Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in General Practice (Primary Care and Community Care) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine – ST1 Level

1. Job title and person specification

Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) in General Practice at ST1 level. Successful candidates will be expected to be able to demonstrate their commitment and potential for a clinical academic career, and alignment of their research interests with research strengths at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM).

2. Duration of post

Four years

3. Research institutions in which training will take place

The post-holder will be affiliated with LSHTM and, as for all GP ACF positions, will be employed by the Royal Free GP LEO

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time

ST1 full time clinical

ST2 full time clinical

ST3 60% clinical/40% academic

ST4 40% clinical/60% academic

Posts which will be fully integrated into the NHSE London Health general practice training programme. Trainees will rotate during years one and two through a sequence of 4 x 6 month hospital and GP clinical posts as part of the Royal Free Hospital GP Specialist Training Programme. Academic training will be weighted towards years three and four but Fellows will develop links with relevant departments at LSHTM during years one and two in order to promote the integration of their clinical and academic training. During years three and four the ACF will pursue an extended GP Registrar post in a local training practice which is also actively engaged in research and/or undergraduate education

5. Research component of the programme

LSHTM is ranked 2nd globally and 1st in the UK in academic public health and provides an outstanding research environment. We have expertise in primary care health services and policy research, the use of general practice electronic records to investigate chronic conditions including multiple morbidity and the pharmacoepidemiology, and the design and mixed methods evaluation of primary and community care complex and clinical interventions (including clinical trials). Addressing inequalities in health, research participation and the use of primary and community care interventions or services is central to our work. LSHTM also hosts several NIHR Policy Research Units and various centres including the Centre on Climate Change and Planetary Health and Global Health Economics Centre.

ACFs will have access to investigators doing research on Primary Care at LSHTM. We will support general practice ACFs and ACLs to devise a bespoke training programme and develop a research project(s) aligned with their interests and existing programmes of work at LSHTM. There may be teaching opportunities related to Public Health or other MSc programmes.

6. Clinical training component of programme

Clinical training will take place in years one and two will take place at the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust and local training practices. Twelve months will be spent in hospital posts and twelve months in general practice. In years three and four clinical training will be part time in an approved local training practice combined with academic training at LSHTM.

The Royal Free Hospital is one of London's major teaching hospitals and also provides general hospital facilities to its local population. The main hospital site is in Hampstead, London NW3. The Royal Free has around 900 beds and provides one of the three main teaching campuses University College London Medical School.

Clinical Benchmarking: Individuals will need to apply for the clinical GP Training Recruitment and attend a benchmarking interview to confirm the offer of the ACF post.

7. Academic programme lead

Professor Caroline Free (Caroline.Free@lshtm.ac.uk)

8. Clinical training programme directors

Prof Joe Rosenthal, Dr Vik Dave, Dr Marcus Lewis

9. Further information

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10. NHSE contact:

Specialty Team https://lasepgmdesupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home

Recruitment Enquiries - https://lasepgmdesupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home

11. Useful websites for further information IAT Guide | NIHR

https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/academy-programmes/integrated-academic-training.htm

12. Confirmation that the post attracts an NTN (A)

Yes

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