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Job Description and Person Specification

Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine

Contract Type: Public Only Consultant Contract 2023 (POCC23)

CHO 6 Community/Integrated and St Michael's Hospital (SMH) - 21.5 Hours

Temporary Vacancy

Reference: M25E107

Closing Date for Applications: Sunday, 05th October 2025

Medical HR
St Vincent's University Hospital,
Elm Park,
Dublin 4.

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Job title / Grade: Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine

Reports to: Reports and is accountable to the relevant Clinical Director **and** Departmental Clinical Lead.

Department Information:

St. Vincent's Healthcare Group provides a service to people living in the South Eastern area of Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown and East Wicklow (excluding the Baltinglass electoral area). This represents almost one quarter of the population of the Eastern Region. The Department of Medicine provides acute, in-patient medical services, ambulatory care, community outreach services and rehabilitation services both onsite and off-site to this catchment area (approx. >360,000 people).

This appointment will form part of the Medicine for the Older Person Consultant team, which will be responsible for the coordinating and delivery of medical service for the ageing population in Dublin Mid Leinster in the years to come and meet the particular challenges of the ageing demographic in this hospital.

In joining the existing service, the appointee will share responsibility for patients requiring in-patient and out-patient care of all common medical illnesses including critical care, and will participate in the acute medical on-call rota. Structuring of this post will also enable the necessary bidirectional flow between St. Columcille's Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospitals.

The aim of this post is to provide a care and rehabilitation programme for people admitted with hip fractures, non-hip fractures in older people and other fragility fractures who require medical and multi-disciplinary care. It also will facilitate patients following an acute phase in St. Vincent's University Hospital to be managed in St. Vincent's University, St Columcille's Hospital, the Royal Hospital Donnybrook or St Michaels Hospital to return home and fully function on their own, or attain a level of function that maximises their independence and reduces their disability. The funding for this programme allows the patient to receive their ongoing rehabilitation in a dedicated rehabilitation facility on the acute hospital site (in keeping with the National Clinical Programme for Older People (NCPOP) or leave the acute hospital and receive their rehabilitation care in a dedicated appropriately staffed facility in St Columcille's Hospital or the Royal Hospital Donnybrook or referral to the Integrated Clinical Programme for Older People services in the community. This would release beds where they are critically required in the aforementioned hospitals.

Hospitals providing this rehabilitation care would need a multi-disciplinary team in place allowing for a full specialisation of staff to assist the patient in their rehabilitation so as to ensure the overall aim of the patient returning home or to a nursing home within an appropriate timeframe.
It should be acknowledged that those patients returning home will need timely access to home care adaptations, support and care services. Not all patients will recover sufficiently to return home and therefore timely access to nursing homes will also be required.

Failure of such timely access will affect patient flow, outcomes, and metrics being measured as Key Performance Indicators.

St. Vincent's University Hospital

This hospital has a well-established Department of Medicine for Older People. The team provides Acute, Day Hospital, Rehabilitation, Integrated care in the Community, Community Liaison and Long-Stay Outreach Services to patients in our catchment area. The team also provides a significant input to the management of acute general internal medical patients and input to the general on call rota and the management of the AMAU & acute floor on rotation. We also provide a 24/7 stroke thrombolysis and thrombectomy service.

Acute Services

Patients are admitted from the Emergency Department, AMU, Day Hospital, or transferred from other areas of the hospital following consultation. The Department participates in the general medical rota.. We provide a stroke service that takes over most of the patients admitted with stroke over the age of 65yrs.

Rehabilitation

Off-site consultant delivered specialist rehabilitation service (40 beds, 28 general, 12 stroke) for patients from the St. Vincent's University Hospital catchment area with clinical lead responsibility for same in the Royal Hospital Donnybrook and 8-10 beds for stroke and up to 12 beds for orthogeriatric rehabilitation in St. Columcille's Hospital.

Stroke Service

An acute over 65s Stroke Service has been established.

