

Working for NHS Lothian











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We cannot accept CV's as a form of application and only application forms completed via the JobTrain system will be accepted. Please visit https://apply.jobs.scot.nhs.uk for further details on how to apply.

You will receive a response acknowledging receipt of your application.

This post requires the post holder to have a PVG Scheme membership/record. If the successful applicant is not a current PVG member for the required regulatory group i.e. child and/or adult, then an application will need to be made to Disclosure Scotland and deemed satisfactory before the successful post holder can commence work.

Please visit our Careers website for further information on what NHS Lothian has to offer http://careers.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk







Section 1: Person Specification

All applicants must be GMC registered and be within three years of successful completion of UK Foundation Programme or equivalent (as evidence by CREST form) by time of appointment.

REQUIREMENTS	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	WHEN EVALUATED
Qualifications and Training	Successful completion of UK Foundation Programme or equivalent	Distinction, prizes or honours during Postgraduate training ALS/ATLS/CRISP Instructor Status Any MRCP qualifications or equivalent	Application Form
Experience	Recent development in areas of acute care and medical specialty e.g. ED, Acute Medicine etc	Well-presented log book or professional portfolio Experience in Oncology/Clinical Trials	Application Form Interview
Eligibility	Eligible for full registration with the GMC at time of appointment and hold a current licence to practice Evidence of achievement of postgraduate medical training in line with GMC standards/Good Medical Practice Eligibility to work in the UK	Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training +/- current certification	Application Form Interview
Teaching	Enthusiastic in teaching clinical skills in the workplace or training environment	Evidence of contributing to teaching & learning of others Has successfully completed a 'training the trainers' or 'teaching skills' course	Application Form Interview







Fitness To Practise Health	Is up to date and fit to practise safely Meets professional health requirements (in line with GMC standards/ Good Medical Practice)		Application Form References Application Form Pre- employment health screening
Academic/ Research Skills	Research Skills: Demonstrates understanding of the basic principles of audit, clinical risk management & evidence-based practice Understanding of basic research principles, methodology & ethics, with a potential to contribute to research Audit: Evidence of active participation in audit	Evidence of relevant academic & research achievements e.g. degrees, prizes, awards, distinctions, publications, presentations, other achievements Evidence of research and publications in peer reviewed journals Evidence of participation in risk management and/or clinical/laboratory research Evidence of clinical trial training / prior experience	Application Form Interview
Personal Skills	 Judgement Under Pressure: Capacity to operate effectively under pressure & remain objective In highly emotive/pressurised situations Awareness of own limitations & when to ask 	Motivated and able to work unsupervised as well as within a small team under appropriate guidance	Application Form Interview References







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Communication Skills:

- Capacity to communicate effectively & sensitively with others
- Able to discuss treatment options with patients in a way they can understand
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Problem Solving:

- Capacity to think beyond the obvious, with analytical and flexible mind
- Capacity to bring a range of approaches to problem solving

Situation Awareness:

 Capacity to monitor and anticipate situations that may change rapidly

Decision Making:

 Demonstrates effective judgement and decision- making skills

Organisation & Planning:

- Capacity to manage time and prioritise workload, balance urgent & important demands, follow instructions
- Understands importance & impact of information systems







	Excellent interpersonal skills	
	Evidence of ability to present oneself in an organised, professional manner	
	Evidence of understanding of the importance of team work	
	Experienced with relevant software including presentation, word-processing and spreadsheet software	
Probity	 Professional Integrity: Takes responsibility for own actions Demonstrates respect for the rights of all Demonstrates awareness of ethical principles, safety, confidentiality & consent 	Application Form Interview References
Circumstances of Job	May be required to work at any of NHS Lothian's sites, according to the placement of the post	







Section 2: Introduction to Appointment

Job Title: Clinical Fellow with focus on Clinical Trials

Duration: Fixed Term: 12 months

Specialty/ Department Oncology Department

Acute Hospital Services

Base: Western General Hospital, NHS Lothian

This Post within Cancer Services (Cancer Research)

