



The Shrewsbury and
Telford Hospital
NHS Trust

SPECIALIST DOCTOR IN ANAESTHETICS & INTENSIVE CARE

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES



Our Vision and Values

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is an organisation that strives to provide high quality, safe care for our patients in an environment which our staff are proud to work in

Our Vision:

“To provide excellent care for the communities we serve”

Our Values:



About our Vision

We believe that by adhering to our Vision and working with our Values in mind we can behave in a way which will ensure the right results for the people that matter most – our patients and their families.

About our Values

Our Trust Values provide a guide for our daily lives which we are all expected to uphold, both at work and when we are representing the Trust.

Our Values were developed by staff and our patients, so they represent what is important to us within the organisation and the way we should all behave towards patients, carers, visitors, partners and each other.

You will see our Values throughout the Trust; they are not just words on a page, they represent what we are about here at SaTH. We want patients and their families to say that the care and service they receive from all of us is consistently high-quality, safe, effective and personalised, so the feelings behind the Values shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone working in the NHS.

The reason why it is important that they are clearly written down is so we all know what's expected, and none of us are surprised if we are asked to explain any unacceptable behaviour.

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About the Trust & Hospital Transformation Programme

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) is the main provider of acute hospital services for around half a million people in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales.

Encompassing some of the most picturesque parts of England and Wales, the Trust's catchment stretches from the Cambrian Mountains in the west, to Newport and the fringes of the Black Country in the east. The main towns include: Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch (in Shropshire); Newport, Telford and Wellington (in Telford & Wrekin); and Newtown and Welshpool (in Powys) – all beautiful and unique.

Our main service locations are the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Telford and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) in Shrewsbury which are located 20 minutes' drive apart. Together they provide 99% of our activity. Both hospitals provide a wide range of acute hospital services including accident & emergency, outpatients, diagnostics, inpatient medical care and critical care.

We also provide services such as consultant-led outreach clinics at the Wrekin Community Clinic, Telford, the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen and the Bridgnorth, Ludlow and Whitchurch Community Hospitals.

We employ over 7000 staff, and hundreds of staff and students from other organisations also work in our hospitals. At The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH), there are around 300 volunteers who support patients, their families and colleagues. That net is cast even wider if you include the many charities and organisations whose volunteers also support the Trust including the Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal which is based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Our priority is to deliver the best possible diagnostic facilities and high-quality clinical care in a clean, supportive setting. We are committed to ensuring every patient receives effective treatment with respect and dignity.

As part of our long-term vision, to enhance patient care and service delivery, selected services will be either relocating or moving to a cross-site model in 2028. The changes will further bring together our specialist services into a purpose built, modern environment designed to enhance patient care and provide improved working experience for our teams.

As we are currently actively recruiting to roles across services that will be relocating or changing the way the service is delivered, we want to be transparent with all applicants and advise that successful candidates will be expected to move with the service to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital when the relocation takes place, in early 2028, or move to a cross-site working model.

The relocation will be managed through a formal management of change process, with full consultation and support provided to colleagues throughout the process. An overview of the services that are moving are included on page five of the job pack.



Overview of Changes

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital will specialise in Emergency Care:

- Emergency Department
- Urgent Treatment Centre
- Critical Care Unit
- Consultant-led Maternity Care
- Children's Inpatient Services
- Emergency and Trauma Surgery with complex, planned and children's surgery
- Emergency Medicine, including Cardiology, Stroke, Respiratory, and Acute Medicine
- Consultant Neonatal Services
- Radiotherapy and inpatient and day Cancer Care and Treatment

The Princess Royal Hospital will specialise in Planned Care:

- Diagnostic Endoscopy
- Vibrant planned care site planned inpatient surgery with medical and surgical inpatients on a planned pathway of care.
- Adult and Child outpatients
- Day case surgery centre
- Midwife led unit
- 24/7 urgent treatment service, which would enable 65% patients who would have attended the traditional accident and emergency medicine department to be seen at PRH
- Dedicated procedure suite for local anaesthetics
- Enhanced rehab facilities and new therapy led wards
- Respiratory diagnostic and treatment centre
- Cancer treatment day unit



Main Duties and Responsibilities

Clinical And Educational

- Undertake theatre sessions and ITU/HDU sessions with accompanying consultants
- To take part in the 2nd on call rota managing ITU/HDU and supervising the resident doctor in theatres
- To provide support to the novice resident doctors and medical students and actively contribute to training and continuity of service
- To develop enhanced clinical skills, especially in the assessment and management of acutely ill patients.
- To have excellent team-working skills with the abilities and professional attitude to work well in a multi-professional team.
- To deliver clinical and quality targets agreed both nationally and locally with clinical teams and commissioners.
- To follow patients throughout their clinical pathways.

