



Now recruiting
**Consultant
Stroke Physician**



University Hospital Southampton
NHS Foundation Trust

➤ Job Title - **Consultant Stroke Physician**

➤ Salary - **£93,666 - £126,281**

➤ Contract - **Permanent**

➤ Hours - **Full time (10 sessions per week)**

➤ Hospital Site - **Southampton General Hospital**

➤ Division & Department - **Div D - Neurosciences**

Job Overview

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) wishes to appoint two Consultants in Stroke Medicine, either full or part time. The successful applicant will join a team of seven stroke consultants and four neurologists on an 8am-8pm daily service.

UHS is a Comprehensive Stroke Centre (CSC) providing tertiary stroke services. Patients are admitted to the 13 bed Hyper Acute Stroke Unit (HASU) with neuroradiology, surgery and intensive care units close by. On-going in-patient care is provided on ward F8, a 28-bed stroke unit.

Our Stroke Service

The UHS Stroke Service is a Comprehensive Stroke Centre (CSC) and has a local catchment population of about 0.7 million. Patients are first admitted to our 13 bed Hyper Acute Stroke Unit (HASU) situated within the neuroscience block. The dedicated neuroradiology and neuro-intensive care units are close by. Patients who require on-going in-patient care move to our 28 bed Stroke Unit (ward F8) in the main hospital block.

The service admits over one thousand patients with a confirmed stroke diagnosis a year and has provided a 24/7 thrombolysis service and a daily TIA clinic for 14 years. About 15% of patients are treated with intravenous thrombolysis. All referrals are seen together with a team of advanced care practitioners, and we admit all suspected stroke patients directly to our HASU. Our consultant rota ensures all new patients have a senior review soon after admission. Between 8pm and 8am the on-call neurology registrar manages thrombolysis calls. We have fast access to CT angiography, CT perfusion and MR brain imaging, enabling us to be at the forefront of acute stroke treatment and research.

Our multi-disciplinary team of physicians, ACPs and therapists work closely together. We discharge patients to one of two community stroke rehabilitation teams and patients are followed up at 6 weeks and at 6 months by two community stroke nurses.



The Team

Care Group Clinical Lead - Dr Boyd Ghosh **Care Group Manager** - Mr Dave Griffiths

Consultant Stroke Physicians

- Dr Emma Wood – Consultant Stroke Physician
- Dr Pamela Crawford – Consultant Stroke Physician
- Dr Sue Evans – Consultant Stroke Physician
- Dr Richard Marigold - Consultant Stroke Physician and clinical lead
- Dr Prasad Siddegowda – Consultant Stroke Physician
- Dr Nicolas Weir – Consultant Stroke Neurologist
- Dr Charis Mavrokordatos – Consultant Stroke Physician

Consultant Neurologists

- Dr Nancy Colchester – Consultant Neurologist
- Dr Joanna Lovett - Consultant Neurologist
- Dr Rhiannon Morris - Consultant Neurologist
- Dr Sean Slaght - Consultant Neurologist
- Dr Tom Cox – Consultant Neurologist

Junior Medical Staff

- Two SpRs in rotational training posts, one Neurology and one Geriatric Medicine.
- SpR level Stroke Fellow
- Two CMT level Stroke Fellows
- Two clinical research fellows, 50% stroke research, 50% neurology
- One FY2 and two FY1 doctors.

Stroke Nurse Practitioners

- A team of 8 band 6 & 7 clinical practitioners who provide 12hr a day acute stroke cover

Senior Nurses

- Valter Bonito Ferreira – Ward Manager HASU
- Emma Price - Stroke Clinical Case Manager
- Natasha Pritchard – Ward Manager F8

Therapy

- Eleanor Butler – Therapy Manager for Neurosciences
- Paige Pollard – Senior Occupational Therapist
- Jennifer Winter – Senior Physiotherapist
- Hannah Davis – Senior Speech and Language Therapist

Neuroradiology

- Dr Jason Macdonald – Consultant Interventional Neuroradiologist
- Dr Ana Narata - Consultant Interventional Neuroradiologist
- Dr Adam Ditchfield - Consultant Interventional Neuroradiologist
- Dr Vijay Jayakrishnan - Consultant Interventional Neuroradiologist
- Mr Anderson Tsang - Consultant Neurosurgeon and Neurointerventionist
- Dr Harriet Joy - Consultant Diagnostic Neuroradiologist
- Dr Faraz Sheik - Consultant Diagnostic Neuroradiologist
- Dr Galetia Papastergiou Consultant Diagnostic Neuroradiologist
- Dr Ziyad Salojee Consultant Diagnostic Neuroradiologist