This Clinical fellow post is based within the Oncology department which is part of the Edinburgh Cancer Centre. Working with the current cancer research team (15 Consultants, 18 Research Nurses and 15 Data Managers) the post holder will provide comprehensive care to patients with a wide range of cancer malignancies within a clinical trial setting, with a focus on Early Phase Trials, especially Phase I. The post would be particularly suitable for someone considering a career in Oncology with research intent. Whilst the post will primarily be in area of clinical trial research there would be opportunities to gain experience in outpatient oncology practice and in the trial roles of allied medical specialties.

Section 3: INDICATIVE JOB PLAN

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-12:00	09:00-12:00	09:00-10:00	09:00-12:30	09:00-12:30
Trials ward	Trials ward	Trials Ward	Trials ward	Trials ward &
				plan following
				week
		10:00-11:30		
		Phase I clinic		
12:00-12:45	12:00-13:00	11:30-12:30		
Trials training	Phase I clinic	Trials ward		
-	-	12:30-13:00	-	-
		National Phase		
		I meeting		
13:15-14:00	13:30-14:00	-	13:00-14:00	13:00-17:00
Team 1 Trials	Trials		Oncology	Data collection
Meeting	matching		teaching	studies
	meeting			







14:00-16:00	14:00-16:00	13:30-16:00	14:00-16:00	
Trials ward	Trials ward	Trials ward	Trials ward	
16:00-17:00	16:00-17:00	16:00-17:00	16:00-17:00	
Update trials list	TARGET &	Molecular	Trial-specific self-	
	IMAGINE trial	Tumour Board	training	
	follow-up	/ Report		
		review		

Responsibility for SAE sign off and review of trial IPs
Responsibility for contemporaneous results review (ECGs, bloods, obs, etc)
Investigator telecons for 2-3 trials
Site initiation visits for trials

Section 4: CLINICAL FELLOW GENERAL INFORMATION

The exact format of each post will be agreed with the successful applicant and the Clinical Director of the clinical area. However, the following general principles will apply.

Clinical Fellow Post with focus on Clinical Trials

Within a 40-hour contract (minimum – some areas may have a banded component), each fellow will contribute approximately:

- 36 hours of Supervised Clinical activity within the Department selected.
- 4 hours Personal and Professional Development (PPD) which will focus on conduct clinical trials and research

Communication and Working Relationships

The post holders will be expected to establish and maintain extremely good communications and working relationships with a wide range of staff, including:

- Clinical Director of the parent acute care specialty who will act as immediate Line manager
- Supervising Staff members from Medical, Clinical and AHPs backgrounds
- Academic mentor/ Named Clinical Supervisor
- Colleagues in training grades at Foundation, Core and Specialty level

Base

The post holder will be based at the Edinburgh Cancer Centre at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh and will spend much of their time with other clinicians, staff and medical students.







Annual leave

Annual leave is in accordance with the nationally agreed level for the grade of applicant

Qualifications and Experience

The post holder must (at the time of commencement of employment) have full registration with the GMC. Ideally applicants will have recently completed a UK based Foundation Programme and understand the UK Healthcare system. It is no longer a requirement of employment within the NHS that medical staff be registered with a medical insurance organisation. Should you wish to maintain registration with such an organisation this is entirely your own choice.

Job Revision

This job description should be regarded only as a guide to the duties required and not definitive or restrictive in any way. It may be reviewed in the light of changing circumstances following consultation with the post holders. This job description does not form part of the contract of employment.

Training Approval

These posts are **not** recognised for training but have been designed in consultation with the Postgraduate Dean in relation to future employment status and eligibility for Core or Specialty training and are built on sound educational governance principles.

Section 5: CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information please contact:

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Working in Edinburgh and the Lothians

Who are we?

NHS Lothian is an integrated teaching NHS Board in Scotland providing primary, community, mental health and hospital services. Professor Caroline Hiscox is the Chief Executive, Professor John Connaghan CBE is the Chair and Tracey Gillies is the Executive Medical Director.

