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BSSH

The British Society for
Surgery of the Hand

Title / Hospital: University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
Clinical supervisor: Mrs Helen Hedley Clinical Director of Orthopaedic Department: Miss Alison Edwards
Consultants: Alison Edwards, Andrew Mahon, Matthew Jones, Helen Hedley
Aims / Subspecialist Areas of Interest: Management of a breadth of Hand and Wrist trauma and elective care
Period Sponsor: Salary paid by UHCW
Career Grade of Applicants: Orthopaedic Specialist Training Program equivalent status to UK year 6 trainee, or above holding FRCS(Orth)
Extra Information (on-call commitments, research opportunities etc): Active links with Warwick University and an enthusiastic and supportive R&D department. BSSH Hand Diploma is supported. General orthopaedic on-call 1:8 weekends with associated pay uplift.
Fellowship start dates: Variable: Period of 6-12 months.
Closing Date for Application: variable – see NHS Jobs
Interview Date: TBC
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Additional Information:

The Hand Centre at UHCW is rapidly developing.

UHCW currently has 4 substantive consultant Orthopaedic hand surgeons and 2 consultant Plastics hand surgeons.

The consultant body have been trained on recognised Fellowship posts such as Birmingham, Oxford and Sheffield.

Four of our hand consultants have completed ATP Interface Hand Fellowships and 2 consultants are BSSH/University of Manchester Hand Diplomats.

Specialist Hand Trauma surgery lists occur on DSU at the Coventry site daily Monday-Friday. At weekends and out of hours the on-call General Orthopaedic team and Plastic Surgery On-call team manage the initial care Hand and Wrist emergencies. Patients needing urgent microvascular surgery and soft tissue coverage are managed by the Plastic Surgery On-call Team.

We have developed a Regional Block lead anaesthetic service for Hand and Wrist surgery patients and in collaboration with our anaesthetic colleagues we aim to expand the use of this resource.

The principal clinical supervisor of the Hand and Wrist Fellowship post is Mrs Helen Hedley, Consultant Orthopaedic Hand and Wrist Surgeon. The successful applicant will have opportunity to work alongside all of the Orthopaedic hand surgeons and will also have flexibility to gain experience with our plastic hand surgery colleagues.

The fellowship is offered for 6 or 12 months and is primarily based on the UHCW Coventry site but will also be required to work on the UHCW Rugby Hospital of St Cross site.

The post is intended for a surgeon who has a specialist interest in hand and wrist surgery and will cover a breadth of both elective and traumatic hand and wrist conditions (Congenital hand and Brachial Plexus work NOT included). It is a clinical based fellowship though there are opportunities for research in conjunction with the Academic Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Warwick.

Duties will include:

- Regular orthopaedic outpatient clinics at UHCW Coventry and Rugby St Cross Hospitals.
- Regular elective and trauma operating sessions with supervision and independently.
- Supervising and initiating the treatment of hand and wrist patients
- Carrying out ward rounds or post operative care as appropriate.
- Participation in clinical audit and research activities within the unit.
- Multidisciplinary teamwork with our experienced Hand Therapy team, Extended Scope Practitioners and Hand Co-ordinator
- Active involvement in the training and supervision of Junior Medical Staff on ward rounds, in theatre and in clinics, including the teaching of medical and nursing students.
- Out of hours/ on-call duties for General Trauma to achieve banding and CCT requirements.