**Job Description**

**NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship**

**Paediatric Dentistry ST1 (1 post)**

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| The University of Sheffield, in partnership with the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Charles Clifford Dental Hospital) and NHS England Yorkshire wish to offer an Academic Clinical Fellowship in Paediatric Dentistry at ST1 level.This new post has been created as part of the NHSE/National Institution for Health Research Trainee Coordinating Centre (NIHRTCC) programme of Integrated Academic Training offering candidates a comprehensive experience of clinical and research training working alongside internationally renowned clinicians and researchers.Further details of the integrated academic training pathways can be found at:<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/2025-nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-dentistry/97019>We are seeking highly motivated, enthusiastic individuals with the potential to excel in both their clinical and academic training and who have the ambition to be the next generation of academic clinicians.Academic Clinical Fellowships (ACFs) are 3-year fixed-term national training posts. They attract an NTN(A) and trainees undertake 75% clinical and 25% academic training over the term of the post. They are employed by the NHS Trust (in this case Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and have an honorary contract with the University of Sheffield. ACF trainees undergo training in the generic skills required for a clinical academic: scientific methods, statistics, research governance, critical appraisal of research publication, grant writing etc through postgraduate taught modules provided by the University of Sheffield and for which some funding is provided by NIHR. Academic Clinical Fellows may join with the well-established Sheffield medical ACF programme within the Graduate School of the Faculty of Surgery Dentistry and Health: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/health/study/clinical-training/fellowships> Trainees do not necessarily complete the whole Masters Programme in Research Methods; they can choose the modules most relevant to them and also choose from the continuing development programme. NIHR provide an academic training budget of £4,500 for each trainee, additional costs beyond this funding ceiling would be covered by the trainee. As ACF trainees are expected to complete and submit an external funding application for a research fellowship to enable them to complete a higher degree (PhD) following the completion of their ACF fixed-term post, a major part of the academic placement will be the preparation of a scientific research proposal for a PhD project. Generally, the preparation of the proposal is based on preliminary experimental data gathered while on the research placement and trainees are eligible for a £1,000 bursary per year to support research training activity (e.g. to attend academic conferences). Funding for which the PhD will be sought from an external body such as the NIHR, MRC or the Wellcome Trust and the programme would be completed as Out-of-Programme-Research (OOPR).All Academic Clinical Fellowships are run-through posts, regardless of specialty. A trainee entering an ACF post would therefore continue training to CCST, as long as they progress satisfactorily (in both clinical and academic domains) through their training.**Contacts and Training Leads****Academic Lead (University of Sheffield) for the Dental IAT Programme**Name and title: Professor Ali KhurramAddress: School of Clinical Dentistry, Claremont Crescent. Sheffield, S10 2TATelephone: (0114) 215 9378Email: s.a.khurram@sheffield.ac.uk **Academic Supervisor:** TBC**Clinical Education Supervisor:**TBC**Training Programme Director, Oral Surgery**Name and title: Joana MonteiroPosition: Senior Clinical Lecturer & Hon. Consultant in Paediatric dentistryAddress: School of Clinical Dentistry, Claremont Crescent. Sheffield, S10 2TAEmail: j.s.monteiro@sheffield.ac.uk**NHSE Y&H Training Programme Director, Academic Training Programmes**Name and title: Professor Peter DayPosition: Professor/Consultant in Paediatric DentistryAddress: School of Dentistry, University of Leeds, Clarendon Way Telephone: 0113 3436139/8Email: p.f.day@leeds.ac.uk**Post Details****JOB TITLE: NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow (ACF) – Paediatric Dentistry****BRIEF OUTLINE:** Duration of the PostUp to 3 years (25% academic, 75% clinical). Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Oral Surgery ACFs will be based at the Charles Clifford Dental Hospital.Academic institution in which research training will take placeSchool of Clinical Dentistry and Faculty of Health, Graduate School. University of Sheffield***Research training***ACFs are fixed term for a period of three years, at the end of which the post holder will be expected to have applied for a competitive funding for further research training (normally for a PhD training fellowship). The Postgraduate Dental Dean has confirmed that the post has the required educational and staffing approval and will come with an Academic National Training Number [NTN(A)] in Paediatric Dentistry.The successful applicant will be expected to have evidence of academic achievement and to show enthusiasm and an aptitude for a clinical academic career in Paediatric Dentistry. They must be **eligible to hold an NTN in Paediatric Dentistry (i.e. achieve the benchmarking criteria at the National Recruitment in 2026)** or **may already hold an NTN, having already undertaken some training at Specialty Registrar level**. |