NHS Lothian provides services for the second largest residential population in Scotland – circa 850,000 people. We employ approximately 26,000 staff and are committed to improving all patient care and services and engaging staff in service planning and modernisation.

Further information about Edinburgh and NHS Lothian can be found at https://org.nhslothian.scot/Pages/default.aspx

Location

Edinburgh and the Lothians are on the eastern side of Scotland's central belt in the heart of the country. Four main areas make up Edinburgh and the Lothians – Edinburgh, East Lothian, Mid Lothian and West Lothian.

Edinburgh and the Lothians are a place of exceptional beauty and contrast, from Edinburgh's historic skyline to the scenic countryside and coastline that surround it. Edinburgh is famous for its castle, military tattoo, fringe and international festival.

Edinburgh and the Lothians are home to top-ranking state and private schools and world class universities and colleges. Edinburgh offers a rich diversity of parks and gardens to spend time relaxing with friends and family. Whether you want to buy or rent Lothian also offers a diversity of accommodation ranging from city centre based flats, waterfront living, Victorian or Georgian villas to more rural farm houses or coastal homes.

Local and wider transport networks are excellent. Glasgow is less than 50 minutes away by train. The Scottish Highlands are accessible in a few hours offering opportunities for skiing and walking. National and international transport links make it easy to keep in touch with friends and family via Edinburgh Airport which offers a variety of international flight opportunities.

If you are thinking about joining us from overseas further information can be found at www.talentscotland.com. For a comprehensive list of services to help moving to the City of Edinburgh, please visit the City of Edinburgh Council Website at: www.edinburgh.gov.uk.

What we can offer you

Working with NHS Lothian offers a variety of opportunities and benefits:

Access to the NHS pension scheme







- Assistance relocating to Edinburgh
- NHS Lothian is an equal opportunities employer and promotes work-life balance and family-friendly policies
- A beautiful setting to live and work and to take time out after a busy day or week
- Access to a transport network offering easy travel links to the rest of the UK and Europe, as well as international options

Teaching and Training Opportunities

NHS Lothian has one of the largest and some of the most successful teaching hospitals in Scotland. We have a growing national and international reputation for medical teaching and research and are recognised as a centre of excellence.

We successfully train medics, nurses and other healthcare professionals from all over the UK and the world, many of whom choose to remain in employment with NHS Lothian and continue to contribute to the development of the organisation, promoting new techniques and going on to train the doctors, surgeons and nurses of tomorrow.

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS Lothian recruits junior medical staff both UK and worldwide. We are committed to providing a high standard of medical education and are able to offer training in a variety of specialties at foundation and specialty level, with the majority of training posts in the South East of Scotland rotating through Edinburgh and Lothian hospitals.

Information regarding training with links to the appropriate UK websites can be found at http://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk/ and http://nes.scot.nhs.uk/

We enjoy close links with the University of Edinburgh (http://www.ed.ac.uk/home) whose Medical School is renowned for preparing its medical students to become world-class doctors. Alongside NHS Lothian, the University of Edinburgh offers state-of-the-art medical teaching facilities at the Chancellors Building, including lecture theatres, seminar rooms, clinical skills training area, computing suites, as well as library facilities at the main university and the Western General Hospital.

The Institute of Genetics and Cancer (IGC), next door to the Edinburgh Cancer Centre on the Western General Hospital site, is a world-leading centre for cancer research and includes the Edinburgh hub of the Cancer Research UK Scotland centre (a joint centre between the Universities of Edinburgh & Glasgow). The Edinburgh Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre, funded by Cancer Research UK and Scotland's Chief Scientist Office, is the home of Edinburgh's early phase cancer trials research and is based across the IGC and the Edinburgh Cancer Centre.

Our vision, values and strategic aims

We strive to provide high quality, safe, effective and person centred healthcare, continually improving clinical outcomes for patients who use our services and for our population as a whole.