Day Hospital Facilities

In-patient and Out-patient Day Hospital facilities are provided. Assessments (referrals from GPs and from the hospital), rehabilitation, reviews, falls clinics, and TIA clinics are provided. Intravenous Zolendronic Acid infusion for 1st, and more commonly second and third year infusions post hip fracture are carried out in the Day Hospital in St. Columcille's Hospital

Extended Care

We are actively involved in the Local Placement Forum Committee. We have regular outreach visits to nursing homes in our locality and are gradually building and strengthening these links.

Consult Services

Geriatric medicine consult service for the Geriatric Giants to include assessment for long- term care and Fair Deal provided to patients > 65 years under the care of medical and surgical services, movement disorders, transient ischaemic attacks and possible stroke, Cognitive impairment, dementia, delirium, fracture liaison and secondary prevention as well as consideration for long term care.

Community Liaison Service

A Community Liaison Service is also provided led by 3 consultants, delivered by other consultants within the department providing specialist services for older people through the community and day hospital

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- To participate in development of and undertake all duties and functions pertinent to the Consultant's area of competence, as set out within the Clinical Directorate Service Plan[1] and in line with policies as specified by St. Vincent's University Hospital.
- To ensure that duties and functions are undertaken in a manner that minimises delays for patients and possible disruption of services.
- To work within the framework of the hospital and/or levels of service (volume, types etc.) as determined by St. Vincent's University Hospital. Service planning for individual clinical services will be progressed through the Clinical Directorate structure or other arrangements as apply.
- To co-operate with the expeditious implementation of the Disciplinary Procedure.
- To formally review the execution of the Clinical Directorate Service Plan with the Clinical Director / Employer periodically. The Clinical Directorate Service Plan shall be reviewed periodically at the request of the Consultant or Clinical Director / Employer. The Consultant may initially seek internal review of the determinations of the Clinical Director regarding the Service Plan.
- To participate in the development and operation of the Clinical Directorate structure and in such management or representative structures as are in place or being developed. The Consultant shall receive training and support to enable him/her to participate fully in such structures.
- To provide, as appropriate, consultation in the Consultant's area of designated expertise in respect of patients of other Consultants at their request.
- To ensure in consultation with the Clinical Director that appropriate medical cover is available at all times having due regard to the implementation of the European Working Time Directive as it relates to doctors in training.
- To supervise and be responsible for diagnosis, treatment and care provided by non-Consultant Hospital Doctors (NCHDs) treating patients under the Consultant's care.
- To participate as a right and obligation in selection processes for non-Consultant Hospital Doctors and other staff as appropriate. The Employer will provide training as required. The Employer shall ensure that a Consultant representative of the relevant specialty / sub-specialty is involved in the selection process.
- To participate in clinical audit and proactive risk management and facilitate production of all data/information required for same in accordance with regulatory, statutory and corporate policies and procedures.
- To participate in and facilitate production of all data/information required to validate delivery of duties and functions and inform planning and management of service delivery.
- Maintain throughout the Hospitals awareness of the primacy of the patient in relation to all of the Hospitals' activities.
- Demonstrate behaviour consistent with the values of the Hospitals.
- Actively participate in and promote continuing education and research activities consistent with the position.
- Promote open communications throughout the Hospitals.
- *Cover for fellow Consultants during holidays, sickness or other approved absences.*
- Provide a consultative service as required.

- Participate in the development of services in the hospital, including the assumption of appropriate administrative roles.
- Liaise with the Chief Executive, Director of Nursing, Chair of Medical Board, consultant staff and others in all matters pertaining to the efficient management of the hospital services.
- Perform such other duties appropriate to his/her office as may be assigned to him/her from time to time.
- Advise on the development and maintenance of Gastroenterology services within the resources of the hospital and in co-operation with management.
- Manage, as required, patients in ICU
- Encourage and support research and development.
- Organise and participate in the teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate students, Nursing and other staff of the hospital.