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| Research training is provided through courses in generic skills and research techniques, which may lead to a Masters in Clinical Research qualification. The successful candidate will also be expected to develop an area of research interest in line with the Research Strategy of Academic Unit of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the School of Clinical Dentistry. Most likely this will be in the ‘Transforming Oral Health’ theme in the School. Further information on the School’s research groups and information on our research interests is available on our website at <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool/research> It should be noted this ACF post is fixed term for 3 years, so a key aim will be to gain sufficient experience to prepare a competitive application for a PhD fellowship to support future research training. Up to 25% of the appointee’s time will be available for research and related academic work.***Teaching***The post-holder will be given the opportunity to contribute to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in the School and may also be involved with the assessment of students.***Clinical*****Training Programme**The clinical programme is designed to provide training towards a CCST in Paediatric Dentistry. The curriculum for training will follow the national curriculum for Paediatric Dentistry.If the ACF is unable to secure funding for a fellowship, then the further training period is normally funded by the Postgraduate Dean (HEE Yorkshire and the Humber) (see below).The details of the programme will be tailored as far as possible to the individual needs of the successful applicant, in consultation with the clinical and academic supervisors and the Training Programme Director.You must be registered with the GDC, fit to practice and able to demonstrate that you have the required broad-based training, experience and knowledge to enter the training programme. It is expected that your will be expected to have had a broad-based training will have including included a period managing patients in a secondary care setting (i.e. as part of a sole hospital or a combined university/hospital appointment), and to have completed at least a two-year period of Foundation and Dental Core Training or recognised equivalent. Normally you will have passed the MFDS, MJDF or equivalent examination.It is recognised that candidates for this post may require further clinical training, beyond the 3 years, in order for them to be eligible for a CCST. Assuming satisfactory progress, every effort will be made, in collaboration with the Programme Director and the Postgraduate Dean, to provide additional clinical training experience locally. If the post holder is successful in obtaining a PhD fellowship, then this is normally taken as out-of-programme training for research (OOPR). Details of OOP are available in the Dental Gold Guide, which is available from the COPDEND website:<https://www.copdend.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/DGG4-v10-2023.pdf> **Relationship between Academic and Clinical Training**Academic training will be based in the School of Clinical Dentistry, which has a wide range of appropriate core research facilities. Clinical training will be undertaken within the Charles Clifford Dental Hospital.***Administration***The post-holder will be required to undertake appropriate administrative work in support of the needs of the service and of the academic unit. Administrative duties will be determined with the Academic Supervisor and with the educational supervisors but will not detract from the training needs of the post-holder.***Job Plan***The academic job plan will be flexible and will be agreed in discussion with senior academic staff. |

**About Paediatric Dentistry in Sheffield**

The Department of Paediatric Dentistry seeks to lead nationally and internationally as a provider of excellence in learning and teaching at all levels of professional development, leadership and innovation in the delivery of patient-centred services for the community we serve, alongside research of international standing in our discipline. This vision is achieved by a synergistic blend of aptitudes, skills and a desire for collaboration between colleagues in commissioned specialist services and the University of Sheffield.

The Clinical Department of Paediatric Dentistry is based in the Charles Clifford Dental Hospital, which is situated 1.25 miles from and to the west of the City Centre and forms part of the University teaching complex, which includes the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, as well as being within the University Campus. The Charles Clifford is a University Dental Teaching Hospital with an intake of approximately 75 undergraduate dental students each year. Within the closely affiliated School of Hygiene and Therapy there is an intake of 30 students each year. Postgraduate students are also accepted to study for a variety of higher degrees/diplomas in all subjects.

The Paediatric Dentistry clinic comprises a 10-chair open plan clinic on the ground floor. There are 3 additional enclosed surgeries together with an adjacent surgery for the delivery of care for special needs patients. The three enclosed surgeries are equipped for left and right-handed delivery and have piped gases for the delivery of inhalation sedation as required. A Paediatric Dentistry Outreach Clinic at Wheata Place also provides additional specialist paediatric dental care for children in an area of high dental need. Trainee dentists will additionally attend Sheffield Children’s Hospital to provide consultant-led dental care under general anaesthesia. As part of their training, they will also attend paediatric haematology/oncology and metabolic bone clinics. Trainee dentists may also have clinical attachments within the Community Dental Services in Sheffield and surrounding services in South Yorkshire.