To achieve this, we are committed to ever-closer integrated working with patients and our other partners in healthcare and to embedding a culture of continuous improvement to ensure that:

- Our staff can contribute fully to achieving the best possible health and healthcare, based on evidence and best practice
- Everything we do maximises efficiency and delivers value for patients and the public

We have identified six strategic aims to ensure we can deliver safe, effective and personcentred health and social care:

- 1. Prioritise prevention, reduce inequalities and promote longer healthier lives for all
- 2. Put in place robust systems to deliver the best model of integrated care for our population across primary, secondary and social care
- 3. Ensure that care is evidence-based, incorporates best practice and fosters innovation, and achieves seamless and sustainable care pathways for patients
- 4. Design our healthcare systems to reliably and efficiently deliver the right care at the right time in the most appropriate setting
- 5. Involve patients and carers as equal partners, enabling individuals to manage their own health and wellbeing and that of their families
- 6. Use the resources we have skilled people, technology, buildings and equipment efficiently and effectively.

The specific areas of focus and actions needed to achieve each of these aims are detailed in "Our Health, our Future: NHS Lothian Strategic Clinical Framework 2014 – 2024," consultation document which you will find at:

https://org.nhslothian.scot/Strategies/Pages/default.aspx

Our Health, Our Care, Our Future

NHS Lothian works to help people live healthier, longer lives – no matter who they are or where in the region they live. Much progress has been made, but significant challenges and opportunities lie ahead. NHS Lothian draft strategic plan - Our Health, Our Care, Our Future – sets out what we propose to do over the coming decade to address these challenges and continue to provide a high quality, sustainable healthcare system for the people of Lothian.

In developing the strategic plan we have:

- asked staff and patients what and how things need to change to deliver our aims
- brought together local plans into an integrated whole
- identified opportunities to make better use of existing resources and facilities
- prioritised areas that will make most difference to patients

The plan outlines a range of proposals, which will allow us to:

- improve the quality of care
- improve the health of the population
- provide better value and financial sustainability







Over the coming months we will discuss the need for change and the proposals set out in the plan with staff, patients, communities and other stakeholders. A summary of the plan can be found at

https://org.nhslothian.scot/Strategies/OurHealthOurCareOurFuture/Pages/default.aspx

NHS Lothian's Clinical Quality Approach – Quality Driving Improvement

This is a new way of approaching quality in NHS Lothian. With this approach to service improvement we aim to deliver 'high quality, safe and person-cantered care at the most affordable cost'. This acknowledges that every £1million of waste, unnecessary or inappropriate costs in one area of our system, denies us the opportunity to invest that £1million in another area of our system.

In all highly reliable healthcare organisations, it is clear that senior leadership commitment to the importance of the work, the introduction of consistent improvement methodology, the use of good quality data and building improvement capability within the workforce, are key to the successful delivery of improvement strategies.

To allow NHS Lothian to meet the needs of our population today and in the future, we need to build on the good work that is already being done to redesign services and create a whole organisation approach to quality improvement.

Our Values and ways of working

NHS Lothian is determined to improve the way their staff work so they have developed a set of common values and ways of working which they now need to turn into everyday reality - to the benefit of everyone working in the organisation and, most importantly, to the benefit of their patients.

NHS Lothian – Our Values into Action:

Care and Compassion

- We will demonstrate our compassion and caring through our actions and words
- We will take time to ensure each person feels listened to, secure, understood and is treated compassionately
- We will be visible, approachable and contribute to creating a calm and friendly atmosphere
- We will provide a safe and caring setting for patients and staff, and an efficient, effective and seamless care experience
- We will meet people's needs for information and involvement in all care, treatment and support decisions.

Dignity and Respect

- We will be polite and courteous in our communications and actions
- We will demonstrate respect for dignity, choice, privacy and confidentiality
- We will recognise and value uniqueness and diversity







- We will be sincere, honest and constructive in giving, and open to receiving, feedback
- We will maintain a professional attitude and appearance.

