St. James's Hospital, Dublin.

Position	**Senior Registrar in Liaison Psychiatry for the Elderly, St James's Hospital (Mercers Institute for Successful Ageing)**
Assignment	Department of Old Age Psychiatry, St. James's Hospital
Commencement Date	Monday, 13th July 2026
Department of Old Age Psychiatry	The Department of Old Age Psychiatry provides comprehensive services to all people aged 65 years and over presenting with mental health problems who live in the Dublin South City area including consultation liaison services for older people admitted to the general wards of St James's Hospital, outreach to continuing care and rehabilitation units for older people and to nursing homes located within the catchment area. Community and hospital services are delivered through multidisciplinary mental health teams. The community-based service delivers care in a number of settings including the Martha Whiteway Day Hospital, in people's homes, in nursing homes and in continuing care and rehabilitation units. The hospital service includes the Memory Clinic, the outpatient department and the inpatient unit (the Conolly Norman Unit at the Jonathan Swift Clinic) and consultation liaison service to St James's Hospital general wards.
Principal Duties and Responsibilities	The position will include clinical commitments to the Psychiatry for the Elderly Liaison Service at St James's Hospital and Hollybrook Lodge Nursing home. The successful candidate will gain experience of managing mental disorders in the general hospital and nursing home setting within the Psych El liaison team. The post holder will participate in the on-call (general) psychiatry service on a rotational basis with the other Psychiatry Higher Specialist Trainees. The on-call commitment is approximately 1 in 10 Candidates will: - **<u>Professional/Clinical</u>** • conduct assessments of patients in the General Hospital Wards as part of a multidisciplinary team • provide sessional input to Hollybrook Lodge Nursing home. • liaise effectively with other specialty teams in relation to patient referrals • balance service demands with their personal educational needs and those of the medical students they supervise • be supportive of nurses and other multidisciplinary team members • participate in clinical risk management, audit and research activities • comply with departmental clinical guidelines • comply with departmental leave policies and procedures

	• demonstrate appropriate levels of professionalism in all aspects of work and behaviour **<u>Education and Training</u>** • Participate in undergraduate teaching for medical students (TCD) and postgraduate teaching for trainees in psychiatry and other disciplines • Participate in mandatory and recommended training programmes in accordance with organisational / professional requirements • Maintain and develop professional expertise and knowledge by actively engaging in continuing professional education and development • Engage in planning and performance reviews as required with the Supervising Consultant **<u>Health & Safety</u>** • Comply with the policies, procedures and safe professional practice of the Irish Healthcare System by adhering to relevant legislation, regulations and standards • Document appropriately and report any near misses, hazards and accidents and bring them to the attention of relevant / designated individual(s) in line with best practice • Work in a safe manner with due care and attention to the safety of self and others • Be aware of risk management issues, identify risks and take appropriate action • Promote a culture that values diversity and respect **<u>Administrative</u>** *(In consultation with the supervising Consultant)* • Ensure good working practice and adherence to standards of best practice • Promote quality by reviewing and evaluating the service, identifying changing needs and opportunities to improve services • Assist the Consultant in service development, including policy development and implementation • Ensure the maintenance of accurate records in line with best clinical governance, the organisation's requirements and the Freedom of Information Act, and provide reports and other information / statistics as required • Engage in service audit and demonstrate the achievement of the service objectives • Represent the department / profession / team at meetings and conferences as appropriate • Keep up to date with change and developments within the Irish Health Service *The above Job Description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office*
Eligibility Criteria Qualifications and/ or experience	Applicants are expected to have completed Basic Speciality Training in psychiatry. Applicants ideally should be in possession of the MRCPsych examination (Candidates awaiting results may apply). Previous experience in Psychiatry for the Elderly and previous research experience is desirable. Candidates are expected to be ATLS or ACLS providers. Core requirements for this post include: good decision making, a broad clinical knowledge base and appropriate clinical skills, awareness of patient safety and risk management issues and the ability

	to work efficiently under pressure and as part of a team. **Before applying for the post:** Each successful candidate must hold General Registration **or** Trainee Specialist Division Registration with the Irish Medical Council. **Health** A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.
Skills, competencies and/or knowledge	*Candidates will have:* • sufficient command of the English language to effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of the role • sufficient clinical knowledge and evidence based practice to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the role • an ability to apply knowledge to evidence based practice • leadership potential • the ability to plan and deliver care in an effective and resourceful manner • an ability to manage and develop self in a busy working environment • the ability to effectively evaluate clinical information and make appropriate decisions • a commitment to assuring high standards and strive for a patient centred service • work as part of a team and respect the views and suggestion of others • effective communication and interpersonal skills including the ability to collaborate with colleagues, families etc and good presentation skills • awareness and appreciation of the patient and the ability to empathise with and treat others with dignity and respect • flexibility and openness to change • ability to utilise supervision effectively • a willingness to develop IT skills relevant to the role
Application Process	To apply for the above position please forward an up to date curriculum vitae to medicalmanpower@stjames.ie Informal enquires to Prof. Elaine Greene, Consultant in Psychiatry for the Elderly egreene@stjames.ie or Dr Clodagh Power Consultant in Psychiatry for the Elderly clodpower@stjames.ie If you require any further information regarding the above post please contact the Medical Workforce Unit on 01-428 4767/01-410 3085 or 01-4162255
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