Specific Duties of Post:

The successful candidate will be rostered according to departmental schedules and on call rosters and in accordance with contractual obligations. Consultants are required to submit a detailed practice plan outlining weekly commitment to the department. This will be used to create a template for the weekly schedule and will allow for monitoring of duties.

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. This document must be regarded as an outline of the major areas of accountability at the present time, which will be reviewed and assessed on an on-going basis. The Hospital Structure is currently under review and therefore, reporting relationships may change.

Informal Enquiries or Role Specific Enquiries:
Professor Graham Hughes, Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine/Clinical Lead
Email: ghughes@svhg.ie

Person Specification

Factors	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	▪ Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of geriatric medicine and general (internal) medicine.	
Experience (length and type)		Experience at consultant level.
On-Call Commitment	In line with the working hours provisions of Section 13 of the Public Only Consultant Contract 2023, to support the employer in the delivery of extended consultant-provided	

	services the consultant's core weekly working hours will be scheduled to occur between 8:00am and 10:00pm rostered Monday to Fridays and between 8:00am and 6:00 pm on rostered Saturdays. Rostering will be in line with service need and requirement for surge capacity. Scheduling of work will be completed in accordance with a work-plan (Template documents as per Appendix 3) that will be prepared from time to time by the Employer in respect of the consultant. The successful appointee will participate on the stroke on-call for thrombolysis and thrombectomy rota in St. Vincent's University Hospital which ranges from 1:6 – 1:8 (dependent on the service needs). The successful appointee will also participate on the MAU and unscheduled care rota in St. Columcille's Hospital which is 1:4 (when the consultant on unscheduled care in SCH).	

Particulars of Office:

The appointment is: Part-time, Temporary and Pensionable

Annual Salary: Public Only Consultant Contract 2023

€233,527 - €280,513* per annum pro rata (salary scales: 01/08/2025)

These particulars are subject to change in line with overall public pay policy.

***Candidates should expect to be appointed on the minimum of the salary range and in accordance with the Department of Finance guidelines.**

Probationary Period: A Consultant who currently holds a permanent Consultant appointment in the Irish public health service will not be required to complete a probationary period should (s)he have done so already.

A Consultant will not be required to complete the probationary period where (s)he has for a period of not less than 12 months acted in the post pending its filling on a permanent basis.

Pension Scheme: The candidate will be entered into one of the Hospital Superannuation Schemes.

Working Hours: The Consultant is contracted to undertake such duties / provide such services as are set out in this Contract and agreed work schedule in the manner specified for **37 hours** per week (26 hours at St. Vincent's University Hospital and 11 hours at St. Columcille's Hospital). To support the Employer in the delivery of extended consultant-provided services the Employee's core weekly working hours will be scheduled to occur between 8.00 am and 10.00 pm on rostered Mondays to Fridays and between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm on rostered Saturdays.

Annual, Conference, Course leave:
All leave or planned absences, other than those described in Clause 19.3 'Sick Leave', Terms and Conditions of Consultant Contract must have prior approval from the Clinical Director / Employer.

The Consultant's annual leave entitlement is 30 working days per annum and as determined by the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997.

Sick leave:
The Consultant may be paid under the Sick Pay Scheme for absences due to illness or injury. Granting of sick pay is subject to a requirement to comply with the Employer's sick leave policy.

Travelling & Subsistence Expenses:
Travelling and subsistence expenses necessarily incurred by a Consultant in the course of duty shall be met on the basis applicable to persons of appropriately senior status in the public sector.

External Work (Private Practice):
You may not engage in private practice on-site in accordance with the Contract Type. Please refer to Clause 24 of the Public Only Consultant Contract 2023 of the Terms and Conditions of the Consultant Contract.

Medical Council Registration
The appointee should be registered as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialty of **geriatric medicine and general (internal) medicine**.