Organisational

- To work with local managers and professional colleagues in the employing Trust in the efficient running of the service.
- To be subject to the provisions of the Terms and Conditions of Service, be required to observe the Trust's agreed policies and procedures, drawn up in consultation with the profession on clinical matters and to follow the local and national employment and personnel policies and procedures.
- To participate in the Continuous Professional Development and the Trust's appraisal scheme.
- To be aware of the responsibility of all employees to maintain a safe and healthy environment for patients, visitors and staff and attend all relevant health and safety training.
- Ensure that all Trust-wide standards are maintained to improve the quality of total care to all who come into contact with services provided by Shrewsbury and Telford hospital NHS Trust.

This job description is not intended to be exhaustive. The post holder will be expected to carry out any reasonable duties requested of them, appropriate to the grade and role of the post. Duties and responsibilities may vary from time to time in light of changing circumstances and in consultation with the post holder.



Job Description

Job Title:	Specialist Doctor in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care
Grade:	Specialist Doctor
Division:	Surgery, Anaesthetics & Cancer
Responsible to:	Divisional Medical Director
Professionally Accountable to:	Medical Director
Hours:	Full-time (10PAs) – Part time candidates will be considered
Duration:	Permanent
Salary:	£104,401 to £115,341 [MC70] per annum

Job Summary

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust is looking for a permanent Specialist Doctor in Anaesthetics and Intensive Care who will be based at either the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH), Telford or the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) for the on-call element of the role but with responsibilities across both hospitals' sites (Princess Royal Hospital Telford and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital) during normal working hours.

Duties will principally involve supported cover of elective theatre sessions, an on-call commitment to the Intensive Care Unit and occasional daytime work in emergency theatres/ obstetric theatres and delivery suite.

Contribution to an out of hours on call rota is core to this role.

The Post

The Department

At the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, the Critical Care Unit currently has 14 beds (Total dependency of 8). 12 Consultants provide day and night cover.

At the Princess Royal Hospital there are 11 critical care beds (total dependency of 6). Intensive Care Consultants provide daytime Critical Care cover and out of hours cover is provided by a pool of general anaesthetists and Intensivists currently.

Both Hospitals have easy access to the other's critical care beds should the need for overspill arise. There is hospital specific Consultant cover both day and night.

There is an outreach service on the general wards run very successfully by critical care trained nurses. The Trust is the development site for vital PAC, an electronic Early Warning System that has won numerous innovation awards, adopting it enthusiastically some years ago as only one of two Trusts in the Country at that time. Many new features are being integrated into the system to improve patient ward safety. All Junior Doctors and many nurses at Shrewsbury participate in a "deteriorating patient Simulation course" in our bespoke dedicated simulation lab.

The Princess Royal Hospital has 11 operating theatres which provide orthopaedic, ENT, Maxillo-facial, breast, gynaecological and paediatric surgery. There are also 2 operating theatres within the Womens and Childrens department and anaesthetic cover is provided for caesarean section lists Monday-Friday.

The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital has 9 operating theatres close to the Critical Care unit. The majority of the theatre workload is general, colorectal, upper GI/Bariatric, urological, vascular, trauma orthopaedic surgery and ophthalmic surgery. CEPOD theatre activity is high with Shrewsbury being the 6th busiest acute surgical unit in England (GIRFT data).

Work is varied with both emergency and elective activity and we are the busiest centre for emergency laparotomies in the West Midlands. Our cross-site department is flexible, inclusive and friendly, and we value family life; recognising the balance that we need to strike between work and home. We have a progressive, inclusive and dedicated team with representatives that work at a National level on the board of the Intensive Care Society and the Association of Anaesthetists.

Why Join SaTH?

This is an exciting opportunity to join a progressive and supportive Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Department at a time of significant service transformation and investment.

