GP in Allergy Portfolio development role opportunity

**OPPORTUNITY:** A GP portfolio development opportunity in allergy, for a new to practice, mid- or later- career GP in mid and south Essex. Remuneration is available for 1 funded portfolio session / week for a 12- month period. The training will take place within the Allergy Service at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford. Experience will include hands on exposure in a variety of aspects of allergy medicine including: skin prick testing, allergen immunotherapy, biologic therapy, and drug and food challenge testing. The post will enable the successful candidate to follow the BSACI pathway to empower them to gain relevant experience and build a portfolio to become a GPwER. [GPWER-Version-1.0.pdf (bsaci.org)](https://www.bsaci.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/GPWER-Version-1.0.pdf)

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible you must hold a substantive GP role (salaried or partner) in mid and south Essex of at least 2 sessions a week and continue to do so for the duration of the portfolio training period.

This portfolio training opportunity benefits from access to an educational bursary for relevant training (up to £5000), mentorship, peer support and funding to support reimbursement for 1 session weekly for 12 months, paid via employing practices (based on your existing sessional rate, including employment costs (Max sessional rate £12500))

**DEPARTMENT: Adult Allergy service.**

**LOCATION: Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford.**

**RESPONSIBLE TO: Dr Jenkins (Respiratory consultant and head of service) and other consultant clinical colleagues to be advised.**

**ACCOUNTABLE TO: Dr Jenkins (Respiratory consultant and head of service)**

**RESPONSIBLE FOR: No direct staff will report to this GP training portfolio role.**

**GRADE: GP portfolio (development) role, remuneration for 1 session weekly is provided and to be paid to employing GP practice via MOU and agreement with mid and south Essex training Hub.**

**HOURS: 1 session weekly for 12 months.**

# OVERVIEW of the allergy GP portfolio development opportunity

# AIMS:

Fellowships and portfolio roles for GPs are very well established in Mid and South Essex and offer a package of benefits alongside the opportunity to take up a role outside primary care, alongside continued GP work. Portfolio roles and GP with extended roles (GPwER) positions support GPs to work within primary care whilst enjoying the variety that a portfolio interest offers, supporting a balanced career and wellbeing.

This scheme aims to:

* Support GPs to have increased opportunities within MSE to further their career through attractive portfolio placements
* Recruit and retain GPs, offering opportunities that a recent survey has shown are priorities for recruitment, retention and wellbeing.
* Increase collaborative cross- system working and understanding through developing GPs with a wider understanding of other parts of the system and allowing GPs to share their knowledge and expertise whilst working in partner settings.
* Support system partners with recruitment of appropriately qualified GPs for innovative roles.
* Support the development of innovative posts to support the primary- secondary care interface, cross organizational working and the Left shift of services.
* Offer a variety of opportunities to inspire practicing GPs to increase job satisfaction, diversify their careers and remain in the workforce longer term.

## Allergy portfolio development role 2024.

* MSE Training Hub working in collaboration with MSEFT respiratory/ allergy department colleagues
* 1 funded portfolio development session / week
* Minimum 2 sessions/ week in GP surgery, ideally under a model BMA GP contract or equivalent or partnership.
* The successful GP would be enabled to take up this portfolio development opportunity through MOUs between Mid and south Essex training Hub, the GP, their practice and MSEFT. An honorary contract will enable the GP to take up the opportunity at the trust. In the event that the GP leaves the training opportunity early then funding would be returned to MSE TH pro rata.
* The training would be indemnified under Crown Indemnity through the MSEFT, but the GP is advised to inform their GP indemnity provider company.
* Access to educational bursary up to £5000 for an allergy diploma or other educational program (to be agreed and guided by placement consultants)
* Funded mentorship through MSE training hub
* Funded NB Medical package including management and leadership modules
* Support from the training hub and access to peer networks

**Further details:**

* One year training fellowship in allergy for a GP. This would be for one session per week (Friday afternoon) joining the adult allergy clinic. Initially this would involve sitting in on clinics but after short period would involve seeing patients directly, ordering skin test and discussing with the consultant. Other training opportunities within the session include observation of skin prick testing, spending time with allergy CNS to learn patient education/empowerment, observation of immunotherapy and biologic therapy and understanding the principles of this.
* There would be other training opportunities available which could be incorporated into the Friday session at points during the year - sessions in clinics in related specialties – ENT, Dermatology, Paediatric allergy, Respiratory.
* The allergy MDT meeting takes place at 12pm on Thursdays, this can be dialled in to remotely and would provide good teaching/training opportunities.
* This training could be supplemented by online teaching resources to support allergy knowledge. These are outlined in the document above. There is also an online MSc course in Allergy offered by the University of Southampton, which has one module which is a postgraduate certificate which would complement this role.
* The expectation at the end of this year of training is that there would be a much broader understanding of the principles of allergic diseases and how they are managed. This knowledge could then be utilised in a variety of ways, to support the community in providing better care for allergy patients, improving referral pathways, whilst maintaining close links with secondary care services.