



Salaried GP opportunity Full time (sessions negotiable)
Lochgilphead / Inveraray / Furnace

- Are you an enthusiastic GP looking to contribute and provide seamless modern healthcare within an innovative community hospital team?
- Do you relish a challenge?
- Would you like to live and work in a beautiful part of rural Scotland?

Life is full of challenges and variety working as a GP in Lochgilphead. We are a friendly, dynamic team. We provide GP GMS provision via a bespoke telephone consultation system and up-skilled MDT for targeted 15 minute face to face appointments. We are based within The Mid-Argyll Community Hospital and Integrated Care Centre providing the emergency, acute inpatient and longer-term care for a large geographical area (approx 400 sq miles) in stunning Argyll, 2 hrs north west of Glasgow.

Our total practice population is around 7,900 patients, of which 1,200 are served by Inveraray and Furnace Surgeries. We are seeking a GP keen to work as part of a large integrated team in primary care. The new practitioner would be based in Lochgilphead and will, as a part of the rota, be required to consult in the Inveraray or Furnace surgeries as well. While the partnership provide both day-time and Out-of-hours care, we are seeking a team member to assist in the GMS care of our patients only.

We are presently (as of January 2020) a team of 7.5 GP partners who all enjoy working as part of a large multidisciplinary team. We are well supported in the A&E environment by highly skilled Emergency Nurse Practitioners and radiography services and our patients have good access to physiotherapy, OT, social workers and other health professionals, as we all share one excellent purpose-built facility.

Currently the practice nursing team consists of our lead nurse who works as an ANP, another experienced ANP, 5 practice nurses, 2 healthcare assistants and 3 phlebotomists. The nursing team very ably manage majority of the chronic disease workload. They also manage most of the contraceptive and sexual health service independently (including coils & implants) and the ANPs manage some traditional GP workload.

As a practice we strive to be an active learning environment and support all colleagues in their professional development. Historically the practice has been a centre for the training of all levels of primary care doctors, from students to post-CCT fellowships. We are in the process of becoming part of the Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine programme (ScotGEM)- a novel degree course designed to train doctors for medical practice in the 21st century with a very strong focus on learning in primary care. We continue to strive for continuous quality improvement and wider engagement outside of our practice- one of our Partners is both the local Clinical Lead and GP Cluster Quality Lead, another is the regional Associate Medical Director a third represents our area in the Highland LMC.

Working within a small community we generally have no commute to work! There are few of the strains of a more urban existence- no commissioning or private healthcare competitors. Our surgery day starts at 9am and we can get home for 6 without taking work home (unless we are on call!) Home visits are very limited due to our geography. We enjoy the significant benefit of having a co-located A&E department and ward in the same building, in which we can perform basic blood tests and radiology, allowing us to investigate, observe or admit our patients to the community hospital ward with the absolute minimum of difficulty.

Lochgilphead caters for those who enjoy the outdoor life- this is one of the most picturesque areas of Scotland, renowned for sailing and the world famous Crinan Canal. This is a great area for families as well with a very modern joint primary/secondary school campus including a sports centre and many clubs and activities for all ages and levels. There are many local shops and good facilities including a swimming pool.

We are delighted to consider applicants from all fields of expertise and at all stages of their career. We are happy to consider job sharing, flexible working, and part time contracts. We have a culture of promoting positive work-life balance and opportunities for flexible working arrangements.

Please feel free to phone or email with any questions or for a chat with our practice manager, Corinne Cheetham, or any of the partners. We're happy to chat informally and give you a tour of the facilities if desired.

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Useful links:

NHS Highland Official Website: <http://nhshighland-rural.scot.nhs.uk>

NHS Highland Promotional video Rural GP: <http://youtu.be/REIcLB4NC-E>