

Medical Examiner Advert

Job Overview

Applications are invited for this important role as a Medical Examiner based at the Great Western Hospital. Currently all in-hospital deaths must be scrutinised by the Medical Examiner team including examination of the medical records and liaising with the staff and patient's family as appropriate. From the summer of 2022 this system will become statutory and will also include all community non-coronial deaths which will require an expansion of our team and further development of the service. We are particularly keen to bring the experience and expertise of General Practitioners into our team as we develop and expand our community rollout.

We currently have 4 Medical Examiners in post and 1 Medical Examiner Officer and are looking to expand our team to provide full time ME cover and 3 full time Medical Examiner Officers. The appointee needs to be a medical practitioner with a demonstrative number of years post registration and ideally a Consultant, Associate Specialist or General Practitioner. There is national medical examiner training consisting of online modules and a face-to-face training day that we will support the successful applicants to complete.

Please see job description for details but the following provides a brief overview of the role

- To ensure compliance with the legal and procedural requirements associated with Medical Examiner functions
- Review of Cause of Death
- To discuss and explain the Cause of Death with the next of kin
- Informing clinical governance systems to highlight any further mortality case record review or learning that could have impacted on the death
- To provide a phone advice service to support certification of deceased patients with specific faith needs and organ donations
- To maintain comprehensive records of all deaths
- To support the training of junior doctors
- To work alongside Medical Examiner Officers
- To work with the Mortuary and Bereavement Team