



**NHS TAYSIDE**

**SURGICAL SPECIALTIES**

**PRINCIPAL CLINICAL SCIENTIST (PORPHYRIA CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY SERVICE & PHOTOBIOLOGY RESEARCH)**

**PHOTOBIOLOGY UNIT**

**CLINICAL SCIENTIST, BAND 8A**

**SALARY SCALE: £40,028 - £48,034 PER ANNUM**

An opportunity has arisen to apply for the position of Principal Clinical Scientist for the Porphyria Clinical Biochemistry Service in the Photobiology Unit at Ninewells Hospital. This is a post that is funded by National Services to undertake highly specialist healthcare science for the Scottish Photobiology Service. We are seeking a talented, highly motivated individual, who will bring excellent scientific and research skills to our team. The post is full time.

The porphyrias are a group of rare genetic disorders where a fault in the haem pathway leads to a build up of porphyrins, which in turn causes medical problems, which may include abnormal sensitivity to sunlight. The Porphyria testing service, within the National Photobiology Unit, undertakes investigations on patient samples, which are essential for the diagnosis of the porphyrias. Blood, urine and stool samples are biochemically tested using spectrofluorimetry, spectrophotometry and HPLC techniques. The postholder will be responsible for leading, delivering and developing this high quality service, ensuring precision and accuracy through participation in external quality assurance schemes.

This appointment requires the postholder to manage a team of dedicated staff including specialist technologists, laboratory assistants and postdoctoral laboratory scientists. The appointed person will also work closely with consultant physicians in the photobiology unit to provide expert advice and clinical opinion on the results of biochemical testing.

The Photobiology Unit has an international reputation for delivering high quality research and development driven by the clinical demands of the service. This role will involve co-ordination and participation in such activities, including clinical trials, to further the diagnosis and management advice for patients referred for assessment in the Unit. The person appointed will be expected to apply for and secure funding, initiate and manage clinically relevant research and development projects and present and publish findings nationally and internationally.

The appointee will require the skills to engage with colleagues from a wide range of disciplines across NHS Tayside and in other areas in Scotland. The successful candidate will be expected to have significant relevant postgraduate experience, with the ability to travel and will ideally be a state registered clinical scientist. However candidates without state registration will be considered and supported in working towards registration.

Dundee is an attractive city that offers a high standard of living. Situated by the sea and close to beautiful countryside, it is ideally placed for outdoor activities. There are good road, rail and air links with the rest of the UK.

Further information can be obtained from Dr Ibbotson (Tel.01382 383499/383272) or Dr Eadie (Tel. 01382 740074 ext: 33501).

Hours of work are: 37.5 per week

**Please download the full application pack from [www.jobs.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.scot.nhs.uk)**

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Completed applications should be returned to [recruitment.tayside@nhs.net](mailto:recruitment.tayside@nhs.net) (quoting the job reference number in the subject box) or to Human Resources, NHS Tayside, Level 9, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee DD1 9SY

**Short-listed applicants will be contacted by email. Please check your emails regularly, including your junk/spam folder.**

Please quote reference number – D/JM/89/15

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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