

Reading Shoulder Surgery Fellow - JOB DESCRIPTION 2025

Clinical Research Shoulder Surgery Fellowship Reading Shoulder Unit Berkshire Independent Hospital and Spire Dunedin Hospital

Consultant responsible: Professor Ofer Levy, MD MCh(Orth) FRCS

Vacancy for a Shoulder Surgery Fellow to Professor Ofer Levy

Clinical Research Fellow in Shoulder Surgery at the Reading Shoulder Unit based at the Berkshire Independent Hospital.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a young orthopaedic surgeon, who has completed their training, either in the UK or abroad, to undertake research and clinical work under the supervision of Professor Ofer Levy.

The candidate should be registered with the GMC and the post is initially for 12 months.

The post aims at boosting the candidate's academic and clinical achievements, and gaining excellent surgical skills.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to undertake clinical and operative work at a fellow level including shoulder arthroplasty and arthroscopic surgery.

The successful candidate will also enjoy a multitude of research opportunities and be expected to produce high quality research for peer review, publication and national/international meeting presentations.

The job has a great track record for both academic, clinical research and gaining excellent surgical skills vital for future positions.

The role is flexible and can be tailored according to the candidate's research/clinical needs. If desired, we will also support you in expanding the role to pursue a higher degree.

The Hospitals

Berkshire Independent Hospital was purpose built in 1993 and has been designed to combine exceptional standards of patient accommodation with the technical equipment and facilities that modern medicine demands.

The hospital has 52 individual patient rooms and nine twin bedded rooms all with en-suite facilities, nurse call system, telephone and sky television.

All patients are under the care of a Consultant and a Resident Medical Officer provides a 24-hour service.

The hospital has a two-bedded High Dependency Unit for patients requiring specialist nursing. The theatre department has 3 main theatres, two with laminar flow, a seven-bedded recovery area and a dedicated Endoscopy Suite with a recovery area. The theatre department is available for routine and emergency surgery. An on-call team is available at all times.

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Clinical Services

The Outpatient Department in the ground floor of the hospital has 19 consulting rooms with associated examination and treatment facilities, and a minor operating theatre. Other outpatient facilities include a large Physiotherapy Department with a well-equipped, modern gymnasium, Audiology, X-ray, ultrasound and MRI scanning.

The Reading Shoulder Unit - Centre of Excellence

Three Orthopaedic Surgeons, Professor Ofer Levy MD MCh(Orth) FRCS, Mr. Giuseppe Sforza MD MCh(Orth) and Mr. Paolo Consigliere MD work alongside a team of shoulder fellows, anaesthetists, physiotherapists, nurses and research staff in a dedicated shoulder unit.

The unit investigates and treats patients with all types of disorders of the shoulder. The unit is recognised both nationally and internationally.

The Spire Dunedin Hospital

Spire Dunedin is a well-established private hospital in Reading, providing quality treatment and aftercare both to NHS and Private patients.

The theatre department has 2 main theatres and Outpatient Department consulting rooms with associated examination and treatment facilities. Other outpatient facilities include a Physiotherapy Department with a well-equipped, modern gymnasium, X-ray, ultrasound, CT scanner and MRI scanning.

Duties of the shoulder fellow:

Clinical duties will include outpatient clinics, ward rounds and operating sessions. The rest of the time will be available for clinical and basic research.

During the early part of the appointment, the Shoulder Fellow will be expected to operate with Professor Levy to develop skills in all aspects of shoulder surgery including arthroscopic surgery but later may carry out operative procedures by him/herself in order to develop personal skills and operative techniques.

Duties will be entirely related to the shoulder surgery unit.

Inclusion in the on-call duty rota for the patients of the RSU in the Berkshire Independent hospital is part of the job.

The applicant will be expected to be computer literate, to have FRCS(Orth) or equivalent and to have CST accreditation . The post is for 12 months initially.

The Fellow will be expected:

1. To monitor the implementation of the Orthopaedic Database set up by the previous fellows and be responsible for recording all data of the Reading Shoulder Unit
2. To continue with existing prospective and retrospective research.
3. To set up prospective trials which may be continued by subsequent fellows.
4. To set up retrospective studies which may be continued by subsequent fellows.
5. To initiate basic and clinical research projects which may be aided by other junior staff in the hospital.
6. To take an active part in the research meetings of the unit.
7. Expected to produce high quality research for peer review publication and national/international meeting presentations.
8. Funds may be available for research projects.

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3. LOCATION OF DUTIES

During the year at Reading, the Fellow will work at the Berkshire Independent Hospital, and Spire Dunedin Hospital. There may be duties at other locations as well.

4. STUDY AND TRAINING

Application for study leave to attend approved meetings, courses etc. are given sympathetic consideration and such leave is always granted whenever service commitments permit.

7. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must be registered with the General Medical Council and must be members of an approved medical protection organisation. They are expected to have completed an adequate training in Orthopaedic surgery and have FRCS (Orth) or equivalent.

8. DATE WHEN POST IS VACANT – **February 2025.**

9. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING THE HOSPITAL**

Applicants are invited to visit the Unit by appointment.

For further information or to apply for this position, please email your CV to - oferlevy@readingshoulderunit.com