**Sussex Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship**

**Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals**

**Job Description**

**The Fellowship**

This is a clinical and research fellowship that will provide experience in the full range of shoulder and elbow surgery, supervised by two consultants, Mr Joideep Phadnis and Mr Cameron Hatrick. [www.sussexshoulderandelbow.com](http://www.sussexshoulderandelbow.com).

Both consultants teach nationally and internationally on various aspects of Shoulder & Elbow surgery and receive tertiary referrals for complex problems from the surrounding region.

The goal of this fellowship is to act as a stepping stone towards independent consultant practice. Hence, we fell it is paramount that the fellow performs both supervised and independent surgical procedures according to ability and experience which we will help develop during the fellowship period. Along with this, the fellow will be involved in the assessment and management of complex tertiary level cases referred to the unit from other hospitals.

Research is an important component of this fellowship and there is an active shoulder & elbow research programme in place already. There will be an opportunity to participate in all types of research including clinical projects, anatomic studies, biomechanical studies and national portfolio studies. The fellow will be expected to present research nationally and internationally and to publish research in the peer reviewed literature.

The fellows case mix will include:

Elective Shoulder

* Primary and revision arthroscopic reconstructive surgery
* Primary and Revision arthroplasty
* Sports injuries

Elective Elbow

* Elbow arthroscopy
* Primary and revision elbow arthroplasty
* Soft tissue reconstructive surgery
* Sports injuries

Following the influence of GIRFT and through recommendations from BESS, we have been designated as one of 12 national centres for Elbow Arthroplasty which means the fellow will gain experience in elbow arthroplasty to a degree that is not available in many other UK centres.

Trauma

As the major trauma centre for the region, the fellow will be exposed to all aspects of shoulder and elbow trauma including tertiary referrals for scapula fractures and complex elbow fractures. We treat around 100 proximal humeral fractures surgically every year and the aim will be for the fellow to progress to the point where they can manage these cases alone.

On call Commitments

There are no on call commitments associated with this fellowship but there is scope for additional weekend on call cover to supplement income and experience at the fellow’s discretion.

**Provisional Job Plan Timetable**

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|  | **am** | **pm** |
| **Monday** | Elective clinic | Fracture clinic |
| **Tuesday** | Upper limb Trauma list | Upper limb trauma list  |
| **Wednesday** | Elective surgery | Research |
| **Thursday** | Elective surgery  | Elective surgery |
| **Friday** | Elective Clinic | Research |

**The Trust**

Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) is an acute teaching hospital working across two main sites:

* The [Royal Sussex County Hospital](https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/hospitals/our-hospitals/royal-sussex-county-hospital/) in Brighton
* The [Princess Royal Hospital](https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/hospitals/our-hospitals/princess-royal-hospital/) in Haywards Heath

The Brighton campus includes the [Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital](https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/hospitals/our-hospitals/royal-alexandra-childrens-hospital/) and the Haywards Heath campus includes the Sussex Orthopaedic Treatment Centre (SOTC) for elective orthopaedic surgery.

We are the Major Trauma Centre for Sussex and the South East and also provide tertiary elective orthopaedic services to the same region.

The trust has recently commenced a £500 million redevelopment programme of the Brighton site, which will provide state of the art infrastructure to complement the clinical work performed at the trust.

#### Brighton & Sussex Medical School

We are a university teaching hospital linked to Brighton & Sussex Medical School. The Medical School has close links with the hospital and high quality teaching facilities Audrey Emerton building at the Royal Sussex County Hospital and the Euan Keats education Centre at the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath. In addition, there are three teaching and research buildings at the University which is based in Falmer, as well as an anatomy lab and a Clinical Investigation and Research Unit at the Royal Sussex County site.

The Orthopaedic department works closely with the medical school to help deliver musculoskeletal education and to supervise Intercalated Research Projects (IRP) for the 4th year students. There is ample opportunity for the fellow to develop their teaching and research skills and take on a supervisory role in the IRP programme.

**The Orthopaedic Department**

The Trauma & Orthopaedic department comprises 26 consultants, 4 associate specialists, 10 specialist registrars. We provide consultant led care across all orthopaedic sub-specialties.

We work on three main sites:

Elective surgery is concentrated at the Sussex Orthopaedic NHS Treatment Centre (SOTC) and the adjacent Princess Royal Hospital (PRH). The SOTC is a state of the art orthopaedic treatment unit with 4 theatres, a ward with HDU facilities and outpatient clinics. This stand alone unit means we are able to deliver high quality efficient elective orthopaedic care without the capacity pressures experienced by other major trauma centres.

Trauma surgery takes place primarily at the Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH) while all paediatric orthopaedic surgery is performed at the Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital.

**Research**

Central to our ambition is our role as an academic centre, a provider of high quality teaching, and a host hospital for cutting edge research and innovation. We work with our partners, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) and the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Postgraduate Deanery, and our local universities to achieve this.

Within the orthopaedic department we have the Sussex Orthopaedic Research Group (SORG) whose goal is to push forward orthopaedic research within the trust and on a national basis.

In 2020 we will be hosting the British Elbow & Shoulder Society Meeting and hence producing shoulder and elbow research is a priority for us.

The appointed fellow will be expected to perform at least one individual research project per 6 months with the aim to present their work at the British Elbow and Shoulder Society (BESS) and publish their work in the peer reviewed literature. They will also be expected to participate in supervision of research for more junior colleagues and medical students through the IRP programme, which will help expand the fellow’s research portfolio and learning.

To help achieve this the fellow will have programmed research time and support from the Sussex Orthopaedic Research Group.

**Enquiries**

For questions regarding the fellowship please email Mr Joideep Phadnis on joideep.phadnis@nhs.net