Belford Hospital, Fort William

Consultant General Surgeon

Full-time

Are you looking for a job with a difference? An opportunity to take control of your career and decide what your future will look like? We are looking for the next member of our close working team. As a Consultant Surgeon you will work closely with colleagues in Medicine and Anesthetics to deliver a 1st rate service to the population of Lochaber and beyond.

The dynamics of our team are far more important to us than subspecialty interest. We pride ourselves that ‘Generalism is our Specialism’. We will consider any subspecialty interest - providing you are emergency general surgically trained. We can fund additional training or experience you may require. This is once in a lifetime opportunity, a chance to design your own job plan to your own interests. Welcome to true ‘General Surgery’.

Situated at the foot of Ben Nevis (the highest mountain in the UK), Fort William is the outdoor capital of the UK. Belford Hospital has an established reputation in the management of trauma, particularly from mountain accidents, but also undertakes a variety of appropriate elective major surgery. The population of 20,000 can triple or quadruple during peak summer and winter tourism (one of Scotland’s best ski-resorts is 5 miles away). Our Accident and Emergency department sees approximately 11,000 patients a year. The three acute specialties of Surgery, Medicine and Anaesthesia have 24/7 consultant cover (these consultants also cover A&E). This is supported by a well-equipped HDU and comprehensive radiology service including on-site ultrasound and CT.

This is your future - in a dynamic unit where you will rapidly feel like ‘one of the family’. Where else can you combine the satisfaction of providing high quality medical care with the attraction of living amongst the most spectacular scenery in the British Isles? What will you do with the time no longer spent in the daily commute? Fort William and the Lochaber area offer unparalleled opportunities for outdoor leisure pursuits, such as climbing, fishing, skiing, watersports, literally on your doorstep. Low levels of crime, uncongested roads, good schools, and a genuinely friendly, supportive community add to the attraction. However, to swap the Northern Lights for the “bright lights”, you are only 2 hours from the major Scottish centres and London is only a sleeper-train away - voted the most beautiful train journey in the world. (Sources: National Geographic, Wanderlust & Trip Advisor).

This post is offered on the new Consultant Contract terms and conditions of service, attracting 10 PAs, with 2 additional PAs for direct clinical care available. You will be required to have wide experience in General Surgery and will be encouraged to pursue a specialist interest allied to General Surgery. Applicants must be on the Specialist Register (CCT or CESR) or be within 6 months of obtaining their CCT at date of interview.

Informal enquiries to Miss Sarah Prince, Consultant Surgeon, or Dr Brian Tregaskis, Consultant Gastroenterologist & Clinical Director, or Ms Marie Law, Hospital Manager Belford Hospital, on 01397 702481.

Please only use the NHS Highland Application form which is available electronically along with the Job Pack by e-mailing mary.urquhart2@nhs.net Refer to www.medicaljobs.scot.nhs.uk or www.jobs.scot.nhs.uk Please quote Job Reference MS12.13.21

Closing date for receipt of applications: 9 September 2013. Interviews expected to be held on: 9 October 2013.