday 9-5	Thursday 8-4	Friday 9-5
AM	DCC 8-12 Handover 9:15-9:45	DCC 9-1 Handover 9:15-9:45	DCC 1PA 9-1 Handover 9:15-9:45	DCC 1PA 8-12 Handover 9:15-9:45	Does not Work
PM	SPA 12-4 Supervision of Core and Specialty Trainees	DCC 1PA Handover 12:30-1 Team meeting 4-5	1 SPA 1-5 Academic Programme	DCC 0.5PA 12-4 Handover 12:30-1	Does not work