Job Description for NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Community Sexual and Reproductive Health (Primary Care and Community Care) ST1-3

1. Job Title: Academic Clinical Fellow in Community Sexual and Reproductive Health

2. Duration of post: 3 years.

This post is for a period of 3 years and will provide integrated clinical and academic training in community sexual and reproductive health. The post attracts a national training number (NTN). If after a period of 3 years, the candidate is unsuccessful in obtaining a research fellowship, or chooses not to continue in research, they will continue to progress through the CSRH training programme to the level of CCT.

3. Research institutions in which training will take place
The research component will be at UCL Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Institute for Women's Health.

4. Timetabling of clinical and research time. Timetabling will be flexible to suit the needs of the ACF, the clinical service and the research project.

5. Description of research component of programme

Introduction and Strengths of the programme
The Community Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (CSRH) Specialty Training Programme is the main route available to medical practitioners who wish to specialise in the area of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (SRH). Previously the training pathway in the UK in Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (SRH) was through Obstetrics and Gynecology as a subspecialty. In 2009 the UK Parliament recognised SRH as an independent specialty in its own right.

The programme offers flexible, integrated clinical academic training within the well-renowned London CSRH Training programme and a world-leading university. The UCL Institute for Women's Health (IfWH) is unique in the UK, bringing together excellence in clinical care and research across a broad spectrum of women's health. The IfWH provides outstanding support for students, trainees and more broadly for gender equality in academia as recognised by successive Athena SWAN Gold awards (2016 and 2021) http://www.ucl.ac.uk/womens-health

Research components of the programme
Academic training for the ACF is provided by the Sexual & Reproductive Health Group at the IfWH led by Professors Judith Stephenson and Jennifer Hall who also co-direct the national NIHR Policy Research Unit in Reproductive Health. https://www.ucl.ac.uk/health/policy/nihr-pru-reproductive-health. The Group's research can be broadly divided into three areas: planning pregnancy; supporting choice of contraception and improving preconception health and care and is internationally recognised for research in pregnancy planning and preconception health. The ACF will be an integral member of the SRH research team which includes senior academic staff, clinical and non-clinical researchers and PhD students. Through 1:1 academic supervision and practical experience, s/he will learn about key aspects of research methodology applied to SRH including study design, research governance, management, presentation, and knowledge transfer. S/he will be supported to develop an original research project to match his/ her interests, with an expectation of completion within the duration of the fellowship.

6. Description of clinical training component of programme

The clinical training will be part of the London CSRH training programme, with the main training centre being Central North West London (CNWL) NHS Foundation Trust during ST1-3 years. Post-ACF placements may

be in any suitable post at another site across the programme. Continuation of training at the same Trust following completion of the ACF award cannot be guaranteed.

The clinical programme follows the CSRH curriculum and is divided into basic (years 1-3), intermediate (years 4-5) and advanced (year 6) training. Basic training includes Obstetrics and Gynaecology, where trainees follow different competencies from O&G trainees, being focused towards Medical Gynaecology rather than Labour Ward expertise; and Sexual and Reproductive Health. Gynaecology competencies continue to be gained and maintained throughout the whole 6-year training. MFSRH Part 1 must be achieved before entering intermediate training.

Intermediate training will extend the strand of Gynaecology and SRH, including unplanned pregnancy and Abortion Care, but now also encompass training in Genitourinary Medicine, Public Health, Sexual Assault and Sexual Problems. The MFSRH Part 2 must be achieved before entering advanced training.

Advanced Training will be a year of completing all outstanding competencies but with opportunities for shadowing and preparing for a role as a consultant. Throughout the programme the trainee will undergo training in leadership and management. The programme develops the skills required to lead and manage the community based Sexual Health services of the future and lead large multidisciplinary teams.

Further information about CSRH Specialty training Programme can be found on this link : Community Sexual and Reproductive Health Specialty Training Programme (CSRH) - Programme information | CoSRH

The London training scheme has training sites at Guy's and St.Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Barts Health NHS Trust, Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Central North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL), London North West Health care NHS Trust, Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trusts. The trainees meet regularly for joint teaching and are able to move between sites to achieve their learning objectives.

Innovative / interdisciplinary / new research approaches in this area

The SRH research programme takes a life course perspective to women's reproductive health. It focuses not only on prevention of unplanned pregnancy but also on preparation for healthy pregnancy through pregnancy planning and preconception care through a life course approach to women's reproductive health.

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11. Useful websites for further information IAT Guide | NIHR
https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/academy-programmes/integrated-academic-training.htm

12.Confirmation that the post attracts an NTN (A): YES
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