# **Clinical Support for the National Clinical Director for Perioperative and Critical Care**

## **Programme background**

The National Perioperative Care Programme brings together teams from NHS England: the Medical directorate, Elective Recovery, GIRFT (Getting It Right First Time), Workforce, Training and Education and the Nursing directorate.

The programme aims to improve and standardise the quality of perioperative care services in NHS England so that all patients on an elective or emergency surgical pathway have a good experience of perioperative care, so that cancellations or delays to surgery for avoidable clinical reasons are minimised and so that the perioperative period is used as an opportunity to improve health and reduce health inequalities. This will enable patients to be treated in the setting most appropriate for their condition, as well as create capacity for those who require more complex care in a higher acuity setting. The programme also focusses on post-operative care, ensuring patients receive enhanced recovery following their surgery to reduce their length of stay and avoid complications.

## **Role overview**

The NHS England Perioperative Care programme seeks an anaesthetist (senior (ST5+) anaesthetist in training, SAS doctor or Consultant) to work with the programme for 0.5FTE from as soon as possible after 1 October 2024 until the end of March 2025.

The individual will continue to be employed by their employing organisation and their organisation will be reimbursed for their time. It is therefore important that anyone interested in this role has the permission of their employing organisation before putting in an expression of interest.

The aim of this role is to support the National Clinical Director for Perioperative and Critical Care and to work with the perioperative care programme team to provide clinical input into a number of areas of work relating to:

* Early screening and risk assessment
* Health optimisation
* Surgery schools
* Enhanced recovery (Drinking, eating and mobilising)

The individual will be a senior trainee (ST5 equivalent or more senior, with full FRCA) or SAS doctor, or consultant anaesthetist. The requirements of the role can be fulfilled remotely; occasional travel to London (e.g. once per month) for face-to-face team meetings may be helpful but is not essential.

## **Person Specification**

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| Essential | Desirable |
| GMC licence to practise | Research experience (fellowship, MSc or doctoral degree) |
| On specialist register, or in SAS doctor post, or in training post at ST5 equivalent or higher. | Quality improvement expertise |
| FRCA examination or evidence of portfolio equivalence | Experience of co-production or co-design with patients/public |
| Experience of working in the NHS |  |
| Interest in perioperative care pathways |  |
| Experience of leadership or management roles appropriate to career stage |  |
| Excellent team player |  |
| Strong interpersonal communication, written and presentation skills |  |
| Evidence of effective multidisciplinary, multiprofessional working |  |
| IT computer literate |  |
| Upholds the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty. |  |
| Promotes high standards for improving diversity and equality, as per the Workforce Race Equality Standard and Workforce Disability Equality Standard. |  |

## **Indicative Timeline**

* Expressions of interest open: Monday 5th August
* Closing date: 9am Monday 9th September
* Interview date: Monday 16th September via Microsoft Teams (please keep time available between 11am - 5pm)

## **Further details / informal visits contact**

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To submit your expression of interest, please complete the below template and return to [england.electiverecoverypmo@nhs.net](mailto:england.electiverecoverypmo@nhs.net) with the subject header “Perioperative Care Clinical Support – Expression of Interest”.

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

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| Name |  |
| Current role |  |
| Employing organisation |  |

Please give your reasons for applying for this role and provide additional information which shows how you match the person specification for the role. This can include relevant skills, knowledge, experience, voluntary activities, training, etc.

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| Statement in support of expression of interest (up to 1,000 words)  (please continue on an additional sheet(s) if necessary) |
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