Meet Dr Boyd Ghosh, Consultant Neurologist and Care Group Lead

I have been working in UHS now for 12 years first as a trainee and now as a consultant neurologist. When I finished my training and could decide where to work as a consultant I chose to stay in UHS. Despite being a large hospital with many sites, our department feels close with a strong collaborative feel. We have experts in many areas of neurology, with specialist clinics that you would expect to find in all of the excellent centres around the country such as London and Oxford. In particular we have a strong neuromuscular service for muscle diseases, myasthenia and neuropathies, a cognitive service seeing atypical and young onset dementia, a headache service, an epilepsy service with the possibility of epilepsy neurosurgery and a strong movement disorder service with clinics for advanced and atypical parkinsonism and a DBS service. This breadth of services is a fantastic resource for our trainees and medical students, and as consultants training is an integral part of our role.

We are a neuroscience centre and work closely with the neurosurgeons to extend our services and care for complex patients throughout the region. UHS is also a regional centre for many other specialties and cutting edge therapies are often used for our patients from oncology, respiratory amongst others. Similarly we are often called to see patients who have had advanced therapies to advise on neurological aspects of their care – something that keeps you current.

Perhaps the most important thing for me was the can do attitude in UHS. Managers and senior staff are supportive of your personal aspirations and excellent clinical care, meaning that even if there are difficulties with funding or manpower we usually find a way to make things work for the benefit of the patient and the career of the clinician. The trust has recently sought to further develop the research it carries out and has invested heavily in supporting clinicians, both medical and allied health professionals, to pursue research through their work and as an academic.

It is an excellent place to work and I hope you come to join us.



Main Duties

Direct Clinical Duties:

You will be expected to contribute to the routine clinical activities of the stroke service:

1. Liaison sessions: immediate response to new patient referrals from the Emergency Department (ED) or from other hospitals, and review of other patients referred from within the hospital.
2. HASU sessions: review of new patients admitted to the unit (from 8pm the day before) and of patients already on the unit who are under the care of that consultant.
3. F8 sessions: review of patients who are on the main stroke unit under the care of that consultant. This includes acute stroke management as well as multidisciplinary rehabilitation.
4. TIA clinic
5. Follow-up clinic (one per month per consultant)
6. Weekly MDT meeting and patient / relative reviews
7. Neuro-radiology MDT: review of key imaging once per week

The weekly clinical duties of the successful applicant may be varied depending on their skills and clinical background, and on the needs of the service.

The liaison service is provided between 8am and 8pm 7 days per week and operates in close association with the advanced stroke clinical practitioners.

Evening liaison sessions run from 4pm to 8pm on weekdays. Each consultant does one evening session (Monday to Thursday) every other week. Two stroke consultants take turns to cover a fixed evening (e.g., Monday) and function as buddies to cover each other's absence. Tuesday evenings are covered by the four neurologists who take part in the stroke out-of-hours rota.

Supporting Activities

You will be required to complete UHS Statutory and Mandatory training. You will also be required to contribute in the following areas:

- Educational & Clinical supervision to doctors in training
- Education & training for the stroke service staff
- Undergraduate teaching (currently: 3rd Year and Final Year medical students)
- Audit and research, both local, national, and international
- Clinical governance (SSNAP data collection; morbidity and mortality meetings; quarterly Thrombolysis Governance meetings; etc; with adherence to Trust specific structures, processes, and guidance).
- Quality improvement activity



Administrative duties

You will be required to undertake the administrative duties associated with the care of patients and the running of a clinical department and to travel as necessary between units. Secretarial support and office accommodation will be provided.

From time to time, it may be necessary for you to carry out such other duties as may be assigned with agreement by the Trust. It is expected that the post-holder will not unreasonably withhold agreement to any proposed changes.

About Our Trust

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) provides services to some 1.9 million people living in Southampton and south Hampshire as well as specialist services including neurosciences, cardiac and specialist children's services to nearly 4 million people in central southern England and the Channel Islands. With a turnover last year of more than £1 billion, the Trust is one of the largest in the country.

Every year over 13,000 staff:

- treat about 160,000 inpatients and day patients, including about 75,000 emergency admissions;
- see approximately 650,000 people at outpatient appointments; and
- deal with around 150,000 cases in our emergency department.

Providing these services costs about £2.5 million a day.

UHS is a centre of excellence for training the doctors and nurses of the future and developing treatments for tomorrow's patients. Its role in research and education, developed in active partnership with the University of Southampton, distinguishes it as an organisation that works at the leading edge of healthcare developments in the NHS and internationally.

