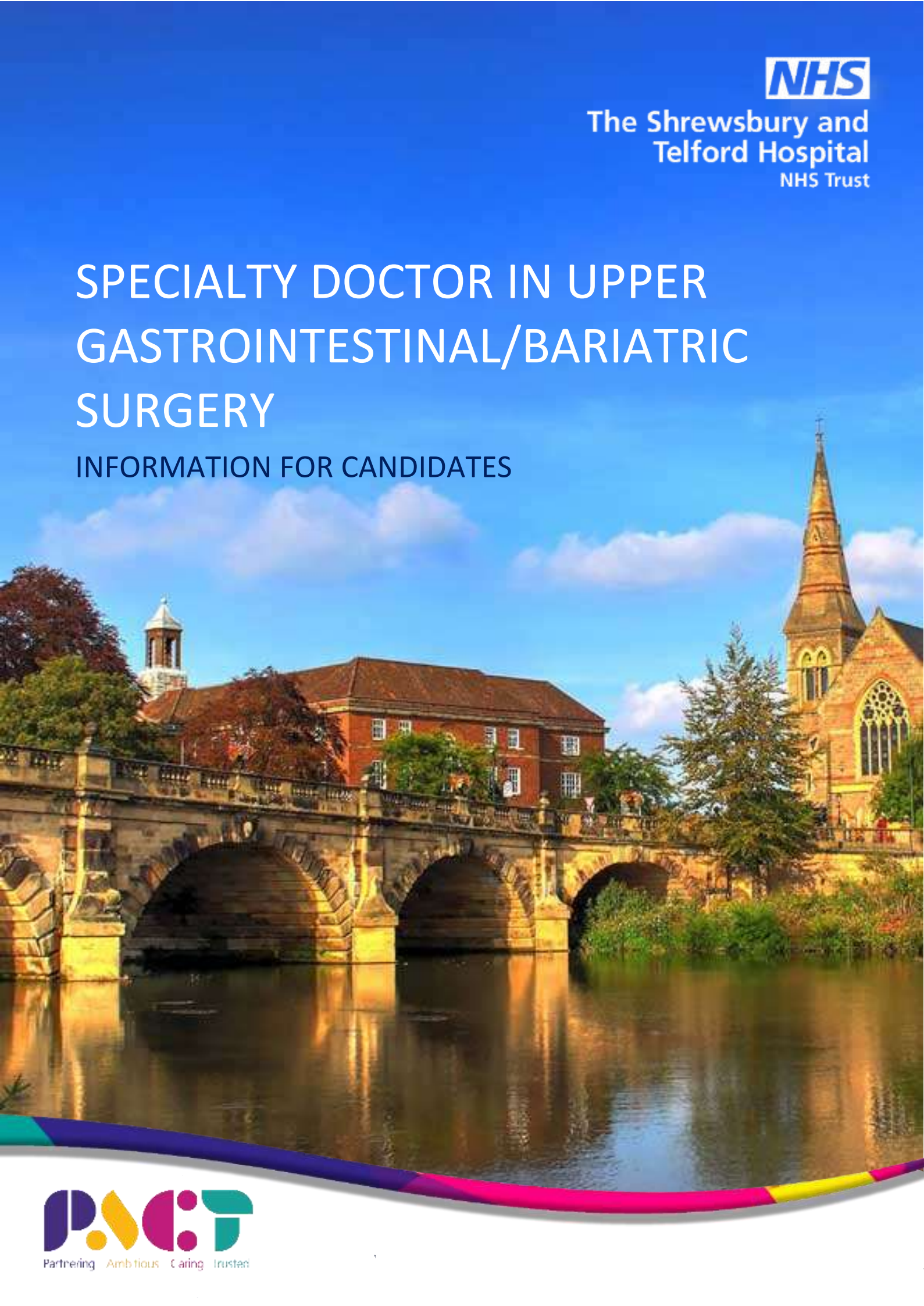




The Shrewsbury and  
Telford Hospital  
NHS Trust

# SPECIALTY DOCTOR IN UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL/BARIATRIC SURGERY

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.

