

Job description

Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship

Job Title:

Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellow

Based:

DDRC Healthcare, Plymouth

Post dates:

One or two 12 month posts available starting August 2022

Hours of Work:

At DDRC: Average of 3 days per week at DDRC (with the potential to increase this up to 5 days per week by mutual agreement). Standard hours 08:30 – 17:00. No mandatory on-call requirement but the applicant would be encouraged to join the emergency on-call rota for which they would be remunerated separately.

Outside DDRC: The applicant would be encouraged to undertake clinical work suiting their individual requirements alongside their work at DDRC. Availability of external work cannot be guaranteed, however, support will be given to join Derriford hospital bank if required.

Specialist Requirements:

Must be able to pass a HSE Diving medical and be comfortable working in the confined space of a hyperbaric chamber (see <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ma1.pdf>) See person specification for more details.

Role Summary:

The Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellow will be expected to:

- Assess and manage emergency patients presenting with decompression illness and arterial gas embolism under the supervision and guidance of a senior diving doctor.
- Triage emergency telephone calls on a nationwide basis via the emergency diving advice line in conjunction with divers / emergency departments / ambulance service and coastguard
- Perform recreational diving medicals under the supervision and guidance of a senior diving doctor.
- Perform weekly telephone “fitness to dive” telephone consultation clinics
- Manage elective hyperbaric patients being treated for a number of indications (such as osteoradionecrosis and complex wounds) in conjunction with multidisciplinary team
- Teach on a variety of courses (such as Diver Medic Technician, HSE Offshore, Expedition Dive Medicine, etc.)
- Engage with clinical governance/quality improvement projects
- Develop own interests and projects according to individual career ambitions, supported by DDRC.

Training provided:

The successful candidates will be encouraged and funded to undertake:

- Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Online Diving Medicine Module
- DMAC 1 – Medical Assessment of Divers
- DMAC 2 (according to availability this may be run as an in house equivalent course)

The outcome of these courses should be basic proficiency in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine in order to join the on-call rota, depending on other medical skills. Previous post holders have successfully become UK recreational diving referees and HSE Approved Medical Examiners.

Other CPD opportunities such as attendance at conferences may also be available.

Additional Notes:

This job description is not exhaustive and the postholder may be required to take on additional responsibilities, commensurate with their training and skills, as directed by the needs of the organisation and as advised by the Medical Director of DDRC Healthcare. It is essential that candidates are able to pass an HSE Diving medical and to be comfortable working in the confined space of a hyperbaric chamber.

The sustainability of the organisation is dependent upon a flexible and positive approach to the working environment and this is an essential requirement for the post.

The postholder is also expected to take proactive responsibility for relevant continuing professional development, appraisal and revalidation and to maintain concurrent active and revalidated NHS practice.