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| **Post Title** | **Consultant Physician in Genitourinary Medicine**.  |
| **Details of post** | The Gay Men’s Health Service (GMHS) located in the Meath Primary Care Centre (CHO 6) and the Department of Genitourinary Medicine & Infectious Diseases (GUIDE) at St James’s Hospital currently have a vacancy at for a **Consultant Physician in Genitourinary Medicine**. **Applications will be considered from eligible candidates who hold relevant specialist registration in either Genitourinary Medicine or Infectious Diseases.** |
| **Tenure** | This is a permanent full-time vacancy available from 1st May 2025. The appointee will work 37 per week in line with the Public Only Consultant Contract (POCC) 2023. The post is split between the two services with a 25hr/week commitment to the GMHS and 12hr/week to the GUIDE Clinic, St. James Hospital. |
| **Category of Contract** | POCC 2023 |
| **Salary**  | Basic salary will be applied in line with approved HSE salary scales and will be Commensurate with experience and qualifications.  |
| **Qualifications:** | Registration as a Specialist in the Specialist Division of the Registrar of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the Divisions of Genitourinary Medicine or Infectious Diseases of the Register of Medical Specialists maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland, before taking up appointment. |
| **The GMHS Clinic** | The GMHS is Irelands only dedicated statutory sexual health and wellbeing service for gay and bisexual men, men who have sex with men and the trans population. There were approx. 8,330 patient attendances in 2023 which was a 12% increase on the previous year. Approximately 25% of patients seen are diagnosed with an STI which require treatment, health advice and further follow up appointments. This service is provided by specialist nursing and medical staff in a timely fashion. This is the essence from a public health perspective of an effective Sexual Health clinic – efficient and timely diagnosis, treatment and follow up of those diagnosed with STIs, along with comprehensive risk reduction and prevention programmes. There were 2,600 PrEP attendances in 2023 along with administration of 1,750 vaccines.The clinic is has expanded since 2021 with the first appointment of a consultant based at the GMHS, transitioning from predominantly temporary staff to permanent staff in all disciplines, along with establishing an IT infrastructure for all clinic needs including electronic patient records. This is an exciting time for the GMHS and for the new consultant appointee. They will be expected to lead on developing the current sexual health services offered including PrEP clinic and specialist sexual health services. |
| **The GUIDE Clinic**  | The GUIDE clinic is the largest adult HIV and Sexual Health service in Ireland, providing comprehensive HIV care to almost 3,000 individuals living with HIV. The GUIDE clinic has approx. 33,000 outpatient attendances per annum, across a wide range of services; HIV ambulatory care, Genitourinary medicine clinics: Sexual Health testing and treatment, HIV prevention (PEP, PrEP), Young Persons Sexual Health service, viral hepatitis screening and treatment, vaccination service, general infectious diseases service, OPAT, inclusion health, prison and antenatal outreach services. The department also provides specialist inpatient HIV and general infectious diseases care. The department aims to enhance and promote high standards of professional healthcare in order to deliver an open access and comprehensive exemplary service to all patients.The department strives to maximize effectiveness, efficacy and appropriateness of patient services and aims to provide a quality service within the frame of available resources and to constantly monitor and evaluate outcomes. The successful consultant appointee will have to opportunity to participate in both HIV and sexual health clinics on a weekly basis as per the needs of the department. |
| **Main role, duties and responsibilities** | The successful candidate will: * Have a particular interest and demonstrable experience in Genitourinary medicine, sexual health and HIV medicine, including development and delivery of HIV prevention services (HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis).
* Participate in the provision and administration of the full range of HIV and sexual health outpatient services at GMHS and GUIDE Clinic at St. James’s Hospital.
* Together with colleagues in GUIDE have a role in shaping policy with regard to the management of sexual health and HIV services, best practice, clinical effectiveness and accreditation.
* Work within the Hospital’s Governance and Clinical Directorate structure.
* Participate in and maintain responsibility for Quality Improvement and Clinical Audit programmes within GUIDE and GMHS in conjunction with colleagues and in accordance with hospital and HSE clinical governance structures.
* Provide cross cover for colleagues as appropriate
* Have the opportunity to participate in the HIV/ID on call rota at St James’s Hospital.
* Must be eligible to be an RCPI approved trainer in Genitourinary Medicine
* Participate in teaching, including undergraduate teaching, postgraduate teaching and other teaching commitments of the department for medical, nursing and allied staff.
* Delivery of undergraduate teaching and examinations in Trinity College Dublin School of Medicine
* Maintain a Programme of continuing medical education applicable to the responsibilities of the post
* Attend and participate in meetings relevant to the post
* Liaise with relevant senior medical, nursing and management teams in all matters relevant to the department.
* Teaching and training supervision of Higher Specialist Trainees
* Teaching and training supervision of Basic Specialist Trainees
* Teaching and training supervision of GP trainees
* Training supervision of nurse prescribing and Advance nurse practitioner candidates
* Participation in Public Health convened outbreak control teams as required (e.g. Mpox and Syphilis)
* Participation in mandated Infectious Diseases reporting to Public Health
* Participation in future service development
* Participation in strategy and policy development with HSE and Department of Health as required
* Communication with GP colleagues
* Supervision of results management for junior and nursing colleagues
* Electronic results management
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| Skills/ Competencies/Knowledge | **Clinical Care:** To demonstrate the ability to provide a level of clinical care required by this post according to the standards and requirements set by statutory and regulatory bodies e.g. RCPI, Medical Council of Ireland.**Communication:** To illustrate a high level of verbal and non-verbal skills in order to effectively communicate with and relate to patients and / or parents / family, colleagues, hospital staff and management.**Leadership and Management Skills**: To demonstrate a satisfactory level of proficiency so as to enable the appointee to manage his/her staff and service and to be able to interact with and participate in hospital management structures as required. Furthermore, the appointee should demonstrate the ability to lead, supervise and be responsible for the clinical work of his / her multi-professional team.**Teaching**: To demonstrate skills required for educational training to medical students, and other healthcare professionals.**Research:** To demonstrate a proven ability and track record of engagement in research relating to the specialty.**Continuing Education:** To demonstrate a proven record of undertaking continuous professional development and continuous medical education. **Audit:** Provide evidence of undertaking and initiating audit and quality projects. |
| Eligibility Criteria  | **Essential:**On the Irish Medical Council Specialist register in Genitourinary Medicine or Infectious DiseasesExperience in delivery of outpatient and inpatient sexual health care Experience in delivery of inpatient and outpatient HIV care**Desirable:**Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine Diploma in HIV MedicineExperience in HIV or Sexual Health research – MD or PhD |
| Informal enquiries | Informal enquiries: Dr. Emma Devitt Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine GUIDE clinic St James’s Hospital emdevitt@stjames.ie or Dr Grainne Courtney Consultant in Genitourinary medicine GUIDE Clinic / GHMS gcourtney@stjames.ie |
| Closing Date: | 2nd February 2025 |
| **Application Procedures** | Please submit your CV via the electronic recruitment system. |