#### Staffing at the department of Paediatric Dentistry

**Consultants**

Ms H Zaitoun BDS, MFDS, MPaed Dent, MDent Sci, FDS (Paed Dent) RCS (Glas)

Ms P Kandiah BDS, MFDS, MPaed Dent, MClin.Dent, FDS (Paed Dent) RCS (Edin)

Ms J Kirby BDS, PgCert MedEd, MFDS, PgCert MedLead, MClin Dent, FDS (Paed Dent) RCS (Glas)

Miss A Morgan BDS, MFDS, MPaed Dent, FDS (Paed Dent) RCS (Edin)

Mrs G Yesudian BDS, MFDS, MPaed Dent, MClin.Dent, FDS (Paed Dent) RCS (Edin)

Miss M Agel BDS, MJFD, MPH, PgCert ResMethods, MPaed Dent, FDS (Paed Dent) RCS (Eng)

**Other NHS Staff**

9 Trainee dentists (including two Academic Clinical Fellows)

2 Dental core trainees

1 Speciality Dentist

2 Dental Therapists

2 Senior Dental Nurses

10 Dental Nurses

1 Designated Medical Secretary

**Person Specification**

ACF candidates must demonstrate appointability under both the clinical and the National Institute of Health Research Academic Clinical Fellowship Person Specification. We will use a range of selection methods to measure candidates’ abilities in these areas including reviewing your on-line application, seeking references, inviting short-listed candidates to interview and other forms of assessment relevant to the post.

Candidates who do not hold an NTN in Paediatric Dentistry must be able to evidence that they achieved benchmarking at the Paediatric Dentistry National Recruitment in 2026.

<https://dental.hee.nhs.uk/dental-trainee-recruitment/dental-specialty-training/paediatric-dentistry-st1>

**The anticipated start date of the post is September 2026, but the successful candidate must be in post by 31 March 2027.**

**Further Information**

**Criminal records check:**

Please note that as this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure will be required for the appointee. If you have a spent criminal record and are invited to interview for this post, you are required to provide details of your convictions in confidence, with the job reference number/ title of post/recruiting department, in advance of the interview to the Assistant Director Business Support, Department of Human Resources, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TN (mark the envelope PERSONAL). This information will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be considered if you are invited to interview for the post.

If you have been barred from working with children or vulnerable adults by the Independent Safeguarding Authority it is a criminal offence to apply for a post involving regulated activity with children or vulnerable adults. Regulated activity involves contact of a specified nature.

**Health assessment:**

Please note that due to the duties of this post, the final appointment will be subject to the completion of a satisfactory health assessment from the University Staff Occupational Health Service.

**Informal enquiries:**

For informal enquiries about this job and the department:

Dr Simon Atkins: S.Atkins@sheffield.ac.uk

**Information about the University of Sheffield**

**Faculty of Health**

The Faculty of Health <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/health> is one of the major UK centres for education and research in health and related subjects. With origins dating back to 1828, the Faculty has a long-standing tradition of excellence in clinical education and research.

Over 2,500 students study in the faculty each year on over 40 different courses. In addition, over 200 students are registered on research degrees, supporting a faculty research portfolio in excess of £30M.

Independent assessments of our teaching and research quality rate us as among the best in the UK.

**About the School of Clinical Dentistry**

The School of Clinical Dentistry at Sheffield ranks as one of the top Schools in the UK.  In the Research Excellence Framework 2021, 100% of staff were submitted in Unit of assessment 3 (Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy) and 96% of work was graded as world leading or internationally excellent. The school is consistently top in the National Student Satisfaction Surveys and in the good university guides.

The school has an intake of 71 dental undergraduates for its five-year BDS programme. It has an annual intake of 30 students on the Diploma in Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy course, which runs for twenty-seven months. In addition, there is a significant annual intake of postgraduate students on taught courses and reading for higher degrees by research.

The School of Clinical Dentistry and the Charles Clifford Dental Hospital were substantially redeveloped in 2008, including a new £5.5m wing with state-of-the-art research facilities, seminar room space and office accommodation.

The University’s Medical School, the Health Sciences Library and the Royal Hallamshire Hospital are nearby and all are on the perimeter of the main University campus.

The Dental School undergraduate teaching and activities comprise different subject-levels, each with a Teaching Lead who provides oversight of teaching and clinical delivery and works closely with the School Executive and Faculty.

* Restorative Dentistry - Dr Mark Barber
* Oral Surgery - Dr Simon Atkins
* Oral Pathology, Medicine & Microbiology - Prof Craig Murdoch
* Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry & Dental Public Health - Prof Norah Flannigan

The school is managed by an Executive Team composed of School Directors who take responsibility for particular areas of activity with the Dean. Further information about the structure and management of the School is available on our website at:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool>

**School Executive**

Professor Ali Khurram Dean of School

Professor Daniel Lambert Deputy Dean

Ms Alex Berry School Manager

Professor Christopher Stokes Director of Education

Dr Daniel Brierly Director of One University

Professor Cheryl Miller Director of Research

## Research

## Our research is conducted across two themes, mechanisms of health & disease & transforming oral health, with an emphasis on translation of new knowledge into innovation for patient and societal benefit.