The successful candidate will join a friendly and inclusive team committed to delivering high quality patient care, education, quality improvement and service development. The department actively supports professional development and encourages Specialist Doctors to develop additional clinical interests and leadership skills.

The post offers a varied case mix across elective and emergency work together with opportunities to gain experience in critical care medicine and perioperative care.

Department Structure

The Department of Anaesthesia and Critical Care provides services across both the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital sites. The department delivers anaesthetic services to a wide range of surgical specialties and provides comprehensive critical care services across both hospitals.

The department comprises Consultant Anaesthetists, Specialty Doctors, Specialist Doctors, Resident Doctors in Training, Advanced Clinical Practitioners, Anaesthetic Associates and a dedicated multidisciplinary critical care team.

The department has a strong reputation for education, training and quality improvement and supports undergraduate medical students, postgraduate trainees and members of the wider multidisciplinary workforce.

Areas of Special Interest

You will join a large, diverse consultant body with a wide range of special interests, including:

- Obstetric anaesthesia
- Paediatrics
- Vascular and colorectal anaesthesia
- Intensive care
- Human factors and simulation
- Pre-operative assessment
- Enhanced recovery
- Robotic surgery
- Acute pain
- Education and governance

This breadth of expertise creates a rich environment for collaboration, mentorship, and professional development.

Departmental Team

Our wider anaesthetic workforce includes:

- 2 Associate Specialists
- 12 Specialists
- 9 Specialty Doctors
- 9 Locally Employed Doctors
- 10 Core Trainees
- 7 Specialist Trainees
- 2.5 WTE secretarial staff
- A well-established Critical Care Outreach Team

This is a supportive, well-staffed department with a strong educational culture.

Teaching and Training

The department has a strong educational ethos and is actively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. Specialist Doctors are encouraged to participate in teaching medical students, resident doctors and members of the wider multidisciplinary team.

CESR and Career Development Support

The department is supportive of doctors wishing to pursue CESR/Portfolio Pathway accreditation and career progression within the SAS grade structure. Opportunities exist to develop evidence across the domains

required for professional advancement through clinical practice, teaching, leadership, quality improvement and service development activities.

Clinical Interests and Service Development

The successful candidate will have opportunities to contribute to service improvement initiatives and to develop clinical interests aligned with departmental needs. The department actively encourages participation in audit, quality improvement, governance, education and leadership activities.

Professional Development

The Trust is committed to supporting the professional development of Specialist Doctors. Opportunities exist to participate in:

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Quality Improvement and Audit projects
- Undergraduate and postgraduate education
- Clinical governance activities
- Service development initiatives
- Leadership and management development programmes

The department supports doctors wishing to develop specialist interests and those working towards portfolio development, CESR/Portfolio Pathway applications, or progression within the SAS career structure.

Job Plan

A formal job plan will be agreed between the successful candidate and their Clinical Director, on behalf of the Medical Director within 3 months of starting in post. A full-time job plan is based on a 10 PA working week. The job plan will be reviewed annually and is a prospective agreement that sets out the doctor's duties, responsibilities, and objectives for the coming year. It covers all aspects of a doctor's professional practice including clinical work, teaching, research, education and managerial responsibilities. It will provide a clear schedule of commitments, both internal and external and will include personal objectives, detailing links to wider service improvements and trust strategic priorities.

For a full-time contract, the job plan will be divided on average per week (pro-rata for a part time post) as:

- 9 Programmed Activities (PAs) of Direct Clinical Care - includes clinical activity, clinically related activity and predictable and unpredictable emergency work.
- 1 Supporting Professional Activities (SPAs) - includes CPD, audit, teaching and research.

The allocation of PAs is reviewed and may be subject to adjustment when a further diary exercise is undertaken or if the service demands a review of the team job plan.

Any applicant who is unable, for personal reasons, to work full-time will be eligible to be considered for the post. If such a person is appointed, modification of the job content will be discussed on a personal basis with the Trust in consultation with departmental colleagues.

Rota Duties

The post-holder will be expected to contribute to the 1in8 full-shift rota. The rota is compliant with the terms and conditions of the 2016 Junior Doctor Contract, 2021 Specialist Doctor Contract and WTD and has been carefully designed to maximise training opportunities for doctors whilst maintaining a safe and efficient service, with an even spread of long days and nights. The post holder will be 1 of the 8 doctors contributing to the full shift rota with a weekend frequency of 1:4 with 7-night shifts across an 8-week reference period and is

prospectively covered for annual and study leave.