Clinical Indemnity Scheme
This post is indemnified by the Clinical Indemnity Scheme. See Clause 34 of the Terms and Conditions of the Consultant Contract.

Superannuation/Retirement:
(a) You will be covered by the terms of the relevant pension scheme as set out is Sections 5 & 6 of DPER circular 19/2012. Appropriate deductions will be made from your salary in respect of your contributions to the scheme. In general, 65 is the minimum age at which pension is payable, however, for appointees who are deemed not to be 'new entrants' as defined in the Public Service Superannuation Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2004 an earlier minimum pension age may apply.

(b) Should you be deemed not to be a new entrant (as defined in the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004), retirement is compulsory on reaching 65 years of age.

(c) Consultants newly appointed on or after 1st January, 2013 or persons returning to public service employment after a break of more than 26 weeks will be members of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme. The Single Scheme provides for CPI-linked defined-benefit pension awards based on career-average pay. Minimum pension age will be linked to the State Pension age (66 years initially, rising to 67 in 2021 and 68 in 2028). Pension benefits for new entrants will accrue on a standard basis (i.e. one year's credit for one year's service up to a maximum of 40 years' service) while normal abatements of pension provision will apply to all public sector posts. Compulsory retirement age for most members will be 70 years.

Details of the various schemes are available from the Benefits Unit of the HR Department.

Disciplinary & Grievance Procedures
See Appendix 6 & 7 of the Public Only Consultant Contract.

Additional Information

St. Vincent's University Hospital
St. Vincent's University Hospital is a 614 bedded teaching hospital. The catchment area has a population of approximately 360,000 people and is situated in Dublin Mid Leinster/South Dublin Hospitals Network. The hospital provides a comprehensive range of medical, surgical, radiology, pathology and other services for this region and, at the present time for some areas outside it.

The hospital is part of the teaching facility at University College Dublin and undertakes undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and training. The appointee will have the opportunity of participating fully in all the research and academic activities of the Department of Geriatric Medicine and will be encouraged to develop their own research interests. They will also be expected to participate in teaching with special emphasis on undergraduates. The appointee will be a member of the Medical Board of St. Vincent's University Hospital.

The appointee will have full access to all the academic facilities available at the St. Vincent's University Hospital site and through its association with the School of Medicine and Medical Sciences, University College Dublin.

Confidentiality:
During the course of employment staff may have access to, or hear information concerning the medical or personal affairs of patients, students, staff and / or other health service business. Such records and information are strictly confidential and unless acting on the instruction of an authorised officer, such information must not be divulged or discussed except in the performance of normal duty. In addition records must never be left in such a manner that unauthorised persons can obtain access to them and must be kept in safe custody when no longer required.

Hygiene:
During the course of employment staff are required to ensure that the hospital's hygiene and infection control policies are adhered to at all times. All employees have responsibility to prevent transmission of infection by adhering to and implementing optimal hand hygiene and adhering to the Hospital's Hygiene processes. Hygiene is a fundamental component of St Vincent's University Hospital's quality system to ensure the safety and well-being of its patients and staff and plays a role in the prevention and control of healthcare associated infection.

Policies / Legislation:
All Hospital policies and procedures form an integral part an employment contract and may be subject to update and revision, from time to time, in consultation with union representatives as appropriate. Employees are required to comply with all hospital policies, procedures (e.g. Dignity at Work, Trust in Care, Computer Usage Policy) and the Hospital's ethical codes of practice.
Employees are required to abide by the hospital's code of behaviour and the code of practice as defined by their relevant professional body.

Please note the following:
- The Hospital Board is not responsible for loss or theft of personal belongings
- Fire orders must be observed and staff must attend the fire lectures periodically
- All accidents within the department must be reported immediately.
- In line with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (2005), smoking within the Hospital Building is not permitted.

- All staff are advised to avail of Hepatitis B Vaccination with Occupational health
- The use of personal mobile phones is prohibited.
- St. Vincent's University Hospital buildings and grounds are **smoke-free**.

