



APPENDIX

Below is an example potential weekly schedule (PA split: HSC=5, QUB=5). These should be regarded as flexible and averaged over the year (for example - the post holder could have the ability to clear the schedule of HSC work at times when needing to organise examinations in the annual student assessments).

The final job plan will be agreed between the successful candidate, the PGJCCR Director in QUB and the relevant Clinical Director (or Divisional Chair) in BHSCT.

Illustrative Job Plan:

Day	Time	Work Activity	Alternate Activity and Place	Location	No. of PAs		
					DCC	QUB	SPA
Monday	08.30-12.30	QUB		PGJCCR		1.0	
	1330-1730	1:2 PMB Clinic		BHSCT	0.5		
	1330-1730	1:2 SPA		BHSCT			0.5
Tuesday	08.00-12.00	Gynae Oncology Clinic		BHSCT	1.0		
	13.00-17.00	Colposcopy Clinic		Bradbury H&WBC	1.0		
Wednesday	08.00-12.00	1:2 Theatre sessions – “buddy” operating to include prospective cover and pre-and post-op care		BCH	0.5		
	08.30-10.30	1:2 Gynae Oncology MDT		BCH	0.25		
	10.30-12.30	1:2 SPA		BHSCT			0.25
	14.00-17.00	QUB		PGJCCR		0.75	
Thursday	0900-1700	QUB		PGJCCR		1.25	0.75
Friday	08.00-12.00	Gynae Oncology DCC – includes wards rounds/scheduling QA meeting/ management meeting and support to high risk maternity cases		BCH	1.0		
	12.00-17.00	QUB		PGJCCR		1.25	
Total		Hours: 40			4.25	4.25	1.5

CLINICAL JOB SUMMARY / MAIN PURPOSE

The post holder will form part of a team of five Consultant Gynaecological Oncologists (all RCOG accredited subspecialists) providing Specialist Gynaecological Oncological services at the Belfast Trust. The main duty of the Consultant will be to integrate with consultant colleagues in the specialty and work with others who have expertise in delivering care for gynaecological patients. He/she will have continuing clinical responsibility for the patients in his/her charge, allowing for proper delegation to and training of staff working under his/her supervision.

As with all staff in the Trust, job purpose is subject to regular review in light of emerging pressures and priorities. In particular the Trust would wish to highlight at this time, that you will be required to work with other colleagues in seeking to attain access and other targets set by DHSSPS.

Background information

The Belfast Health & Social Care Trust provides tertiary gynaecological oncology services to the people of Northern Ireland. There are approximately 450 new cases of gynaecological cancer per year in Northern Ireland, with about 90% of surgical cases treated in the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust. Gynaecological oncology services are located on the BCH site. The clinical and medical oncology services to Northern Ireland, including the Brachytherapy service, are also on the BCH campus, within the Northern Ireland Cancer Centre.

Inpatient gynaecological beds are located within the BCH Tower, whilst day case surgery is undertaken at the Day Procedure Units on the BCH site and in the nearby Mater Hospital. Outpatient gynaecology services are carried out on several sites including Belfast City Hospital, Mater Hospital and Community Health & Wellbeing Centres such as Bradbury Centre adjacent to the BCH Tower.

Since investment in the service in 2008, considerable effort was put in by the team to move the surgical skill base to minimal access surgery where this was appropriate. This has been very successful and recent statistics have demonstrated this effect. 'Buddy operating' has been a major part of this success. Laparoscopic skills are essential to this team approach and are an absolute requirement to work within this team approach. The Gynaecological Oncology team run two advanced laparoscopic surgical training courses per year, recognition of the achievement of running an advanced minimal access service

The appointee will also have a role to play in the delivery of some benign gynaecology in keeping with the Trust's role as a provider to the needs of the local community. The appointee may contribute to the gynaecological on call emergency rota as well as having a specific rota for gynaecological cancer.

Clinical and academic oncology teams:

The PGJCCR, which was formed as a virtual Centre in 2004 under the leadership of Prof Patrick Johnston, which moved in 2007 into a bespoke 5000m² purpose-built facility close to the regional Northern Ireland Cancer Centre (NICC), providing an academic-clinical interface for translational science. In 2015, the Centre expanded to occupy an additional 3000m² in the adjacent Health Sciences Building (HSB). Today, PGJCCR has 44 Principal Investigators (PIs). In total, the Centre has >120 staff, complemented by 75 post-graduate research (PGR) and 40 post-graduate taught (PGT) students. Industrial partnerships form a key element of the PGJCCR, acknowledging that successful impact in cancer research requires close multi-sectoral collaborations. The Centre also has a UK-leading Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) strategy, devised in collaboration with the Northern Ireland Cancer Research Consumer Forum. Within PGJCCR there are established basic and translational scientists with an active research programme in gynaecological cancers. In addition, there are established clinical academics in both surgical oncology and medical and clinical oncology, to support the successful candidate in the development of an independent gynaecological oncology research programme.

There is full support for phase I – IV cancer clinical trials and translational studies through the Belfast Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre (Clinical Lead Dr Vicky Coyle and Scientific Lead Prof. Dan Longley) and the N. Ireland Cancer Trials Network (Clinical Director Mr Stuart McIntosh). The successful candidate will be expected to assume a leadership role in the development of a portfolio of clinical and translational research in gynaecological oncology, working with the existing clinicians and multidisciplinary clinical research team to optimise access to clinical trials for gynaecological oncology patients.

For further details of the clinical and translational research infrastructure in place, please see the websites below:

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/cancer-research/>

<http://www.ecmcnetwork.org.uk/belfast>

<http://www.nictn.hscni.net>