Quality

- We will demonstrate a commitment to doing our best
- We will encourage and explore ideas for improvement and innovation
- We will seek out opportunities to enhance our skills and expertise
- We will work together to achieve high quality services
- We will use our knowledge and enthusiasm to implement positive change and overcome challenges.

Teamwork

- We will understand and value each other's role and contribution
- We will be fair, thoughtful, welcoming and kind to colleagues
- We will offer support, advice and encouragement to others
- We will maximise each other's potential and contribution through shared learning and development
- We will recognise, share and celebrate our successes, big and small.

Openness, Honesty and Responsibility

- We will build trust by displaying transparency and doing what we say we will do
- We will commit to doing what is right even when challenged
- We will welcome feedback as a means of informing improvements
- We will use our resources and each other's time efficiently and wisely
- We will maintain and enhance public confidence in our service
- We will be a positive role model.

Throughout the recruitment process candidates will need to demonstrate they meet all of Our Values.

Further information on our values into action can be found at https://org.nhslothian.scot/OurValues/Pages/default.aspx







Section 7: Terms and Conditions of Employment

For an overview of the terms and conditions visit: http://www.msg.scot.nhs.uk/pay/medical.

TYPE OF CONTRACT	Fixed Term: 12 months	
	06/08/2025 – 04/08/2026 (12 months)	
GRADE AND SALARY	Clinical Fellow	
	£45,504 - £60,199 per annum (pro-rata if applicable)	
HOURS OF WORK	40 hours per week (up to 48 if rota commitment)	
SUPERANNUATION	New entrants to NHS Lothian who are aged sixteen but under seventy-five will be enrolled automatically into membership of the NHS Pension Scheme. Should you choose to "opt out" arrangements can be made to do this via: www.sppa.gov.uk	
REMOVAL EXPENSES	Assistance with removal and associated expenses may be awarded	
EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT	NHS candidates who are requested to attend an interview will be given assistance with appropriate travelling expenses. Reimbursement shall not normally be made to employees who withdraw their application, refuse an offer of appointment. Non NHS employees are not normally awarded travel expenses.	
TOBACCO POLICY	NHS Lothian operates a No Smoking Policy in all premises and grounds.	
DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND	This post is considered to be in the category of "Regulated Work" and therefore requires a Disclosure Scotland Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) Membership.	
CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO WORK IN THE UK	NHS Lothian has a legal obligation to ensure that it's employees, both EEA and non EEA nationals, are legally entitled to work in the United Kingdom. Before any person can commence employment within NHS Lothian they will need to provide documentation to prove that they are eligible to work in the UK. Non EEA nationals will be required to show evidence that either Entry Clearance or Leave to Remain in the UK has been granted for the work which they are applying to do. Where an individual is subject to immigration control under no circumstances will they be allowed to commence until right to work in the UK has been verified.	







REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974	The rehabilitation of Offenders act 1974 allows people who have been convicted of certain criminal offences to regard their convictions as "spent" after the lapse of a period of years. However, due to the nature of work for which you are applying this post is exempt from the provisions of Section 4 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions Orders 1975 and 1986). Therefore, applicants are required to disclose information about convictions which for other purposes are "spent" under the provision of the act in the event of employment, failure to disclose such convictions could result in dismissal or disciplinary action by NHS Lothian. Any information given will be completely confidential.
MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE	In terms of NHS Circular 1989 (PCS) 32 dealing with Medical Negligence the Health Board indemnity will cover only Health Board responsibilities. Paragraph 63 of the General Medical Council's Good Medical Practice requires you to have adequate insurance or indemnity cover. You may wish to consider taking out additional medical indemnity e.g. with a Medical Defence Organisation to ensure that you have indemnity for the whole of your practice.
NOTICE	Employment is subject to one month notice on either side, subject to appeal against dismissal.
PRINCIPAL BASE OF WORK	You may be required to work at any of NHS Lothian sites as part of your role.
SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY	You are required to adhere to NHS Lothian's Social Media Policy, which highlights the importance of confidentiality, professionalism and acceptable behaviours when using social media. It sets out the organisation's expectations to safeguard staff in their use of social media.







