

Advanced Pain Training Post Information for Potential Applicants

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Training post pairing/ rotation details:	Paired with Chelsea & Westminster
Anaesthetic on-call commitment/ details:	<p style="text-align: center;">On-calls at RMH Sutton site [There is no emergency/obstetric department at RMH]</p> <p>Anaesthetic bleep-holders provide senior resident cover for acute management of adults and children undergoing chemo/radiotherapy, bone marrow transplant and stem cell therapy. Most common issues are sepsis, bleeding and seizures. Emergency surgery is uncommon.</p> <p>The role of the anaesthetic bleep-holder is prompt assessment of sick patients, supporting outreach and junior medical staff, and stabilisation and preparation for transfer if patients require critical care. There is the facility for level 2 and 3 care at RMH Sutton but this is only used as a bridge to transfer to a definitive HDU/ITU (usually RMH Chelsea).</p> <p>Whilst unpredictable, out-of-hours calls are infrequent and many fellows on this rota choose to consolidate their on-call commitment in 24-hour shifts. Advanced Pain Trainees are exempt from day-time on-call commitments but previous APTs have opted for a similar on-call pattern for weekend work and to seek training opportunities either side of week-day night on-calls as they have found that this arrangement maximises their training time and is manageable and safe.</p> <p>We recognise that this is unusual compared to on-call arrangements at most other trusts. It is important to note that we are very flexible and are committed to accommodating personal preferences and circumstances as far as is possible. We encourage anyone with any queries about this element of the post to contact us and to talk to previous APTs.</p>
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Information on Training Centre and Post: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background/ opening paragraph about your centre/ Trust • Number of referrals • Types of clinics (e.g. community-based, specialty clinics, multidisciplinary) 	<p>The Royal Marsden is a world leader in cancer research, treatment and education. Together with our academic partner, The Institute of Cancer Research (ICR), we are the largest comprehensive cancer centre in Europe.</p> <p>There are six pain consultants and five clinical nurse specialists who provide a range of outpatient services and inpatient support. This includes specialist clinics (e.g.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions offered (types & frequency of lists and numbers per year) • Unique to centre 	<p>chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy), a neuromodulation clinic (joint with neurosurgery) and a dedicated acupuncture clinic.</p> <p>There is a fortnightly interventional procedure list but, whilst the number and scope of interventions is growing, APTs have gained their procedural experience at Chelsea & Westminster. Previous trainees have sometimes sought additional procedural opportunities at other trusts, according to convenience and individual needs, and we are happy to support and facilitate this. supported and facilitated.</p> <p>RMH offers a rich outpatient clinic experience which provides trainees with the skills to assess and manage a wide range of pain conditions. In addition to cancer pain, patients commonly present with musculoskeletal pain, persistent post-surgical pain and a range of neuropathic pain conditions associated with cancer treatment.</p>
<p>Access to MDTs:</p>	<p>There is a weekly joint pain and palliative care team MDT with input from physiotherapists, psychologists, pharmacists and service managers.</p>
<p>Pain Management Programmes:</p>	<p>There is currently no PMP at RMH but this is available at Chelsea & Westminster.</p>
<p>Cancer pain experience: e.g. local hospice</p>	<p>RMH provides extensive cancer pain experience and is linked to a network of hospices within the RM Partners network.</p>
<p>Paediatric pain experience:</p>	<p>There is a paediatric cancer pain clinic at RMH and further experience is available at Great Ormond Street.</p>
<p>Neuromodulation experience:</p>	<p>There is a growing neuromodulation service at RMH and a well-established service at Chelsea & Westminster.</p>
<p>Research opportunity:</p>	<p>RMH is a research centre with a broad portfolio and there is excellent support and guidance for research available.</p>
<p>Quality Improvement:</p>	<p>There is a wealth of ongoing QI and service development activity within the anaesthetic and pain department at RMH and well-established pathways for taking ideas from conception to completion.</p>
<p>Management & Leadership Opportunities:</p>	<p>RMH runs a number of management programmes (e.g. the Paired Learning Programme) and supports trainees in developing their management & leadership skills. Within the pain service, the APT is offered a range of responsibilities for service management.</p>
<p>Education & Training Opportunities:</p>	<p>There are weekly educational presentations in both pain and anaesthetic meetings. APTs are encouraged to contribute to these both in presentation and discussion. There are regular departmental and divisional audit and governance meetings.</p>
<p>Trainee Testimonials/ Feedback:</p>	<p><i>"I thoroughly valued the excellent training I received during my APT. Clinically, a wide range of opportunities were provided. The flexibility and assistance provided by the department in addressing any additional learning that needs I identified, including identifying opportunities at other Trusts, was particularly appreciated. Finally, the non-clinical opportunities (e.g. research and management experience) were exceptional."</i></p>