Timetable

The following generic job plan is a snapshot of the clinical activity and clinically related activity components of the appointee's standard working week in line with the 1in8 full shift rota above.

EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	8:00 – 18:00		20:00 – 24:00	00:00 – 08:30 20:00 – 24:00	00:00 – 08:30		
2		8:00 – 18:00	8:00 – 13:00		20:00 – 24:00	00:00 – 08:30 20:00 – 24:00	00:00 – 08:30 20:00 – 24:00
3	00:00 – 08:30		8:00 – 18:00				
4	8:00 – 20:30	8:00 – 20:30		8:00 – 18:00	8:00 – 13:00		
5	20:00 – 24:00	00:00 – 08:30 20:00 – 24:00	00:00 – 08:30		8:00 – 18:00		
6	8:00 – 18:00	8:00 – 13:00			8:00 – 20:30	8:00 – 20:30	8:00 – 20:30
7				8:00 – 18:00			
8	8:00 – 18:00	8:00 – 13:00	8:00 – 20:30	8:00 – 20:30			

This timetable is indicative only and subject to staffing changes.

General Conditions

Annual Leave

Doctors upon first appointment to the Specialist Doctor grade shall be entitled to annual leave at the rate of 27 days a year.

Doctors who have completed a minimum of two years' service in the Specialist Doctor grade and/or in equivalent grades or who had an entitlement to 32 days of annual leave a year or more in their immediately previous appointments shall be entitled to annual leave at the rate of 32 days per year.

Doctors who have completed a minimum of seven years' service in the Specialist Doctor grade and/or equivalent grades shall receive an additional day of annual leave and shall be entitled to annual leave at the rate of 33 days per year.

Study and Professional Leave

Professional and Study leave includes but is not restricted to participation in:

- Study, usually but not exclusively or necessarily on a course or programme;
- Research
- Teaching
- Examining or taking examinations
- Visiting clinics and attending professional conferences
- Training

The appointee will be entitled to 30 days of Study/Professional Leave across a 3-year fixed period with a set budget.

Research

It is usual for the Trust to be participating in many research projects at any time. Every effort would be made to accommodate a particular research interest you may have, particularly if trainee members of the department could be incorporated in the methodological and practical stages.

Audit

Great importance is placed upon audit within the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust and you will be expected to contribute to this as part of your role. The Trust has a fully staffed Audit Department at both hospitals with extremely well-organised teams.

Appraisal, Revalidation and Mentorship

- The Trust has the required arrangements in place, to ensure that all Doctors have an annual appraisal with a trained appraiser and supports all Doctors going through the revalidation process.
- The Trust supports the provision of mentors for newly appointed Specialist Doctors, in line with GMC recommendations. This will be provided within the Trust.
- We will require you to register SaTH as your designated body via the GMC to ensure that you are set up on the Premier IT Revalidation e-Portfolio (PReP) Revalidation System. We will complete this as soon as possible upon your commencement with the Trust.
- The Trust also supports the requirements for continuing professional development and is committed to providing time and financial support for these activities.

- A formal review of the job plan will be performed at least annually. Appropriate educational and training needs will be supported by the Trust, as agreed with the LNC (for example, the approval and funding of study leave). An annual job plan review at individual and departmental level is being introduced. You will be expected to participate in this exercise.
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Accommodation

The Trust offers single residential accommodation for medical staff depending on availability. The Trust only provides single accommodation so private rental would need to be arranged for family accommodation.

Other Facilities

There is an active Doctors Mess run by the Junior Doctors Mess Committee which organise social events, parties, outings etc. There are on-site fitness centres (a membership fee is payable) available to all members of staff

Office and Secretarial Support

The post holder will have full-time secretarial support with an adequately equipped office that will include a computer with access to Trust IT facilities.

Staff Benefits

There are a number of staff benefits schemes which attract tax reductions if joined. This includes a discount on the staff car parking charge, staff gym membership, on-site crèche/childcare provision and access to NHS Discounts schemes.