We are a nationally leading trust for research into cancer, respiratory disease, nutrition, cardiovascular disease, bone and joint conditions and complex immune system problems.



Our values guide the decisions we make every day

- **Patients First** – Patients, their families and carers are at the heart of what we do. Their experience of our services will be our measure of success.
- **Working Together** – Partnership between clinicians, patients and carers is critical to achieving our vision, both within hospital teams and extending across organisational boundaries in the NHS, social care and third sector.
- **Always Improving** – We will ensure we are always improving services for patients through, inclusive and collaborative leadership, research, education, clinical effectiveness and quality improvement. We will continue to incorporate new ideas, technologies and create greater efficiencies in the services we provide.



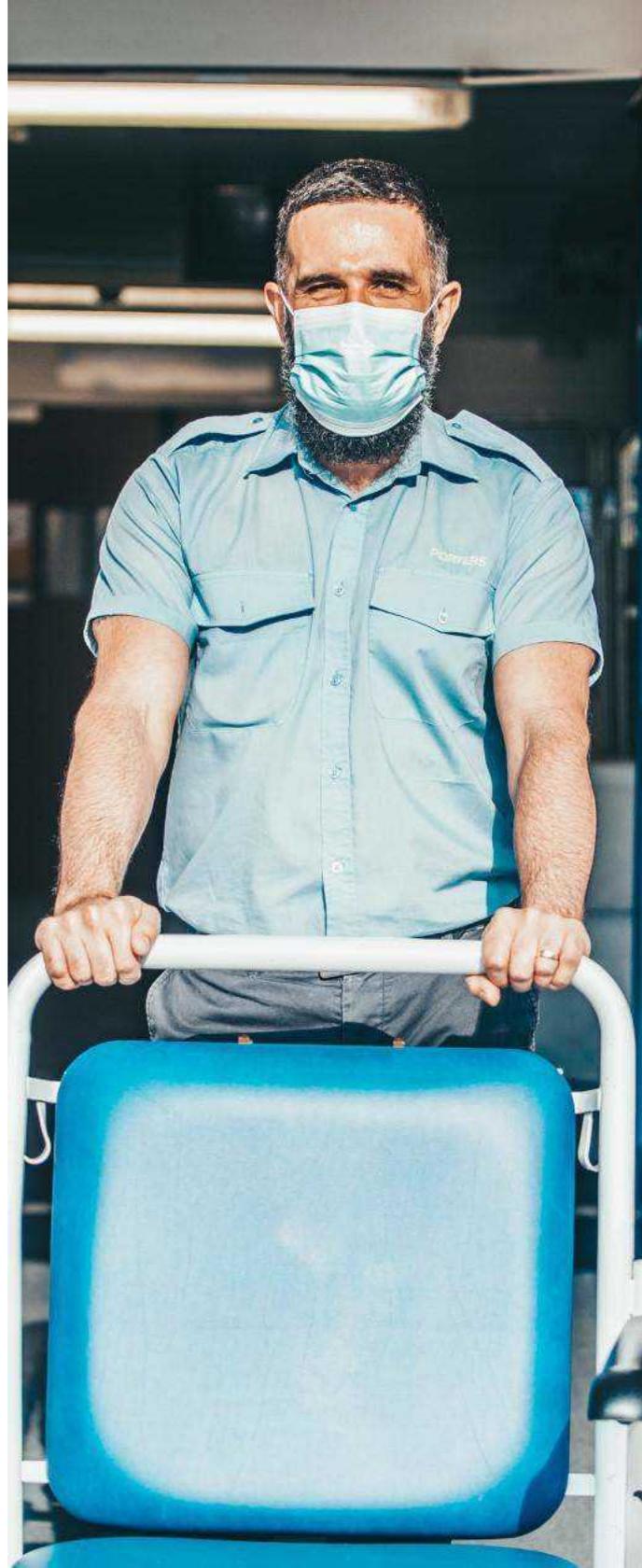
UHS is different from any other NHS trust. We're a centre of clinical academic excellence where new treatments are being discovered, new healthcare professionals are being trained and cutting edge developments are being put into practice. But it isn't **what** we do that makes us special. It's the **way** we do it.

Although we share many features with other large university hospitals across the world, we believe we stand out because of our ambition to improve and our heartfelt compassion for the patients we look after.

We're also one of only a few trusts in the UK that have the ability to care for people before their birth through to the end of life, providing almost every specialism they could need along the way, 24/7. So if you want to broaden your range of skills, UHS is a perfect fit.