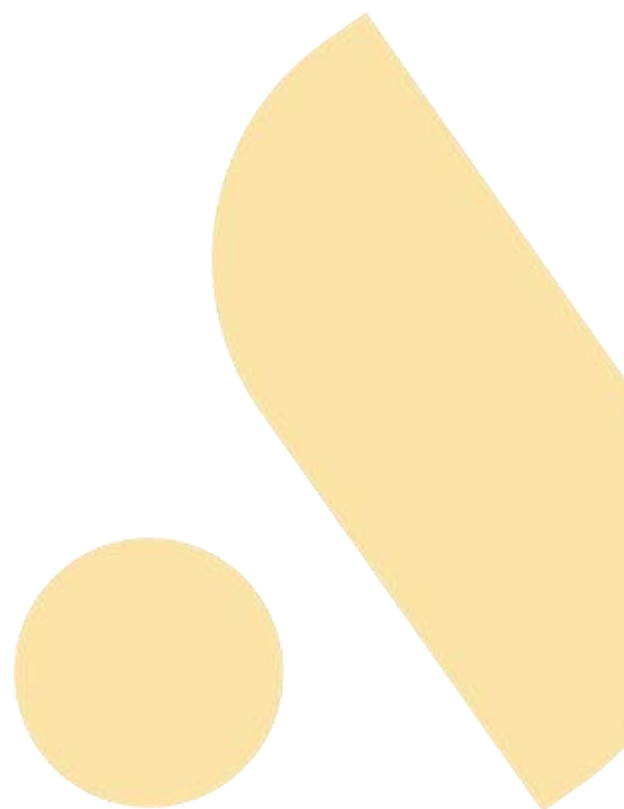
Our Values were developed by staff and our patients, so they represent what is important to us within the organisation and the way we should all behave towards patients, carers, visitors, partners and each other.

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

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 almost 6,000 staff, and hundreds of staff and students from other organisations also work in our hospitals. We benefit from around 1,000 wonderful volunteers, and our main charitable partners are the League of Friends at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Friends of the Princess Royal Hospital, and the Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal which is based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

We are committed to providing the best possible diagnostic facilities and high-quality clinical care in a clean, supportive environment where patients are treated effectively with respect and dignity.

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust continues to work with our partners in health and social care in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and mid Wales to develop patient-focused services that meet the needs of our communities.

Plans have been given the go ahead to transform local hospital services for the half a million residents of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales to make sure two vibrant hospitals and the wide range of services they provide for people locally are kept in the county. This landmark decision will result in better care for patients, secure the £312m on offer from HM Treasury and develop both hospital sites to deliver state of the art facilities in which staff will be proud to work and patients will choose to be treated.



# A message from our Clinical Director

I would like to invite your application to join us as a Specialty Doctor in Upper Gastrointestinal (UGI) and Bariatric Surgery in the Department of Surgery at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust. We are seeking a motivated, innovative, and technically skilled middle grade surgeon to contribute to the delivery of high-quality surgical care to our patients with upper gastrointestinal disease in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and mid-Wales.

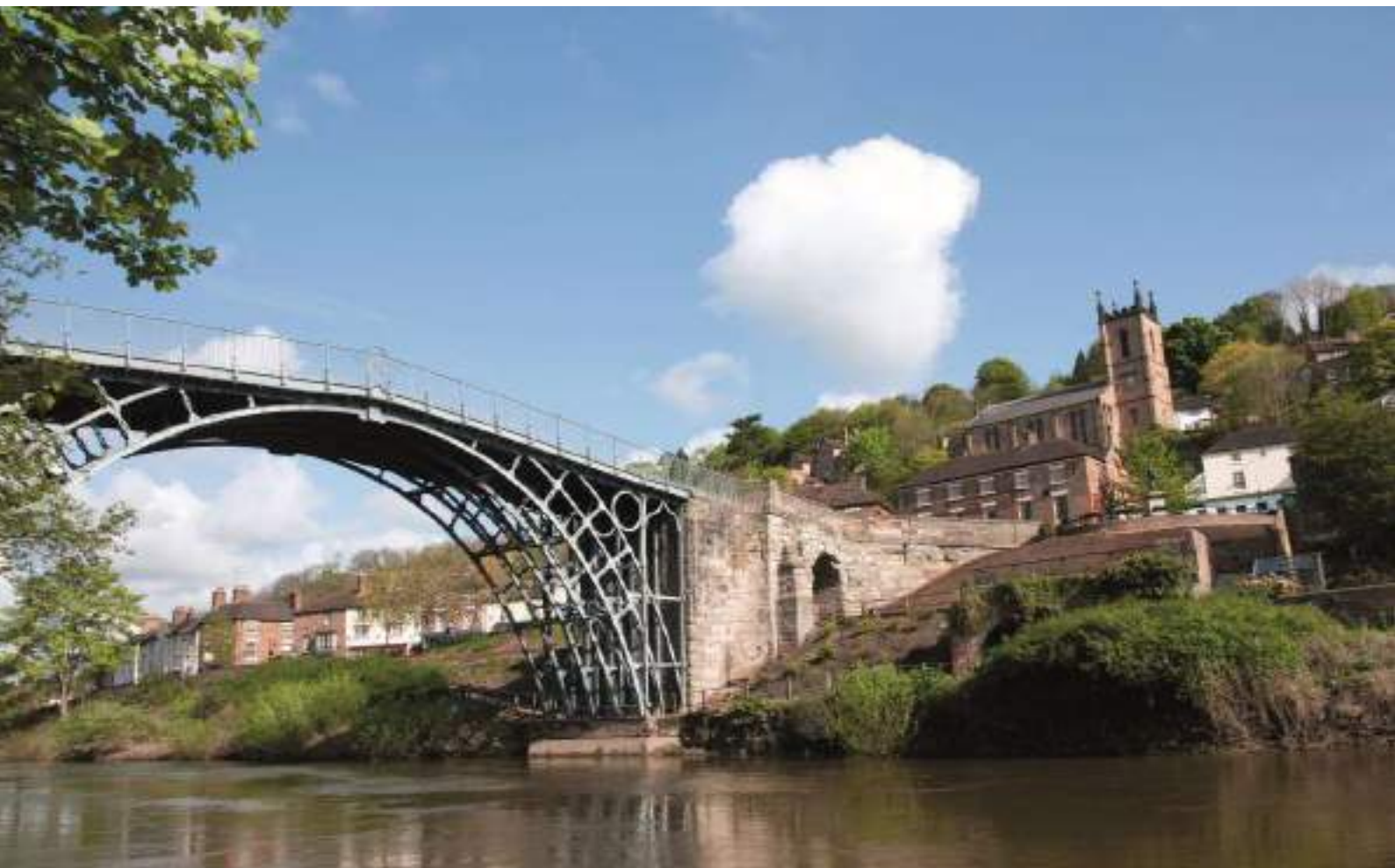
Recognised as a national high-volume centre for the management of bariatric surgery and emergency general surgery (AUGIS and NELA data), we have a reputation for close team working and mutual support that allows us to achieve excellent clinical outcomes. The Department has a strong commitment to surgical training that forms a significant part of our working practice. We have a strong track record of supporting surgical trainees to appointment to national Specialist Training programmes and towards successful CESR applications.

