Dental Senior House Officer

Health Board: NHS Grampian
Hospital: University of Aberdeen Dental School & Hospital
Post Specifics: SHO In Restorative Dentistry
Rotations:

Web address (if applicable)

Programme Description

Why choose this programme
This programme offers a unique opportunity to gain experience in all aspects of Restorative Dentistry including joint working, in a fully integrated manner at the newest Dental School & Hospital in the UK.

How to apply

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Job Description

General Information

The University of Aberdeen Dental School & Hospital opened in autumn 2009. It offers a postgraduate-entry dental curriculum leading to BDS, and secondary care services in a purpose-built, state-of-the-art building. The Aberdeen Dental Education Centre postgraduate teaching facility and outreach teaching facility for Dundee Dental School are directly attached to the building. The Dental School & Hospital is in the grounds of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and the Foresterhill Campus, one of the largest hospital sites in Europe.

Aberdeen is the third largest city in Scotland with a population of around 250,000 and some 500,000 within the Grampian area. Recognised as the oil capital of Europe, Aberdeen nevertheless retains its old-fashioned charm and character making it an attractive place in which to live. There are good road, rail and air communications with the rest of the country and there are excellent cultural, recreational and educational facilities, while the surrounding countryside offers considerable scope for summer and winter sporting and outdoor recreational activity.

Department Information

The Restorative Dentistry Department provides specialist services throughout the Grampian, Orkney and Shetland Health Board areas, serving a population base of approximately 630,000 and is responsible for peripheral clinics in Orkney and Inverness.

There are eight dedicated, highly equipped surgeries. The Department provides advice and treatment planning for general dental practitioners and the community dental service. As a result of the location of regional and sub-regional medical and surgical specialties in Aberdeen, the Restorative Department has significant involvement in the provision of tertiary services. This experience is unique with respect to any other Restorative Dental service in Scotland. This collaboration results in the Restorative Dentistry Department being involved in the care of patients with varying and complex treatment needs.

Aberdeen is the regional centre for secondary and tertiary cleft lip and palate surgery and, in addition, all orthognathic surgery for the region is based in Aberdeen. It is also the regional centre for head and neck oncology. A multidisciplinary Head and Neck Cancer clinic is held each week. In addition, the National Hyperbaric Centre is on-site attracting tertiary referral for head and neck oncology patients with complex management problems.

Weekly combined clinics also take place between Restorative Dentistry, Orthodontics and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery with a broad case mix including hypodontia, cleft lip and palate, and facial deformity. Many challenging multi-disciplinary cases are undertaken in addition, a monthly implant clinic is held with Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the planning of complex
cases, for example those requiring extensive bone grafting.

The full range of procedures in Restorative Dentistry are carried out in a fully integrated manner. All aspects of Endodontics, Periodontics, Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics, including Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, and Implant Dentistry are performed.

Staffing

Consultants:
Dr D Barker (NHS Consultant)
Prof HL Craddock (Honorary Consultant)
Mr MA Donachie (NHS Consultant)
Prof JP Newton (Honorary Consultant)

Other staff within the clinical service include a full time Staff Grade, full time Specialist Registrar and a visiting SpR from Dundee Dental Hospital, two Senior House Officers (the advertised posts), two Dental Foundation Trainees and 1.2wte Dental Hygienists. There is excellent Dental Nurse support and a Department Secretary.

The Restorative Dentistry production laboratory has 6 Dental Technicians and an ATO. All technical work covering the disciplines of fixed and removable prosthodontics, implant-retained prostheses, and intra-oral and extra-oral maxillofacial prosthetics is carried out. There are separate dedicated Maxillofacial and Orthodontic laboratories, each staffed by three technicians.

Posts available/Rotations

Two SHO positions are available in the Department with timetables swapping after six months. Allocation to a new patient clinic in orthodontics is currently included in one six month rotation and a new patient clinic in Paediatric Dentistry is included in the second six month rotation.

Duties

Duties will be laid down by the consultants and confirmed as part of the induction process.

To work under the supervision of senior staff to provide dental care for patients referred to the Restorative Dentistry Department.

To attend new patient clinics, combined clinics and personal treatment sessions.

To be active in clinical audit, the application of evidence-based clinical practice and clinical governance.

To engage in work-based assessments and update your e-portfolio.

Hours of Work

The Dental School & Hospital is open from 9am to 5pm on weekdays.

Some duties may require an earlier start or later finish such as attending monthly peripheral clinics in Inverness.

Study and Training

One session per week is allowed for personal study with an additional session timetabled for audit. Each post-holder is assigned an educational supervisor. The post is recognised for training
appropriate for the MFDS examination.

The two SHOs share their own office with allocated desks and computer access. There is a comprehensive Medical and Dental Library on the Foresterhill Site.

Facilities
The Dental Hospital and School includes a radiology department with Cone Beam CT, separate technical production laboratories for Restorative Dentistry and Orthodontics, together with comprehensive teaching facilities and seminar rooms. Clinical areas for Restorative Dentistry, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Special Needs Dentistry, including sedation facilities, exist along with three undergraduate teaching clinics.

Conditions of Appointment
Health Questionnaires, PVG, References