Welcome to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals

We are delighted that you are considering joining our team at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Together, we are one team.
Our team is our work family. At Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, you will be working as part of a collaborative, friendly and caring team of incredible people who are committed to providing excellent care with compassion. We celebrate diversity, encourage everyone to contribute, and you are valued for who you are.

Together, we can create your future.
You will be supported to achieve your personal goals and build the career you want. You will have a tailored personal development plan, and access to our world-class education facilities and award-winning leadership and learning programmes. As an outstanding teaching hospital, learning and sharing good practice is in our DNA - so this is the perfect place for you to achieve your potential.

Together, we make amazing things happen.
Our people are inspiring and talented leaders in their fields, and together we make a life-changing difference for our patients. As one of the top hospital research centres in the UK, you will have access to expert support in state of the art facilities to lead medical studies and trials. We are a learning organisation so have a strong continuous improvement ethos - encouraging curious minds, challenging existing practice, developing new ways of working and embracing emerging technologies. Together, we are pioneers committed to improving the health of this and future generations.

Together, we have created a supportive, inspirational, innovative and vibrant workplace. Because we know when people love their work, together we achieve.

We look forward to welcoming you to our team.

Karen Partington
Chief Executive

We provide a wide range of regional, specialist services to patients throughout Lancashire and South Cumbria. This offers unparalleled opportunities to work across specialties, develop knowledge, and diversify your interests.
Welcome to team gastroenterology

I’m Philip Shields, Clinical Director of Gastroenterology, at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals. Thank you for your interest in joining us.

Our gastroenterology service is one of the busiest in the UK – we offer a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services for all gastroenterological conditions, including cancer as we are the tertiary provider for Lancashire and South Cumbria. We adopt a multidisciplinary team approach for many conditions including inflammatory bowel disease, liver disease and perhaps best demonstrated by our award winning nutrition team. The nutrition service spans all departments and manages complex nutritional issues, intestinal failure and home total parenteral nutrition.

As a forward-thinking and dynamic team we are committed to driving continuous improvement, and are research active. We teach medical students, and support our consultants to pursue specialist interests and develop personally and professionally.

This is an exciting time to join us as we are establishing a GI physiology service for severe gastroesophageal reflux symptoms and motility disorders of the gut. We are developing liver services and have recently appointed a senior liver nurse. We are currently moving towards the provision of seven day gastroenterology services including a comprehensive GI bleed service. We are very well supported by specialist nurses in nutrition, IBD, viral hepatitis as well as alcohol liaison and vascular access teams.

If you are interested in joining a world-class team, with world-class ambitions for gastroenterology, please get in touch, we look forward to hearing from you.

Phil Shields
Clinical Director

We work in collaboration with our national award-winning, nurse-led nutrition service

Accreditation for bowel cancer screening
Location

The gastroenterology is provided at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital and Royal Preston Hospital, in the heart of central Lancashire.

Preston is the best city in the North West in which to live and work, according to a national study of the UK’s largest cities that measures economic success, personal and family wellbeing. Preston has become the retail, commercial and cultural capital of the county, with a vibrant city centre.

For those keen on outdoor pursuits Preston is home to Guild Wheel, a 21 mile ‘Greenway’ suitable for cyclists and walkers. The Brockholes nature reserve is a haven for wildlife and great day out for families.

Lancashire is a diverse county, from the sweeping coastline in the west and famous seaside attractions of Blackpool, to areas of outstanding natural beauty and picturesque countryside of the Ribble Valley, and historic Lancaster, home to a medieval castle, and thriving culture and arts scene.

A beacon for foodies, there are bustling local markets, gastropubs, artisan producers and Michelin starred restaurants.

Lancashire is the perfect location from which to visit the attractions of the North West and beyond, with a great motorway network and rail links. The Yorkshire Dales, Lake District, Manchester and Liverpool are on the doorstep, and Scotland and London a train journey away.

Lancashire has many outstanding schools, and a wide range of housing options from new build parkland executive houses to barn conversions, farmhouses, and many period properties.

It’s a wonderful place to live, and the gastroenterology service at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals is a great place to work.

Preston is the best place to live and work in the North West.
Our mission is to provide excellent care with compassion.