Section 8: General Information for Candidates

Data Protection Legislation

During the course of our activities we will collect, store and process personal information about our prospective, current and former staff. The law determines how organisations can use personal information. For further information on the type of data that is handled, what the purpose is of processing the data and where and why we share data, please see the NHS Lothian Staff Privacy Notice, found at: NHS Lothian Staff Privacy Notice

For the purposes of this privacy notice, 'staff' includes applicants, employees, workers (including agency, casual and contracted staff), volunteers, trainees and those carrying out work experience.

Counter Fraud

NHS Lothian is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end will use the information you have provided on your application form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It will also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. More detail on this responsibility is on NHS Lothian intranet (Counter-Fraud and Theft page) and further information is available via Audit Scotland.

References

All jobs are only offered following receipt of three satisfactory written references. At least one reference must be from your current/most recent employer or your course tutor if you are currently a student. If you have not been employed or have been out of employment for a considerable period of time, you may give the name of someone who knows you well enough to confirm information given and to comment on your ability to do the job.

Disclosure Scotland

Where a Disclosure or Protection of Vulnerable Groups Check is deemed necessary for a post, the successful candidate will be required to undergo an appropriate check. Further details on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders are available from the recruitment centre.

Work Visa

If you require a Work Visa, please seek further guidance on current immigration rules, which can be found on the UK Government Home Office website.

Job Interview Guarantee Scheme

As a Disability Symbol user, we recognise the contribution that all individuals can make to the organisation regardless of their abilities. As part of our ongoing commitment to extending employment opportunities, all applicants who are disabled and who meet the minimum criteria expressed in the job description will be guaranteed an interview.







Overseas Registration and Qualifications

NHS Lothian will check you have the necessary professional registration and qualifications for this role. You will need to provide an official translation of qualifications notarized by a solicitor of your overseas qualifications to be checked by the recruiting panel. Please ensure that this is available before applying for the post.

Workforce Equality Monitoring

NHS Lothian is committed to supporting and promoting dignity at work by creating an inclusive working environment. We believe that all staff should be able to fulfil their potential in a workplace free from discrimination and harassment where diverse skills, perspectives and backgrounds are valued.

In order to measure and monitor our performance as an equal opportunities employer, it is important that we collect, store and analyse data about staff. Personal, confidential information will be collected and used to help us to understand the make-up of our workforce that will enable us to make comparisons locally, regionally and nationally.

Equal Opportunities Policy Statement

NHS Lothian considers that it has an important role to play as a major employer and provider of services in Lothian. We are committed to encouraging equality and diversity among our workforce, and seek to eliminate discrimination. The aim is for our workforce to be truly representative and for each employee to feel respected and able to give their best.

The objectives of its policy are that no person or employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender identity, gender expression, disability, marital status, age, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sexuality, responsibility for dependants, socio-economic status, political party or trade union membership or activity, HIV/AIDS status or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable.

Our Equal Opportunities in Employment policy can be viewed on our careers website: https://careers.nhslothian.scot/equal-opportunities/

NHS Scotland Application Process

- The purpose of an application form is to help evidence that the applicant has all the requirements applicable to carry out the job applied for.
- It is essential to read both the job description and the person specification to gain a full understanding of what the job entails and the minimum criteria required.
- Please note for equal opportunity purposes NHS Lothian do not accept CV's as a form of application.
- Your personal information will not be sent with the application for shortlisting. The
 application form will be identified by the candidate number only to ensure that no
 applicant will be unfairly discriminated against.







- Please complete all sections of the application form. Those sections that are not relevant please indicate 'not applicable', do not leave blank.
- Please visit https://apply.jobs.scot.nhs.uk for further details on how to apply.





