Advert

2 Band 6 Respiratory nurses

An exciting opportunity has arisen for two six-month secondments in respiratory medicine, to support the community management of patients with unstable respiratory disease.

Post 1: based at BW Community Hospital to cover Bridgwater and North Sedgemoor, with a weekly training and mentoring session in MPH.

Post 2: based at Summervale Surgery, Ilminster, to cover Chard, Ilminster, with a weekly training and mentoring session at MPH.

Working alongside other community providers of acute respiratory care, and receiving mentorship and clinical supervision from the respiratory team at Musgrove Park, you will make a key contribution to Somerset FT’s response to patients with unstable respiratory disease over the winter months, and possibly beyond. Your role will include the community support of patients whose respiratory condition has destabilized (likely to be COPD/asthma exacerbation in the main), with the aim of enabling early discharge from hospital and/or prevention of hospital admission. You will be available to visit and call patients, and to receive e-mail referrals and calls from primary/secondary healthcare practitioners. You will also provide telephone support for patients on your case-list.

During the secondment, which may be extendable beyond the 6-month period, it is anticipated you will form close working links with other providers and professionals in order to facilitate the ongoing community support of unstable/vulnerable patients or those with advanced respiratory disease. We would expect such linkages to include the THREADS team at MPH, the respiratory nursing team at YDH, General Practitioners, practice and district nurses, respiratory physiotherapy, emergency health practitioners in the community, and supporting services including palliative care, dietetics, BOC (provides pulmonary rehabilitation and oxygen services), and village agents.

Mentorship and clinical supervision will be provided via the respiratory team at MPH, for which a weekly support session will be available.

For further information, please contact Dr R Stone (Consultant Respiratory Physician), Mrs Wendy Tregidgo-Isaac (Senior Respiratory Nurse Specialist), or Ms Ellaine Thompson (Manager, Dept Respiratory Medicine).