Key Achievements

- Our CQC rating is Good, we have an ambition to get UHS to Outstanding.
- We were awarded a prestigious British Medical Journal award for improving care for older patients with the development of our frailty unit and activity hub.
- Our women's and maternity care at the Princess Anne Hospital was named as being among the best in the world.
- UHS has worked as one of the exemplar sites for NHS England's Healthy Workplace project. Our 'Live well and inspire' programme has promoted and delivered a range of activities, which include providing health checks for all staff. We have also installed a mini health check machine in the front entrance of Southampton General Hospital, which has proven extremely popular with both staff and the public.
- Our leading diabetes consultant scooped a prestigious award for jointly developing an online education programme to help patients, carers and healthcare workers around the world better understand insulin. The project won the Diabetes Education Programmes – Healthcare Professionals category at the tenth annual QiC Diabetes Awards.
- World renowned children's illustrator Sir Quentin Blake has created a new character exclusively for Southampton Children's Hospital to help reassure youngsters undergoing operations during the coronavirus pandemic. 'The Amazing Fred' has been designed as a theatre mascot for children with the aim of helping them deal with their anxieties.



- A £22 million state-of-the-art intensive care unit that will provide 22 new beds for the south's most critically ill patients has opened at UHS. It features a specialist rehabilitation area where patients can now have physiotherapy without the need to be taken to another part of the hospital.
- The £5 million project to build a new Children's Emergency Department as the result of generous support from the public for Southampton Hospital Charity and our partnership with The Murray Parish Trust, been completed. It's a new child friendly and stimulating environment with elements to enhance the care of patients and make them feel safe and secure.
- Our investment in IT transformation continues, partly funded by national monies awarded through our recognition as a 'global digital exemplar'. The informatics team at UHS Digital has overseen the development of a wide range of pioneering projects to improve the delivery of healthcare services and improve patient outcomes.
- Working in partnership with trusts from across the South, we are the lead organisation of the Wessex NHS Genomic Medicine Centre (GMC). The Wessex NHS GMC is one of 13 centres across the country involved in the national 100,000 Genome Project and serves 3.5 million people from Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and parts of Somerset, Surrey and Sussex.

Why Southampton

Southampton is a great place to live as well as work

City & Culture

In 2022*, Southampton was ranked 4th overall of UK cities in which to live and work, based on average salary, rent, property prices, commuting costs and overall quality of life. The city offers lower than average house prices, we have 27 schools rated as outstanding by Ofsted and there are 20 green spaces. It has excellent transport links, with an International airport on the doorstep, direct rail links to London and more widely around the UK, and daily ferry services to the Isle of Wight.

With the shopping and entertainment complex at Westquay, the restaurants and entertainment facilities around the marina at Ocean Village, and the current Bargates Quarter development (opening 2024), it is establishing itself as a modern cosmopolitan city. Given Southampton is one of the South coast's most culturally diverse cities, there are also many shops specialising in Asian, African, Indian and European goods.

Maritime History

Since the Middle Ages, Southampton has served as a key port for the world's shipping industry. Its role as a major harbor city increased significantly in the 19th century, when the city's shipyards grew into a major maritime hub for trade, travel, and shipbuilding. In 1912, the world's most famous liner, The Titanic, embarked from here on its fateful maiden voyage, carrying seven hundred Southampton residents in her crew.

Sailing vessels of all shapes and sizes continue to ply the waters off the coast of Southampton, with superyachts now forming a large part of the port's maritime traffic. The city also boasts a wide selection of cruise ships, private yachts, sailboats, tall ships, and naval vessels.

Nature

The local area boasts many beautiful nature spots to help you escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. **The New Forest National Park** is close by, home to the famous New Forest Ponies who roam freely around the park. The forest is also a great place for walking & cycling, with more than 140 miles of footpaths and over 100 miles of waymarked family-friendly cycle routes, much of it off the public highway and traffic-free.

The **South Downs National Park** stretches across the region. The rolling hills, glorious heathland, river valleys, ancient woodland, thriving villages and market towns make this the ideal place for countryside lovers.



The South Coast

The South Coast is officially the sunniest place in the UK, welcoming over 1900 hours of sunshine a year, and with over 400 miles of coastline to discover it makes for a perfect destination. Stretching from chalky white cliffs, sandy beaches, shingle bays of the Kent coastline, through to the sweeping sandy bays, sheltered beaches of Bouremouth, Christchurch and Poole in Dorset, the South Coast has something for everyone.

The area is internationally renowned for its maritime facilities with a wide range of water sports available along the coast. A perfect location for kayaking, paddle-boarding and sailing.

(*Source: OneFamily.com)





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