Rapid Diagnostic Centre SPIN GP: Job Description

***Job Title:*** *Salaried Portfolio Innovation (SPIN) GP in Rapid Diagnostic Centres*

***Location:*** *Secondary Care Trusts in West London*

***Commencement:*** *March 2024*

***Duration:*** *2 portfolio sessions within Secondary Care to supplement a Salaried GP contract with a participating GP surgery in West London, for a 1 year fixed term contract*

***Salary:*** *Portfolio sessional salary to be set at a guide of £9,500 per annum.*

The NHS Long Term plan has set out a vision to transform cancer care, with an aim to improve five-year survival figures for patients diagnosed with cancer and to diagnose three in four cancers at an early stage1. As part of this strategy, NHS England and NHS Improvement have mandated the provision of at least one Rapid Diagnostic Centre (RDC) in each Cancer Alliance2.

These centres are primarily focussed on assessing patients with non-site specific symptoms that are worrisome for a new cancer diagnosis and are to operate on seven key components: early identification, timely referral, broad assessment of symptoms, co-ordinated testing, timely diagnosis, appropriate onward referral, whilst throughout maintain excellent patient co-ordination and support2. Non-site specific symptoms can include unintentional weight loss, fatigue, persistent nausea or appetite loss, atypical pain and a GP ‘gut feeling’ for cancer; the UK pilot for Multi-Disciplinary Centres in 2015 suggested a cancer conversion rate of approximately 8% for this cohort of patients3.

RM Partners, the West London Cancer Alliance, are supporting the development of Rapid Diagnostic Centres across West London. In this geography, the RDC model combines both specialist and generalist clinical input to ensure a holistic approach to diagnostics for patients presenting with non-site specific symptoms. At the heart of this team, is a GP with a specialist interest in Oncology.

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic SPIN GP with an interest in cancer, and cancer diagnostics, to join the RDC team. This is a very unique role with an excellent opportunity to build a portfolio in secondary care, develop a cancer interest and be at the centre of exciting research and developments in cancer diagnostics.

The SPIN New to Practice fellowship is a 1 year programme of support available to all newly qualified GPs (within 12 months of qualification\*\*).

Fellows will also be matched with a local GP mentor who will support the GP with their personal and professional development.

To apply for the role you must have a salaried GP position at a Practice within the South West London region. This position is not suitable for trainees.

The SPIN GP would work 2 sessions per week in the RDC. The key roles and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

* To actively participate in the smooth running of the RDC by:
* Assessing patients referred to the RDC and perform appropriate investigations to help establish a diagnosis, under supervision of the Clinical Lead.
* Communicating back the outcomes of the patient interaction to the referring GP.
* Providing support to the administrative team and CNS in triaging referrals to the RDC.
* Actively participating in the local RDC multi-disciplinary meeting (MDM), as well as attending other appropriate MDMs as required.
* Troubleshooting issues within the RDC team.
* To accurately record the minimum data set required by RM Partners and NHSE.
* To participate in audit activities and engage with RM Partners research projects
* To ensure keeping of accurate and contemporaneous records
* To participate in regular appraisal of performance and training needs
* To participate in education and training activities

This post requires a general practitioner who has successfully attained their MRCGP qualification. In addition, the following is required:

* An excellent clinician who can bring their General Practice expertise to the RDC.
* Ideally, experience of secondary care oncology as part of their current or previous placements / jobs / rotations. This can be experience as part of GPVTS training.
* Enthusiasm to develop their knowledge and skills in oncology.
* Is committed to team working in a multi-professional setting.
* Understands the importance of audit and research in the continuing development of oncology practice.

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2. NHS Cancer Programme, NHS England and Improvement. Rapid Diagnostic Centres Vision And 2019/20 Implementation Specification.
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