

East Midlands Academic Health Science Network (EMAHSN) seeks a Clinical Advisor for its Lipid Management and Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH) programme

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EMAHSN is one of 15 Academic Health Science Networks (AHSN) established by the NHS in 2013. Each AHSN works within its local area to identify and quickly spread healthcare innovation – helping the NHS to do things better and cheaper. This involves working as an 'honest broker' bringing together many partners across sectors: NHS, public health, local government, universities, voluntary organisations and healthcare companies.

Clinical Advisor

The Clinical Advisor will work closely with the Head of Innovation Programme Delivery and Senior Innovation Lead within the EMAHSN whom are responsible for the delivery of the East Midlands regional adoption and spread of the AHSN national Lipid Management and FH programme which aims to support the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease (CVD).

The national programme aims to deliver against the NHS Long Term Plan (LTP) ambitions of preventing 150,000 vascular events by improving detection and management of CVD risk factors, in particular high cholesterol. In the coming three years, the AHSN is developing and embedding the programme to systematically identify people with FH and optimise lipid management for all those at increased cardiovascular risk. Integral to the success of the programme is the methodical application of NICE guidelines (CG71) as well as the national guidance for lipid management in relation to primary and secondary prevention of CVD. They both advocate for case finding, early diagnosis, FH cascade finding, optimal lipid management as well as meeting the information needs for patients and clinicians.

Success of the programme will depend both on opportunistic and systematic case finding of eligible patients through innovative and validated CVD database and CVD search tools, FH cascade testing, and robust primary and secondary CVD prevention pathway implementation - all seeking to optimise patient lipid management, regardless of which setting their care is delivered in.

The key deliverables required from the Clinical Advisor will include:

- To provide expert advice, clinical leadership and support to the EMAHSN Lipid Management and FH programme.
- To engage with the AHSN national Lipid Management and FH programme team including the national Lipid Management and FH clinical lead.
- To support the development and implementation of a local action plan to improve CVD outcomes for the population of East Midlands focussed on lipid management and FH.
- To advise and co-chair the EMAHSN Lipid Management and FH programme steering group.
- Review monthly programme reports, initiation documents and project plans advising on next steps.

- To engage with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Primary Care Networks (PCNs), trusts, clinical teams and managers across different care settings to promote engagement, participation, clinical support and ownership in improving CVD prevention.
- To engage with partners outside of the NHS across the East Midlands footprint to support the programme.
- To champion and support the programme across the East Midlands area.
- To undertake patient/care/public engagement to support the identification of health needs and co-produce service improvements to enhance lipid optimisation.
- To advocate for innovations relating to CVD across the East Midlands region.
- To support robust real world evaluation into all interventions.

There would be an expectation for the Clinical Advisor to exploit opportunities for alignment with the CVD priorities of the local STPs/ICS, CVD Clinical Network, FH service and the Applied Research Collaboration.

Essential criteria for the Clinical Advisor

- Registered with the GMC or equivalent nursing or AHP body with a licence to practice
- Demonstrable track record of leading positive change across organisational boundaries in the NHS with excellent leadership, influencing and communication skills.
- Ability to communicate complex and challenging issues to stakeholders in healthcare and more widely across academia, the NHS and government.
- Ability to collaborate with and influence a wide range of individuals and groups in professionally based organisations whilst remaining sensitive to the autonomy and individual accountability of the partner NHS organisations and Universities.
- Experience of formulating and delivering a programme plan and experience of strategic leadership of clinical or research services, especially to drive new models of care.
- Understanding of the role and remit of the NHS; awareness of relevant NHS policy; and understanding of the importance of clinical and research governance in clinical service delivery.
- Possessing the highest ethical and professional standards in research, education and clinical practice and flexibility to different ways of working.

Desirable Criteria

- Experience of establishing new governance structures and procedures based on networks of influence and persuasion in a clinical environment.
- Experience of successful liaison with industry partners for the benefit of population health.

Terms and conditions relevant to this post

Clinical Advisor Details

1 day a week commencing as soon as possible with a contract period of 1 year. Time commitment will be reviewed on a regular basis. The Clinical Advisor will be paid on a pro rata basis for the time that they supply in line with NHS and University clinical pay scales. A service level agreement will be established with the supplying organisation including pre-agreed travel related to this programme and other appropriate expenses which will be reimbursed in accordance with the policies of Nottingham University Hospital (NUH), host organisation of the EMAHSN.

Should there be a need for the supplier to substitute the named individual for the Clinical Advisor role this would need to be agreed in advance with EMAHSN.

If the above is of interest to you then please email Dara Coppel by no later than 18th January at dara.coppel@nottingham.ac.uk with the following:

- a completed expression of interest form (form also attached on emails or can be accessed via our website here: www.emahsn.org.uk/cvdprogrammenews); along with
- a copy of your current CV.