We look forward to your application.



*Mr Adam Farquharson*

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon  
Clinical Director – Gastrointestinal Surgeon



# Main Duties & Responsibilities

## Clinical

- Elective upper gastrointestinal and general surgery operating, under the supervision of a consultant surgeon. Our team specialises in bariatric surgery, benign UGI pathology and complex abdominal wall reconstruction (CAWR). This elective activity is based at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.
- The management of an unselected emergency general surgery take and associated surgical procedures, under the supervision of a consultant surgeon.
- Direct contribution to the regular review and care of surgical inpatients involving close team working with the wider surgical workforce.
- Provide surgical middle grade on call cover at Princess Royal Hospital, Telford for adult and paediatric patients, under the supervision of a consultant surgeon.
- 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 both in an elective and emergency setting.

## 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

<b>Job Title:</b>	Specialty Doctor in Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
<b>Grade:</b>	Specialty Doctor
<b>Division:</b>	Surgery, Anaesthetics and Cancer
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Divisional Medical Director
<b>Professionally Accountable to:</b>	Medical Director
<b>Hours:</b>	10 Programmed Activities
<b>Duration:</b>	Permanent
<b>Salary:</b>	£59,175.00 - £95,400.00 [MC75]

### Job Summary

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust welcomes applications for a Specialty Doctor within our busy Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery team. The principal role of the post holder will be to contribute to the delivery of a first-class Upper GI service. The post-holder will be based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital with non-resident middle grade on-call rota responsibilities at the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.

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

# The Post

## The Department

Doctors who are enthusiastic about working in a strong team of committed surgeons to deliver excellent care to patients across a variety of clinical settings will be rewarded with a wide and comprehensive clinical experience. The appointee will work in established service team alongside a team of senior trainees, registrars and SAS Doctors with supervision from consultants and junior support from foundation doctors, core training doctors and locally employed doctors of equivalent grades.

## General Surgery

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust Department of General Surgery consists of a total of 21 surgeons. 16 Consultant Surgeons are based at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH); 10 Colorectal, 6 Upper GI and 5 Vascular. The Breast Surgery Unit with 4 Consultant Surgeons works at The Princess Royal Hospital. You would be expected to join the current Surgery Multidisciplinary Team at Shrewsbury and participate in the further development of cross county services in Shropshire.

The Department of Surgery is primarily based at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, with outreach at The Princess Royal Hospital depending on service needs. The Unit consists of 16 substantive Consultant Colorectal and UGI Surgeons, with Specialist and Specialty doctors with a mix of those in training and those Trust appointed positions. There is a range of levels of junior doctors all supporting the delivery of care for our patients.

