

# **Job Description for Locally Funded Academic Clinical Fellowship in Neurosurgery <ST1>**

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and King's College London

## **1. Job Title.**

Academic Clinical Fellowship in Neurosurgery

## **2. Duration of post.**

3 years (25% academic, 75% clinical).

## **3. Research institutions in which training will take place**

King's College London, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN)

## **4. Timetabling of clinical and research time**

- 25% protected academic time (typically 1.5 days/week or equivalent block release)
- 75% clinical time at King's College Hospital
- Flexibility depending on clinical demands

## **5. Description of research component of programme**

The fellow will join Mr Aminul Ahmed's and Prof Elizabeth Bradbury's group focusing on gene therapy for spinal cord injury. This includes preclinical and translational research using lentiviral vectors to deliver regenerative enzymes such as chondroitinase ABC. The goal is to help prepare for a first in human translational trial by the end of the ACF.

## **6. Description of clinical training component of programme**

Based at the Regional Neurosciences Centre at King's College Hospital, the ACF will gain experience in all major neurosurgical sub-specialties, with structured teaching, MDT exposure and resident-level responsibilities. Emphasis will be placed on developing a clinical interest in complex spine and SCI repair.

## **7. Academic Programme Director name**

- Professor Nick Watkin - Academic TPD for the London Programme - [nick.watkin@nhs.net](mailto:nick.watkin@nhs.net)
- Professor Daniel Leff - Academic TPD for the London Programme - [d.leff@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:d.leff@imperial.ac.uk)

## **8. Academic supervisor**

Mr Aminul Ahmed – ACF lead; King's College London - [aminul.ahmed@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:aminul.ahmed@kcl.ac.uk)

## **9. Clinical Programme Director name**

Mr Navneet Singh – South Thames Training Programme director - [navneet.singh@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:navneet.singh@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

## **10. Programme contact for further information (phone or email)**

Mr Aminul Ahmed – Email: [aminul.ahmed@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:aminul.ahmed@kcl.ac.uk)

## **11. NHSE contact:**

Specialty Team <https://lasepgmdsupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home>

Recruitment Enquiries - <https://lasepgmdsupport.hee.nhs.uk/support/home>

## **12. Useful websites for further information**

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/our-research-community/NIHR-academy/nihr-training-programmes/integrated-academic-training-programme/>  
<https://www.kingshealthpartners.org/>  
<https://www.kcl.ac.uk>  
<https://www.kch.nhs.uk>

### **13. Confirmation that the post attracts an NTN (A)**

Yes

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### **Person Specification**

- MBBS (or equivalent) and GMC registration
- Early-stage interest or experience in neurosurgery
- Evidence of research interest in neuroscience/regeneration and gene therapy
- MRCS desirable but not essential
- Strong communication and team-working skills
- Motivation to pursue an academic career