

Job Description

JOB TITLE:	Consultant in Geriatric Medicine
GRADE:	Consultant
RESPONSIBLE TO:	The Clinical Director of Complex Health
ACCOUNTABLE TO:	The Executive Medical Director

The Complex Health Directorate at Wythenshawe, Trafford, Withington and Altrincham Hospitals

Consultant with Special Interest in Acute Medicine, Acute Frailty and Hospital at Home Medicine.

We are looking to employ an enthusiastic Geriatrician or Acute Physician with Specialist Interest in Frailty to join our dynamic, supportive and family friendly department.

Our Complex Health Department already offers a range of outstanding and nationally recognised services throughout the trust, benefiting from senior trust management support. We have designed and developed a range of services to meet the demands of our older frail population who present acutely unwell to our hospitals.

The Older People's Assessment and Liaison (OPAL) team, based in the Emergency Department (ED) at Wythenshawe Hospital, provides early multidisciplinary comprehensive geriatric assessment at the front door. We have developed close working relationships with our ED and Acute Medicine colleagues. This service is supported by 28 dedicated OPAL short stay beds on the OPAL Assessment Unit (OAU), a frailty unit situated on ward A9.

OPAL House is a 41 bedded discharge to assess unit based off site to support ongoing frailty assessment of older people. In the few years it has been running, it has shown significant improvements in outcomes for frail older patients.

The post of Consultant in Acute Frailty and Hospital at Home Medicine is being advertised to work within our expanding Virtual Ward Team and our evolving Hospital

at Home Service. The team already consists of a small multidisciplinary team, including frailty specialist nurses, physician associates, junior and senior clinical fellows. There is already a good working relationship with existing community services that support the Virtual Ward. There is access to remote patient monitoring technology to support the daily management of these patients. The postholder will primarily be providing senior clinical assessment and management of the Virtual Ward and Hospital at Home patients through MDT assessment in the ambulatory unit, telemedicine consultations and providing senior clinical advice to community practitioners in the Hospital at Home Team. In addition to leading and supporting the virtual ward team, the post holder will also work closely with the current OPAL ED Team and OAU Team to support both pathways. As this post is relatively new there will be opportunity for the post holder to be involved with service expansion and quality improvement projects. Opportunities are also available to explore candidates' other specialist areas.

The post holder must have experience in Geriatric and/or acute medicine and working in acute front door frailty services. Experience in working in community geriatrics or Hospital at Home and Virtual Ward Teams is desirable but not essential.

Manchester is a fantastic place to be in, having been voted the UK's best place to live two years in a row. Manchester is a vibrant city offering a range of excellent museums, theatres, shops, and restaurants. South Manchester and Trafford offer the best of both worlds, a mixture of trendy urban living as well as idyllic rural areas. Surrounded by excellent schools and with easy access to Manchester city centre, the Metro link, Manchester airport, and good access to the motorway systems, coming to work and live here is a decision you will not regret.