Application Process:
St. Vincent's University Hospital is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to promoting an environment free from discrimination in accordance with the Employment Equality Acts 1998 and 2004. The Hospital values diversity and recognises the benefits of having a workforce that reflects the community we serve. We are committed to equality of access to positions within the Hospital. All recruitment activity and documentation will encourage applications from all potential candidates without discrimination.

Applications **must be made on-line** via the careers page on our website: www.svuh.ie.

- Note the closing date(s) for the submission of on-line applications are specified on the list of vacancies. St. Vincent's University Hospital are not able to accept late applications.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they apply well in advance of the closing date.
- Any applications which are still in progress but have not been submitted after the closing date will not be registered by our Web Recruitment System.
- Applications for St. Vincent's University Hospital job vacancies will only be accepted through our Web Recruitment System.
- St. Vincent's University Hospital may only take into account technical issues raised by an applicant if advised to our Human Resources Department prior to the advertised closing date.
- St. Vincent's University Hospital will not be liable for travelling or other expenses incurred by candidates who may be required to attend for interviews.

Entry to competition and subsequent appointment
- For the purposes of eligibility for entry to any competition or recruitment process associated with this post, a candidate must fulfil the eligibility requirements laid down in consultant appointment documents for the post.
- The successful interviewee must be registered as a Specialist in the relevant specialty on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland before taking up appointment. The candidate will be allowed a max of 180 calendar days from date of interview to secure this registration and produce evidence of special interest training where relevant.
- Should the successful candidate not be registered as a Specialist at that time, the post may be offered to the next suitable candidate (or, in the case of HSE posts, the Public Appointments Service may choose not to recommend that candidate to the employer). Should no suitable candidate exist, a further recruitment process may be initiated.
- The employer may decide to make a proleptic appointment(s) as provided for at Section 2 d) of Consultant Contract 2008.

Shortlisting: Shortlisting will be carried out on the basis of information supplied on your curriculum vitae. The criteria for shortlisting are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the Person Specification. Failure to include information regarding these requirements on your CV may result in you not being called forward to the next stage of the recruitment process.
Canvassing will automatically disqualify.

Please note that you will be contacted mainly by mobile phone and email. It is important that your mobile phone number, postal address and email address are correct. It is your responsibility to ensure

that you have access to your mobile voice mails and emails. We recommend that you use an email address that you have regular access to.

Competency based interviews follow the shortlisting stage of the recruitment process. Candidates will normally be given at least two weeks' notice of interview. Interviews are held in person only, no subsequent or alternative dates to dates given will be offered to candidates. All interviews are held in St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4 unless it is specifically advised otherwise.

Disability: Please let us know if you need any special assistance at interview, e.g. if you have difficulty in moving up or down stairs or have hearing or speech difficulties.

Candidates are notified of the result of their interview at the earliest possible date after the interview. The recommendation of the interview panel does not constitute a job offer. The process continues after the interview and includes clearance checks such as references, Garda clearance, occupational health clearance, validation of qualifications and experience. A job offer is made pending satisfactory clearances. SVUH reserves the right to remove candidates from specific recruitment panels and retract job offers if satisfactory clearances cannot be obtained or are deemed unsatisfactory.

For some recruitment competitions a panel of successful candidates may be formed as a result of the interviews. Candidates who obtain a place on the panel may, (within the life of the panel), be considered for subsequent approved vacancies. Candidates are placed on a panel in order of merit. A panel is typically live for 6 months.

It is normal procedure that candidates be placed on the first point of the relevant salary scale in accordance with the Department of Finance guidelines.

Declaration: Please read your application carefully and check for any errors or omissions. False declaration or omission in support of your application will disqualify you from appointment.

This document must be regarded as an outline of the major areas of accountability at the present time, which will be reviewed and assessed on an on-going basis.

Date: September 23, 2025