We aim to:
- Provide outstanding healthcare to our local communities
- Offer a range of high quality specialist services to patients in Lancashire and South Cumbria
- Drive innovation through world class education and research

We deliver care and treatment from three main facilities:
- Chorley and South Ribble Hospital
- Royal Preston Hospital
- Specialist Mobility and Rehabilitation Centre, Preston

We provide outstanding hospital care for patients in Preston, Chorley and South Ribble, and offer tertiary services to 1.5m people throughout Lancashire and South Cumbria, including:
- Cancer
- Major trauma
- Neurosciences
- Renal
- Specialist Mobility and Rehabilitation
- Vascular

The diversity and breadth of our tertiary services enables multi-disciplinary and cross-specialty working and facilitates patient-centred joined-up care. The provision of such a wide range of specialties in one location offers unparalleled opportunities to diversify your career, and explore exciting learning and research possibilities.

Our values

Together, we are one team. The best services are led and delivered by a team of professionals working in harmony, so every division and directorate is headed by a clinician, lead nurse, allied health professional, and manager.

Every voice is valued, and both clinical and management colleagues work collaboratively as peers, delivering clinically-led services with shared goals and mutual respect.

Our values are integral to the culture of our organisation, and shape our actions, behaviours and attitudes towards each other, patients, and their families.

Caring and compassionate: We treat everyone with dignity and respect, doing everything we can to show we care.

Recognising individuality: We respect, value and respond to every person’s individual needs.

Seeking to involve: We will always involve patients and families in making decisions about care and treatment, and are always open and honest.

Team working: We work together as one team, and involve patients, families, and other services, to provide the best care possible.

Taking personal responsibility: We each take personal responsibility to give the highest standards of care and deliver a service we can always be proud of.
The gastroenterology service

We provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services for all gastrointestinal conditions including disorders of the oesophagus, stomach, bowel and liver.

We are the upper GI oesophago-gastric cancer centre for the region, as well as the accredited centre for bowel cancer screening. Colonoscopies are performed to detect and prevent cancer, and complex polypectomy and endoscopic mucosal resections are undertaken. We have regular interventional lists for Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography and endoluminal stenting with the support of GI Radiologists. We also perform Endoscopic Ultrasound for the assessment and staging of upper GI tumours, and both benign and malignant hepatopancreatobiliary disease. Video capsule endoscopy is routinely performed for outpatients and also inpatients with intestinal bleeding. We have Joint Advisory Group accredited endoscopy units at both Chorley and Preston.

Open access endoscopy and direct to test fast track gastroscopy and colonoscopy services are well established. We provide a range of breath tests including for bacterial overgrowth, lactose intolerance and helicobacter pylori.

We manage a number of liver conditions including alcoholic liver disease, autoimmune liver conditions and viral hepatitis, offering the latest antiviral drugs to cure hepatitis C. We work with neighbouring hospitals to offer the most advanced treatments as part of a regional network.

We use fibroscanners in our clinics for non-invasive assessment of liver disease, which has reduced the need for biopsy. We work in partnership with liver transplants in Leeds and Birmingham.

We offer seven day endoscopy cover with dedicated inpatient lists at the weekend to care for patients with GI bleeding and other serious problems.

The multidisciplinary nutrition service manages intestinal failure and other complex nutritional problems in both primary and secondary care. Our central vascular access team supports the placement, management and removal of indwelling vascular access devices.

Upper GI oesophago-gastric cancer regional centre

Accredited centre for bowel cancer screening
The gastroenterology team

We have a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach and our team comprises surgeons, radiologists, specialist nurses, and wider multidisciplinary team to provide holistic, patient-centred care.

We work in close collaboration with the nursing specialist teams for inflammatory bowel disease, viral hepatitis, alcohol liaison and nutrition, as well as the central vascular access team and wider hospital services including pathology, radiology and 24/7 interventional radiology colleagues.

We are committed to developing our own skills and knowledge as well as growing the workforce for the future, so we are actively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education.

Ours is a well established, friendly and supportive team and we strive to continuously improve our practice and innovate treatment to improve outcomes for our patients.
We host the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Experimental Medicine Clinical Research Facility, which is a dynamic partnership with our local community trust and Lancaster University.

