

### Summary of Post (s)

**Specialty:** Palliative Medicine

**Grade:** Specialty Registrar

**Location:** Camden, Islington, UCLH

<p><b>Headlines</b></p>	<p>Specialty registrars are members of the Camden, Islington ELiPSe and UCLH &amp; HCA Palliative Care Service, which sees patients in both community and tertiary hospital settings. The post offers a variety of clinical and non-clinical experience, with educational activities tailored to the trainees' needs. There is a strong ethos of multi-professional working and support. Each trainee meets with their educational supervisor for 1-to-1 support regularly as well as participating in MDT clinical meetings, service meetings for education and clinical governance. Senior team members conduct joint reviews with trainees and other staff as required and are always available for advice.</p>
<p><b>Clinical experience</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients are seen at home within Camden and Islington. These London boroughs have diverse socioeconomic, ethnic and cultural populations.</li> <li>• The community service also includes provision of specialist care and advice to patients in care homes, hostels and prisons</li> <li>• Patients are seen with the UCLH NHS Foundation Hospitals and several sites of the Health Corporation of America (Private Hospitals). This includes the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery at Queen Square, the Heart Hospital, The Harley Street Clinic, The Princess Grace Hospital and Harley Street at UCLH as well as University College Hospital, offering contact with a wide variety of patients</li> <li>• The hospital team has close links with ITU, Oncology and the Teenage Cancer Trust Unit</li> <li>• Hospital attachment includes weekly outpatient clinic and own patient caseload</li> <li>• Community attachment includes mixture of intermittent and longitudinal patient care</li> <li>• Opportunities to attend oncology and ITU MDTs and ward rounds, Integrated care 'frailty' hub weekly MDT meeting in Camden</li> <li>• Approximately 30% of our patients have a non-cancer diagnosis</li> <li>• Trainees gain on-call experience (max frequency 1:10) covering UCLH, HCA and Camden/Islington community patients with a senior clinician providing support</li> </ul>
<p><b>Educational opportunities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic attendance – e.g. neurology, oncology</li> <li>• Opportunities to observe pain interventions</li> <li>• Heart failure ward round</li> <li>• GP practice/GSF meetings</li> <li>• Weekly service education and clinical governance meetings</li> <li>• Weekly UCL Grand Round</li> <li>• Optional placement with GOSH for paediatric palliative care experience</li> <li>• Non-clinical – e.g. attending management meetings, network meetings, being part of interview panels, charring team meetings</li> <li>• 48hr weekends with a formal handover process on the</li> </ul>

<p><b>Non-clinical skills</b></p>	<p><b>Monday morning in order to comply with training needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varied and frequent opportunities to teach others – undergraduate, postgraduate, multiprofessional groups</li> <li>• Liaising with other professionals involved in care</li> <li>• Robust clinical governance framework allows for ample opportunity to participate in clinical audit, develop clinical guidelines and be familiar with a risk register, incident alert system, NPSA alerts, national Peer Review measures, CQC compliance, NICE compliance and other medicines management</li> <li>• Trainees organise the weekly education programme and can tailor to their learning needs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Departmental information</b></p>	<p>Camden, Islington ELiPSe and UCLH &amp; HCA Palliative Care Service comprises specialist doctors, nurses (including a nurse consultant), occupational therapists, a physiotherapist, social workers and administrative staff. We provide a 24-hour on-call service, 7 days a week.</p>

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