## Our Services

Our main locations are The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) in Shrewsbury and The Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Telford, which together provide 99% of the Trust's activity. In addition to this we also provide services such as Midwife-Led Units and Consultant-Led Outreach Clinics at Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital (RJAH) and Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Whitchurch, Newtown and Welshpool Community Hospitals.

The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) opened in 1977 (although some services such as the Maternity Unit were provided on the site before this) and generally serves western Shropshire and Mid Wales. RSH has approximately 390 inpatient General and Acute beds in addition to 30 Surgical Day care beds, 16 bedded Chemotherapy Day Centre, and 24 Renal Dialysis Stations. RSH also provides a 54-bed maternity unit (41 consultant-led and 13 midwife-led), 6-bed neonatal Intensive Therapy Unit and 16-bed Special Care Baby Unit. The main specialties at the Hospital are:

- Inpatients: General Medicine, Trauma, General Surgery, Urology, Critical Care (CCU/ITU/HDU), Renal Dialysis, Ophthalmology, Oncology, Haematology
- Day case: Ophthalmology, Haematology and Oncology, General Surgery
- Outpatients: Oncology and Radiotherapy, Haematology, Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, ENT, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics, Neurology, Dermatology, A&E, Rheumatology, General Surgery
- Midwife-Led Maternity Unit

The Princess Royal Hospital opened in 1989 and generally serves Telford & Wrekin and eastern Shropshire. PRH has approximately 330 inpatient beds in addition to 24 Surgical Day care beds, a 14-bed Renal Dialysis station and a 14-bed Midwife-Led Unit. The Hospital also includes a 10-bed private facility. The main specialties at the Hospital are:

- Inpatients: General Medicine, Trauma, Cardiology, Breast Surgery, Paediatrics, Critical Care (CCU/ITU/HDU), Renal Dialysis, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Head and Neck.
- Day Case: General Surgery, ENT, Oral Surgery, Ophthalmology, Haematology and Oncology
- Outpatients: Oncology, Haematology, Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, ENT, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics, Neurology, Dermatology, A&E, Rheumatology
- Midwife-led Maternity Unit



## Upper GI Surgery

The Upper GI surgery department comprises of 6 consultant surgeons, 5 ST3+/Specialty Doctors and five junior doctors. It is a high volume Tier 2 centre for bariatric surgery (AUGIS). The team works closely within a multi-disciplinary team of specialist nurses, dieticians, and psychologists. The team specialises in bariatric surgery, benign upper GI surgery and complex abdominal wall reconstruction (CAWR). Commonly performed operations include gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, hiatus hernia repair, fundoplication as bile duct exploration, as well as general surgical procedures such as hernia repair and cholecystectomy. The complex abdominal wall reconstruction service (CAWR) delivers care through a dedicated MDT.

## Colorectal Surgery

The Colorectal Surgical Unit has a high-volume case load with approximately 350 new diagnoses a year with over 300 curative resections, including 110 rectal resections. In addition, there is an established TEMS service (currently approximately 25 TEMS resections done each year). The Unit is regularly in the top ten high volume centres for elective colorectal cancer resections in the UK (ACPGBI). All of the 10 Consultant Colorectal Surgeons have a laparoscopic practice with approximately 220 resections per year performed laparoscopically. The Trust implement robotic surgery in June 2023 with an Intuitive Da Vinci Xi system and offers surgery for complex gynaecological, urological and colorectal malignant and benign disease.

A wide range of sub-specialty practice is offered including inflammatory bowel disease (including pouch surgery and surgery for enterocutaneous fistula), early rectal cancer (with TEMS) and complex recto-vaginal endometriosis work undertaken as combined laparoscopic procedures with our colleagues in gynaecology. There is an established and accredited pelvic floor service and specialist combined MDT with urogynaecology led by 2 Colorectal Surgeons supported by a pelvic floor Nurse Specialist. The service undertakes EAUS, anorectal manometry on site and defaecating proctograms within region. A full range of pelvic floor surgical procedures including laparoscopic and robotic ventral mesh rectopexy (VMR) is offered.

## Location of Service and Outpatient Clinics

Inpatient general surgical services are provided at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. There is a Surgical Assessment Unit, inpatient beds across 3 wards and a Day Case Unit (DSU). Endoscopy services are provided at both RSH and PRH Hospital sites. A Elective Surgical Hub is adjacent to the main theatres complex where all adult surgery takes place. The DSU includes a modern Endoscopy Suite also. Day Surgery is also provided at The Princess Royal Hospital and outpatient clinics are provided at both RSH and PRH.