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool/research/research-themes>

## General Research Strategy

Our overall strategy for research is:

* to build on established strengths as identified by the three research groups,
* to develop areas of research that are responsive to national and international priorities, and
* to develop collaborations with other internationally leading scientists.

Research strategy is governed by the Dental School **Research Committee** which includes the two research theme leaders and is chaired by the Director of Research, who also provides input to, and feedback from, the Faculty and University Research Committees. The Postgraduate Research Tutor and the School Dean also sit on the committee and there is representation from the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to ensure a co-ordinated research strategy for the Dental School and Hospital. The Research Committee is responsible for overall research strategy, for allocation of internal research funds, for overseeing selection and monitoring of postgraduate students and for disseminating information to staff.

More information regarding research in the School of Clinical Dentistry can be found at:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool/research/research-themes>

## Teaching

A summary of our curriculum and our approach to undergraduate teaching can be seen at:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dentalschool/undergraduate>

Some distinctive components of the Sheffield BDS programme include integrated teaching and learning of the clinical and scientific basis of dentistry based on interdisciplinary topics, a joint oral surgery, oral surgery/oral and maxillofacial pathology course; experience in the Dental Practice Unit (DPU) in the 4th/5th Year and electives. In addition, we have an innovative outreach programme which involves primary care placements in General Dental Practices and Salaried Dental Services, which students attend for 20 weeks during the 4th and 5th years.

Some distinctive components of the Hygiene and Therapy Programme include substantial integration with the dental students. Hygiene and Therapy students learn clinical skills in restorative dentistry in mixed groups with dental students. In the second year, Hygiene and Therapy students also spend two days per week for approximately six months working in ‘Outreach’ where they will work in a dental practice or salaried service providing treatment in primary care.

### STH foundation

### *Trust Profile*

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is one of the UK’s busiest and most successful NHS foundation trusts. We provide a full range of local hospital and community services for people in Sheffield, as well as specialist care for patients from further afield, including cancer, spinal cord injuries, renal and cardiothoracic services. In addition to community health services, the Trust comprises five of Yorkshire’s best known teaching hospitals.

• The Royal Hallamshire Hospital

• The Northern General Hospital

• Charles Clifford Dental Hospital

• Weston Park Cancer Hospital

• Jessop Wing Maternity Hospital

The Trust strives to promote a culture of continuous quality improvement and encourage our staff to innovate and adopt ‘best practice’ in order to deliver the highest standard of care to our patients.

The Northern General Hospital is the home of the City’s Accident and Emergency department which is also now one of three adult Major Trauma Centres for the Yorkshire and Humber region. A number of specialist medical and surgical services are also located at the Northern General Hospital including cardiac, orthopaedics, burns, plastic surgery, spinal injuries and renal to name a few.

A state-of-the-art laboratories complex provides leading edge diagnostic services. The hospital also provides a wide range of specialist surgery such as orthopaedic, spinal cord, hand and kidney transplantation.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals is home to the largest dental hospital in the region, a maternity hospital with a specialist neonatal intensive care unit and a world-renowned cancer hospital. The Trust is also integrated with the City’s adult NHS community services to support our work to provide care closer to home for patients and preventing admissions to hospital wherever possible.

We have a long tradition of clinical and scientific achievement, including the development of one of the UK’s first Academic Health Sciences Networks.

Through our partnerships with the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, other health and social care providers and industry we remain at the forefront of advancements in clinical services, teaching and research.

We have around 15,000 employees, making us the second biggest employer in the city. We aim to reflect the diversity of local communities and are proud of our new and existing partnerships with local people, patients, neighbouring NHS organisations, local authority and charitable bodies.

We strive to recruit and retain the best staff: the dedication and skill of our employees are what make our services successful and we continue to keep the health and wellbeing of our staff as a priority.

Our vision is to be recognised as the best provider of healthcare, clinical research and education in the UK and a strong contributor to the aspiration of Sheffield to be a vibrant and healthy city. We have begun this journey with our staff, partners and patients and we will continue to explore every aspect of our business to ensure we are doing our very best to achieve our vision.

**PROUD VALUES**

These are the values that all staff at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are expected to demonstrate in all that they do.

Patients First – Ensure that the people we serve are at the heart of what we do

Respectful – Be kind, respectful, fair and value diversity

Ownership – Celebrate our successes, learn continuously and ensure we improve

Unity – Work in partnership with others

Deliver – Be efficient, effective and accountable for our actions

For further details of our services and organisational structure, including our Board of Directors, and our future plans please visit [www.sth.nhs.uk/about-us](http://www.sth.nhs.uk/about-us)