Health & Safety

As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to:

- Take reasonable care of your own health and safety and that of any other person who may be affected by your acts or omissions at work, and ensuring a COVID secure workplace for the team.
- Co-operate with the Trust in ensuring that Statutory Regulations, Codes of Practice, Local Policies and Departmental Health and Safety Rules are adhered to.
- To not intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health and safety.

Infection Prevention and Control

The prevention and management of acquired infection is a key priority for the Trust. Any breach of Infection Control Policies is a serious matter which may result in disciplinary action. As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to:

- Ensure that your work methods are compliant with the Trust's agreed policies and procedures and do not endanger other people or yourself.
- Be aware of Infection Prevention and Control Policies, Practices and Guidelines appropriate for your duties and you must follow these at all times to maintain a safe environment for patients, visitors and staff.
- Maintain an up-to-date knowledge of Infection Prevention and Control, Policies, Practices and Procedures through attendance at annual mandatory updates and ongoing continuing professional

development.

- Challenge poor infection prevention and control practices of others and to report any breaches, using appropriate Trust mechanisms (e.g. incident reporting policy).

Information Governance

The Trust is committed to compliance with Information Governance standards to ensure that all information is handled legally, securely, efficiently and effectively. You are required to comply with the Trust's Information Governance policies and standards. Failure to do so may result in action being taken in accordance with the Trust's Disciplinary Procedure.

- **Confidentiality and Security** - Your attention is drawn to the confidential nature of information collected within the NHS. Whilst you are employed by the Trust you will come into contact with confidential information and data relating to the work of the Trust, its patients or employees. You are bound by your conditions of service to respect the confidentiality of any information you may come into contact with which identifies patients, employees or other Trust personnel, or business information of the Trust. You also have a duty to ensure that all confidential information is held securely at all times, both on and off site.
- **Disclosure of Information** - The unauthorised use or disclosure of information relating to the Trust's activities or affairs, the treatment of patients or the personal details of an employee, will normally be considered a serious disciplinary offence which could result in dismissal. Upon leaving the Trust's employment and at any time thereafter you must not take advantage of or disclose confidential information that you learnt in the course of your employment. Unauthorised disclosure of any of this information may be deemed as a criminal offence. If you are found to have permitted the unauthorised disclosure of any such information, you and the Trust may face legal action.
- **Information Quality and Records Management** - You must ensure that all information handled by you is accurate and kept up-to-date and you must comply with the Trust's recording, monitoring, validation and improvement schemes and processes.

Professional Standards and Performance Review

As an employee of the Trust you have a responsibility to:

- Participate in statutory and mandatory training as appropriate for the post.
- Maintain consistently high personal and professional standards and act in accordance with the relevant professional code of conduct.
- Take responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of personal and professional competence and to encourage that of colleagues and subordinates.
- Participate in the Trust's appraisal processes including identifying performance standards for the post, personal objective setting and the creation of a personal development plan in line with the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework outline for the post.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

We all have a personal and a professional responsibility within the Trust to identify and report abuse. This may be known, suspected, witnessed or have raised concerns. Early recognition is vital to ensuring the patient is safeguarded; other people (children and vulnerable adults) may be at risk. The Trust's procedures must be implemented, working in partnership with the relevant authorities. The Sharing of Information no matter how small is of prime importance in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

As an employee of the Trust, you have a responsibility to ensure that:

- You are familiar with and adhere to the Trust's Safeguarding Children Procedures and Guidelines.
- You attend Safeguarding Awareness Training and undertake any additional training in relation to safeguarding relevant to your role.

Social Responsibility

The Trust is committed to behaving responsibly in the way we manage transport, procurement, our facilities, employment, skills and our engagement with the local community so that we can make a positive contribution to society. As an employee of the Trust, you have a responsibility to take measures to support our

contribution and to reduce the environmental impact of our activities relating to energy and water usage, transport, and waste.

Continuous Improvement

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is committed to creating a culture that puts Continuous Improvement at the forefront of our transformational journey and our aim is to empower colleagues at all levels have the confidence, capability, passion, and knowledge, to test changes and make improvements at SaTH and in the communities we serve.

Following a successful five-year partnership with the Virginia Mason Institute in the USA, SaTH continues to further develop and embed the Trust's approach to Continuous Improvement at all levels of the organisation. You will be supported by an Improvement Hub, which will provide the necessary expertise to support you make improvements, while also providing training at various stages of your time at SaTH, as part of your continuing professional development.

