Locum Consultant Paediatric Neurologist required fulltime for Cork University Hospital, for 1 year to commence as soon as possible.

This is an appointment on a Type B basis under the Consultants’ Contract 2008 (as of 1st July 2013, 39 hours per week):
Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) in Paediatric Neurology or equivalent qualification is desirable. Registration with the Irish Medical Council is necessary prior to commencement. For informal enquiries please contact Dr. Niamh Mc Sweeney, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at Cork University Hospital 00353214920316 or email niamh.mcsweeney@hse.ie.

**Application Procedure:**

Send a letter of application including contact details of four referees together with seven copies of your curriculum vitae to: The Medical Manpower Manager, Cork University Hospital.

**Job Description:**

The successful candidate will be employed on a Type B contract (39 hours per week) in Cork University Hospital (CUH) Paediatric Department. This is a 70 bedded tertiary level Paediatric department with close links with the co-located adult services and Cork University Maternity Hospital.

The main responsibilities include providing Consultant led ward rounds to inpatients three times per week which may include consults from other subspecialties eg. Endocrinology, Respiratory, General Paediatrics, and Cardiology. The appointed consultant will also perform two outpatient clinics per week to include general neurology and epilepsy patients. Outreach joint Neuromuscular clinics with a Community Paediatrician are also done on a three monthly basis in Enable Ireland, Ballintemple (Enable Ireland caters for children with physical disabilities). There is also a commitment to the Neonatal Intensive care unit at Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH), to provide neonatal consults on a weekly basis. Follow up of these patients at present is done at one of the weekly outpatient clinics in CUH.

There is an active teaching and academic department within the Paediatric department. There are at present two Epilepsy Nurse Specialists who take telephone consultations and provide education and support to both new and existing patients with Epilepsy. The department also has close links with the Paediatric Neurology centres in Dublin and there is an inter-hospital Paediatric Neurology meeting held in Dublin every three months to discuss interesting cases. There is a weekly Neurosciences meeting in CUH and monthly multidisciplinary Neuromuscular meetings and Epilepsy surgery conference.
Vision of Cork Paediatric Department

To deliver modern child and family-focused health care to children and their families in a child friendly environment.

Mission statement

Paediatric services in HSE South and Cork University Hospital (CUH) provide dedicated health facilities for children of the city and region allowing them to receive the best medical, surgical, nursing and allied health care possible in a research-led and teaching-active environment, as close to home as possible.

Children needing tertiary care from regional units in Tralee, Clonmel and Waterford may access such care in Cork rather than at the three Dublin Paediatric Hospitals. At present there are outreach clinics for Cardiology, Genetics, Metabolic Disease, Neurosurgery and Urology. Other Dublin based specialties that have indicated interest in providing outreach clinics in the future include Paediatric Rheumatology and Immunology.

CUH/CUMH is one of only two tri-located sites in Ireland. CUMH opened in 2007. CUH is the largest acute paediatric unit outside Our Lady’s Hospital Crumlin and the Children’s University Hospital Temple St.

CUH Paediatrics is part of the Women and Children’s Health Directorate in CUH and the tri-location of maternity, adult hospital and Paediatrics in CUH delivers effective and timely care and allows child-focused clinical innovation, such as the development of Adolescent Gynecology-Endocrinology clinics, Neonatal Neurology clinics and the development of Acute Paediatric Assessment facilities in CUH.

Cork has innovated in shared Consultant appointments in Paediatric Haematology-Oncology and is about to appoint Ireland’s first Paediatric Consultant with Special Interest in Cardiology, shared with the national centre in Our Lady’s Hospital, Crumlin. Cork is the only city outside Dublin with two Paediatric Respiratory Consultants, two Consultant Paediatric Neurologists and two Paediatric Endocrinologists. CUH has two shared Consultant appointments in Kerry General Hospital, allowing CUH to support this smaller unit, with on-going CME and clinical contacts with the 2 consultants there. Cork is the only city with three Consultant Community Paediatricians (1.5 WTE for Community Services) and UCC has Ireland’s only Senior Lecturer in Community Paediatrics.

Cork is to be designated a Regional Centre for Paediatric Surgery. Several surgical specialties have routine paediatric cases as large parts of their workload, such as Plastic Surgery, Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology and Urology. Urgent paediatric neurosurgical cases are also operated on in CUH.

Teaching and Research

University College Cork’s Department of Paediatrics and Child Health is Ireland’s most research-active Paediatric Department at present.

UCC is the only facility outside Dublin that trains dual qualified Nurses (RGN/RCN).