The facility has a remit to grow early translational and experimental medicines trials across Lancashire and South Cumbria, and has high quality clinical space, experienced staff, laboratory facilities and overnight accommodation.

Our Gastroenterology team has hosted a number of research studies in the facility including healthy volunteer trials of tablet-form medicine for young children, and groundbreaking device trials for an ambulatory EEG monitor and ultra-sonic enuresis alarm in conjunction with local universities.

On the Children's Unit, in Children's Outpatients and our emergency department, we have carried out comparative medicine studies for various conditions, including epilepsy, cystic fibrosis and diabetes along with observational studies to determine best practice in detecting and treating conditions like meningitis and encephalitis. We also took part in the trial of a nasal influenza vaccine for children who are allergic to constituents of the injected vaccine including egg. This safety trial proved successful which led Public Health England to change guidelines so that egg-allergic children can now be vaccinated at their GP surgery and not have to make a special visit to hospital. This is a prime example of how the paediatric research carried out within our team really makes a difference to patient's lives.

These examples are just a few of the many research studies carried out by our small but very busy paediatric research team.

Our facility provides the best possible environment in which to host research studies and clinical trials, and our award-winning research team will provide you with a wide range of expert support to undertake research work.

Together
World class research
Our People awards

Our people drive our success, and we want to celebrate their achievements. Celebrating success demonstrates to staff that their contribution is valued, and is the best way for us to share good practice and improve standards. Our People awards provide formal recognition of achievements, and reinforce our culture of giving thanks, and acknowledging effort and progress. Together, we achieve great things.
As a major teaching hospital, we are committed to enhancing the skills and knowledge of our staff, as well as investing in developing the healthcare workforce of the future.

Our Health Academy has three modern, purpose-built centres across both hospitals, providing nationally recognised leadership and development programmes, surgical and medical scenario simulation in our world-class simulation lab, training, and our highly accredited library service.

We have an outstanding reputation for teaching medical and nursing students, with 100% of students passing their exams in the past few years. More than 300 students from the University of Manchester are based here for their three-year clinical training, so there are plenty of opportunities to be involved with teaching undergraduate and postgraduate classes, and all of our consultants are encouraged and supported to become clinical and/or educational supervisors.

Developing your skills and advancing your career

We provide a wide range of tailored support to enable you to develop and reach your full potential. Our children and young people’s service offers a vast range of experience and skills to be gained dependent on area. New team members undergo a six-week supernumerary period to achieve mandatory training requirements and orientation to their areas. This is adapted based on their previous experience. Newly qualified staff will undergo a thorough in-house paediatric preceptorship (6-12 months) and additional programme (1 year) which incorporates a certificate in communication. Staff are given a band 6 team leader and two buddies as well as a unit-based clinical educator who is there to support where required and as well as work demands. Works some clinical shifts a month. Healthcare assistants undergo our care certificate and an orientation within Gastroenterology to gain certain skills which are child specific.

In house training days take place as well as funding opportunities for external training courses. Staff are encouraged to join focus groups around their area of interest and help develop and expand the service which enables personal growth and job satisfaction to be high on our agenda. Our innovative clinical educator and development team design and provide a wide range of support to improve personal effectiveness, and can offer you personalised training.
We offer all our staff the following…

You will be encouraged and supported

Leadership and development opportunities

Award winning training programmes

A great place to work, where staff are caring, compassionate, committed and supportive

Outstanding research facilities, expertise and support to enable you to conduct trials and studies, and drive innovation

Staff health and wellbeing programme, including lots of support to help you manage your worklife balance

Great opportunities to progress your career

How to apply to join us

To apply to join us please go to: http://jobs.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/

You can also apply via NHS jobs. Here is a list of our current vacancies: http://ow.ly/sy9h30cwirh

If you have any queries about the application process, please contact our Medical Workforce team on (0044) 1257 245521.

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Good luck with your application, we look forward to becoming your new work family!
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State of the art Birth Centres
Regional Major Trauma Centre
Major vascular centre
High tech teaching facilities
Specialist neurology team
Specialist mobility centre treating war veterans
Centre for research & innovation
Specialist renal centre
dedicated Dementia care
Regional Neurosciences Centre
Specialist cancer centre
Together, providing excellent care with compassion