No Smoking Policy

There is a no smoking policy in operation within the Trust. Smoking within the Trust's premises or within the Trust's grounds is not permitted.

Miscellaneous

This job description is an outline of the key tasks and responsibilities of the post and is not intended to be an exhaustive list. The job may change over time to reflect the changing needs of the Trust and its services as well as the personal development.





Person Specification

The following pages contain a description of the qualifications, skills, experience, knowledge and other attributes a candidate should ideally possess to successfully perform this role.

QUALIFICATIONS

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
• MBBS, MB ChB or equivalent medical qualification • Advanced Life Support (ALS) Certification • 12 years of anaesthetic experience including obstetric Anaesthesia, including at least 6 years in the relevant specialty. • Primary FRCA or equivalent • FRCA part 1	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓

ENTRY CRITERIA

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
• Full Registration and a licence to practise with the General Medical Council (GMC) • Shall have completed a minimum of 12 years' medical work (either continuous period or in aggregate) since obtaining a primary medical qualification of which a minimum of six years should have been in Anaesthesia in the Specialty Doctor and/or closed SAS grades. Equivalent years' experience in a relevant specialty from other medical grades including from overseas will also be accepted. • A minimum of 2 years NHS experience in Anaesthesia • Experience in all aspects of Anaesthesia and critical care medicine • Demonstrate thorough understanding of health service delivery in the UK	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	

GENERIC CAPABILITIES FRAMEWORK

Professional Values & Behaviours

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
- Practises with the professional values and behaviours expected of all doctors as set out in GMC Good Medical Practice and the Generic Professional Capabilities Framework (or equivalent for dentists). - Demonstrates the underpinning subject-specific competences i.e., knowledge, skills and behaviours relevant to the role setting and scope. - Clinically evaluates and manages a patient, formulating a prioritised differential diagnosis, initiating an appropriate management plan, and reviewing and adjusting this depending on the outcomes of treatment. - Critically reflects on own competence, understands own limits, and seeks help when required. - Communicates effectively and able to share decision-making with patients, relatives and carers; treats patients as individuals, promoting a person-centred approach to their care, including self-management. - Respects patients' dignity, ensures confidentiality and appropriate communication where potentially difficult or where barriers exist, e.g., using interpreters and making adjustments for patients with communication difficulties - Demonstrates key generic clinical skills around the areas of consent; ensuring humane interventions, prescribing medicines safely and using medical devices safely. - Adheres to professional requirements, participating in annual appraisal and reviews of performance and progression. - Awareness of legal responsibilities relevant to the role, such as around mental capacity and deprivation of liberty; data protection; equality and diversity. - Applies basic principles of public health; including population health, promoting health and wellbeing, work, nutrition, exercise, vaccination and illness prevention, as relevant to their specialty.	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	

Leadership & Team Working

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
- Awareness of their leadership responsibilities as a clinician and demonstrates appropriate leadership behaviour; managing situations that are unfamiliar, complex, or unpredictable and seeking to build collaboration with, and confidence in, others. - Demonstrates understanding of a range of leadership principles, approaches and techniques so can adapt leadership behaviours to improve engagement and outcomes – appreciates own leadership style	✓ ✓	

and its impact on others.		
Develops effective relationships across teams and contributes to work and success of these teams – promotes and participates in both multidisciplinary and interprofessional team working.	✓	
Critically reflects on decision-making processes and explains those decisions to others in an honest and transparent way.	✓	
Demonstrates ability to challenge others, escalating concerns when necessary.	✓	
Develops practice in response to changing population health need, engaging in horizon scanning for future developments.	✓	

Patient Safety & Quality Improvement

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Takes prompt action where there is an issue with the safety or quality of patient care, raises and escalates concerns, through clinical governance systems, where necessary.	✓	
Demonstrates understanding of the basic principles of audit, clinical risk management, evidence-based practice, patient safety and clinical quality improvement initiatives	✓	
Applies basic human factors principles and practice at individual, team, organisation, and system levels.	✓	
Collaborates with multidisciplinary and interprofessional teams to manage risk and issues across organisations and settings, with respect for and recognition of the roles of other health professionals.	✓	
Advocates for, and contributes to, organisational learning.	✓	
Reflects on personal behaviour and practice, responding to learning opportunities.	✓	