## Job Plan

A formal job plan will be agreed between the successful candidate and their Clinical Director and consultant colleagues, 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 Specialty Doctor's duties, responsibilities, and objectives for the coming year. It covers all aspects of a Specialty 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. The predictable daytime activities will be delivered at RSH with non-resident middle grade General Surgical on call rota 1:6 at PRH.
- 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 other consultant colleagues.

## Timetable

The following provides scheduling details of the clinical activity and clinically related activity components of the appointee's standard working week.

### RSH 1in16 Rota

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	20:00 - 24:00	00:00 - 8:30, 20:00 - 24:00	00:00 - 8:30, 20:00 - 24:00	00:00 - 8:30, 20:00 - 24:00	00:00 - 8:30		
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14	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00		8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00
15	8:00 - 17:00		8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00		
16	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 17:00		

This timetable is indicative only and the formal job plan will be agreed between the successful applicant and their Clinical Director within 3 months of starting in post.

## Rota Structure

The post-holder will be expected to contribute to the non-resident on-call rota for the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford. The rota is compliant with the terms and conditions of the 2016 Junior Doctor Contract, 2021 SAS Doctor Contracts and WTR and has been carefully designed to maximise training opportunities for doctors whilst maintaining a safe and efficient service. The post holder will be 1 of the 6 doctors contributing to the rota with a weekend frequency of 1:6 and is prospectively covered for annual and study leave.

## Annual Leave

Doctors upon first appointment to the Specialty 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 Specialty 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 Specialty 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.

Annual leave and other planned periods of absence must be planned with the other doctors providing

intermediate prospective cover and is approved subject to Upper GI team operational needs and local leave policy with 6 weeks' notice.

## Study Leave

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 Leave across a 3 year fixed period.

## 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 Royal College of Physicians Guidance on provision of mentors for new Consultants, 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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- The Trust also supports the requirements for continuing professional development and is committed to providing time and financial support for these activities.

## 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBBS, MBChB or equivalent medical qualification</li> <li>• MRCS</li> <li>• Advanced Life Support (ALS) or equivalent qualification</li> </ul>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	

## Entry Criteria

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Registration and a licence to practise with the General Medical Council (GMC)</li> <li>• Shall have completed at least four years' full-time postgraduate training (or its equivalent gained on a part-time or flexible basis) at least two of which will be in a specialty training programme in General Surgery or as a fixed term specialty trainee in General Surgery; or shall have equivalent experience and competencies</li> </ul>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	

## Professional Values & Behaviours

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Demonstrates the underpinning subject-specific competences i.e., knowledge, skills and behaviours relevant to the role setting and scope.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Critically reflects on own competence, understands own limits, and seeks help when required.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	



communication difficulties		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates key generic clinical skills around the areas of consent; ensuring humane interventions, prescribing medicines safely and using medical devices safely.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adheres to professional requirements, participating in annual appraisal and reviews of performance and progression.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness of legal responsibilities relevant to the role, such as around mental capacity and deprivation of liberty; data protection; equality and diversity.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	✓	

## Leadership & Team Working

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops effective relationships across teams and contributes to work and success of these teams – promotes and participates in both multidisciplinary and interprofessional team working.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critically reflects on decision-making processes and explains those decisions to others in an honest and transparent way.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates ability to challenge others, escalating concerns when necessary.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develops practice in response to changing population health need, engaging in horizon scanning for future developments.</li> </ul>	✓	

## Patient Safety & Quality Improvement

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates understanding of the basic principles of audit, clinical risk management, evidence-based practice, patient safety and clinical</li> </ul>	✓	

quality improvement initiatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applies basic human factors principles and practice at individual, team, organisation, and system levels.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocates for, and contributes to, organisational learning.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflects on personal behaviour and practice, responding to learning opportunities.</li> </ul>	✓	

## Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applies appropriate equality and diversity legislation, including disability discrimination requirements, in the context of patient care.</li> </ul>	✓	

## Education & Training

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critically assesses own learning needs and ensures a personal development plan reflects both clinical practice and relevant generic capabilities.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes and participates in individual and team learning; supporting the educational needs of individuals and teams for uni-professional, multidisciplinary and interprofessional learning.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifies and creates safe and supportive working and learning environments.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes part in patient education.</li> </ul>	✓	

# Research & Scholarship

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critically appraises and understands the relevance of the literature, conducting literature searches and reviews; disseminates best practice including from quality improvement projects.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicates and interprets research evidence in a meaningful way for patients to support shared decision-making.</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locates and uses clinical guidelines appropriately.</li> </ul>	✓	