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Recognises and takes responsibility for safeguarding children, young people, and adults, using appropriate systems for identifying, sharing information, recording and raising concerns, obtaining advice and taking action.	✓	
Applies appropriate equality and diversity legislation, including disability discrimination requirements, in the context of patient care.	✓	

Education & Training

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
• Critically assesses own learning needs and ensures a personal development plan reflects both clinical practice and relevant generic capabilities. • Promotes and participates in individual and team learning; supporting the educational needs of individuals and teams for uni-professional, multidisciplinary and interprofessional learning. • Identifies and creates safe and supportive working and learning environments. • Takes part in patient education.	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	

Research & Scholarship

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
• Keeps up to date with current research and best practice in the individual's specific area of practice, through appropriate continuing professional development activities and their own independent study and reflection. • Critically appraises and understands the relevance of the literature, conducting literature searches and reviews; disseminates best practice including from quality improvement projects. • Communicates and interprets research evidence in a meaningful way for patients to support shared decision-making. • Works towards identifying the need for further research to strengthen the evidence base or where there are gaps in knowledge, networking with teams within and outside the organisation • Locates and uses clinical guidelines appropriately.	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	



Poppy's Promise

Poppy's Promise is a compassionate care initiative introduced within this Trust to enhance communication, respect and empathy across every aspect of patient care.

The initiative was founded by Katie Russell, following the loss of her daughter Poppy, who tragically died at just twelve hours old due to failures in care and communication. Born from that experience, Poppy's Promise serves as a powerful reminder that while clinical skill saves lives, it is compassion, listening and respect that define the quality of care and human connection. By embedding this promise across our organisation, we ensure that no patient or family ever feels unseen, unheard, or uncared for.

Poppy's Promise is a five-stage framework that supports NHS staff to provide compassionate, consistent and patient-centred care. It aims to create a culture where empathy and communication are prioritised at every level – from education and recruitment to daily patient interactions.

At the heart of the initiative lies the C.A.R.E. framework, which outlines four guiding principles for staff to follow. The CARE principles form the foundation of Poppy's Promise. They describe the behaviours, attitudes and values that underpin every interaction – between staff and patients, staff and families, and colleagues with one another.

CARE is not an additional task. It is how care is delivered.

C.A.R.E. Meaning and Practice

Compassion - Demonstrate genuine kindness, empathy and humanity in every interaction. Compassion means recognising the emotional as well as the physical needs of patients, families and colleagues, and responding with care, patience and understanding. Small acts of compassion can have a lasting impact.

Acknowledge - Actively listen and be fully present. Use eye contact, names and open body language, and acknowledge the individual's feelings, concerns and lived experience. Every person should feel seen, heard and taken seriously.

Respect - Treat everyone with dignity, honesty and fairness at all times. Respect individual differences, personal circumstances and lived experience. Trust is built through respectful behaviour, consistency and integrity.

Empower - Enable people to be active participants in their care and work. Communicate clearly, encourage questions and shared decision-making, and ensure patients, families and colleagues feel informed, confident and included.

Poppy's Promise is more than a framework – it represents a cultural shift towards human-centred care. By adopting these principles, we:

- Strengthen trust and communication between staff and patients
- Reduce avoidable harm through better understanding and listening

- Improve patient experience and staff wellbeing
- Foster a culture of openness, empathy and shared responsibility

Every member of staff has a role to play in bringing Poppy's Promise to life. Whether you are clinical, administrative or support staff, compassion and communication are part of everyone's role.

In daily practice, you can:

- Take a moment before entering a patient's space – centre yourself, focus on the person, not the task
- Use clear, respectful and kind language
- Listen without interruption and acknowledge emotions expressed
- Be honest and transparent, even when conversations are difficult
- Reflect after interactions – consider how your approach made the patient or family feel

All staff within the Trust are expected to:

- Uphold the values of Poppy's Promise in all patient and colleague interactions
- Attend any training, workshops or refreshers provided as part of the initiative
- Support colleagues in modelling compassionate behaviours
- Raise concerns constructively when communication or respect fall short
- Reflect these principles in both professional and personal conduct within the workplace

Together, we can make every interaction an opportunity to care, listen and make a difference.

That is Poppy's Promise.