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**Consultant  
Anaesthetist**



**University Hospital Southampton**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Job Overview

➤ Job Title - **Consultant Anaesthetist**

➤ Salary - **£93,666 - £126,281**

➤ Contract - **Fixed term (12 months)**

➤ Hours - **Full time (10 sessions per week)**

➤ Hospital Site - **Southampton General Hospital**

➤ Division & Department - **Div A - Critical Care, Theatres and Anaesthetics**

We are seeking to appoint a locum Consultant Anaesthetist to increase the provision of Anaesthetic services across our theatres including Lymington site and pre-assessment clinics.

The anaesthetist is required to work in different subspecialities depending on their experience. There is a need for anaesthetists to be able to cover some of major general surgery (colorectal, gynaecology, urology), hepato-biliary and upper GI surgery, ophthalmic surgery, endoscopy, head and neck surgery, vascular surgery, urology, interventional radiology, spinal surgery, orthopaedic surgery and CEPOD/Trauma work. We also cover surgical specialities at our cold site Lymington New Forest Hospital, and sessions are available there. A wide range of Anaesthetic skills are needed, therefore candidates with almost any skill set are welcome.

Candidates may be asked to provide a pre-assessment clinic linked to their interests.

There is no expectation of an on-call commitment. However, we have elective weekend lists, so successful candidates are expected to undertake some lists on a Saturday or Sunday (frequency is around 10-12 days and is decided by mutual agreement). This large department offers all major specialties and there are opportunities for the successful applicant to request a wide variety of work, subject to mutual agreement with the Care Group Lead and the needs of the Trust.

# Anaesthetics at UHS

## Specialties Available:

### Major general surgery

- There is a wide variety of major general work available and the Trust is proud to be able to publish some of the best outcomes in the country in several sub-speciality areas. This is achieved by great teamwork within the sub-speciality including close collaboration between surgeons and anaesthetists. This is therefore a source of high job satisfaction for our Anaesthetists.

### Ophthalmic Anaesthesia

- The Trust finds itself with a huge backlog of ophthalmic procedures following the pandemic. It has increased its capacity for this work by 50% and thus we are short of suitable skilled Anaesthetists. Both peri-bulbar and sub-tenons blocks are used in the eye unit, and the blocks are generally administered by the Anaesthetist.

### Hepato-biliary/Vascular/Thoracic Anaesthesia

- A steady expansion in these subspecialities have occurred in years, and anaesthetists with this interest are welcome. Additional training/mentoring can be provided if required.

### Major Trauma

- Since 2012 University Hospital Southampton has been a Major Trauma Centre and there has been an increase in trauma related admissions with neurological injury. There are sessions available for a Major Trauma Anaesthetist, attending Level 1 trauma calls as they arise. This Consultant also assists others with regional blocks – aiming to increase the number of patients who can benefit from regional analgesia post op.

### Endoscopy

- The Trust has a fully equipped endoscopy room with full facilities and monitoring for General Anaesthesia or propofol sedation with dedicated ODP support. Sessions are required for Anaesthetics in endoscopy, which is another area of expansion.

### Anaesthesia for Orthopaedic Trauma

- The Trust runs at least two trauma lists per day which run for 3 sessions each into the evening. These busy lists include fragility fracture work, and work arising from Major Trauma Centre admissions plus sub-specialist trauma procedures delivered by surgeons with a specific interest.

### Orthopaedics and spine surgery

- There are opportunities for lower limb orthopaedic and spine surgery.

## Department Structure

### Care Group Clinical Lead

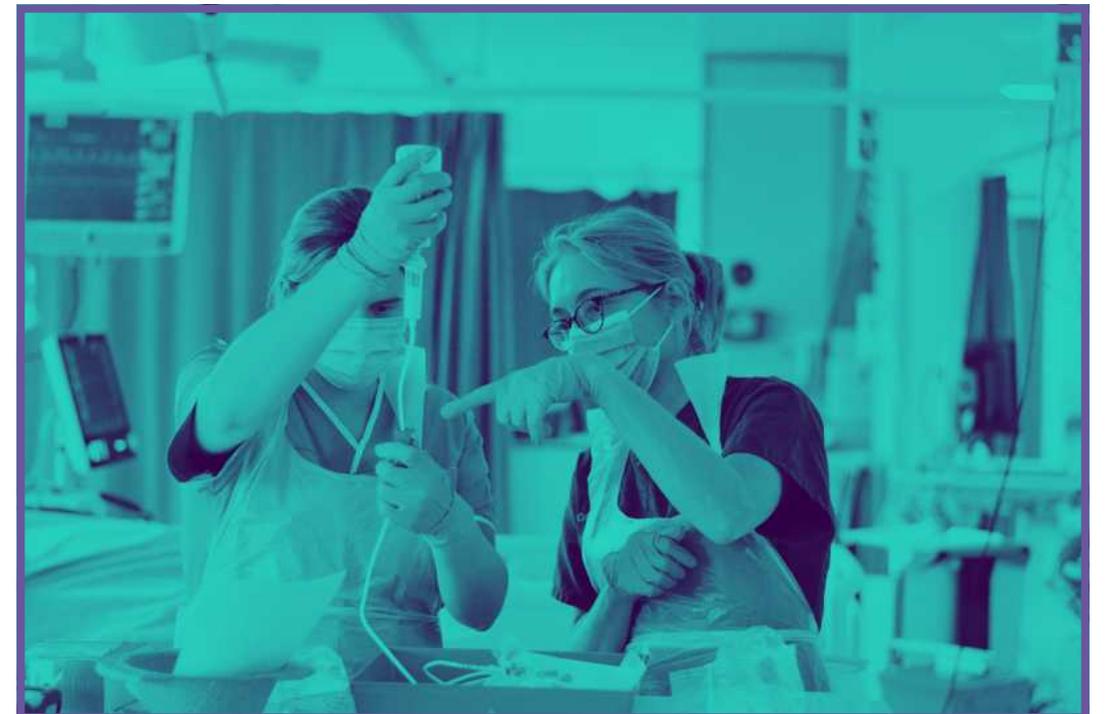
- Mrs Sanjay Gupta, Andy Cowan, Mai Wakatsuki and Poppy Mackie

### Care Group Manager

- Hannah Kedzia

### Anaesthetic staff

- 160 Consultants
- 3 Professors
- 6 Speciality Drs
- 48 sub Consultant grades :
  - Core and Speciality training,
  - Research Fellows : Academic Clinical fellows, up to PHD supported,
  - Anaesthetic Fellows, some of which are on a structured CESR programme.
- 8 CICU Fellows; 18 NICU Fellows; 12 GICU Fellows
- 4 ACCS trainees



# Main Duties

This post supports robust year-round Consultant delivery of existing anaesthetic services. You will provide cover for sessions as determined in the weekly timetable. The final details of the job plan on a day-to-day basis will be agreed after the interview and will be by mutual agreement between yourself and the Care Group Clinical Lead.

## Personal and Service Objectives

To support UHSFT Anaesthesia and Critical Care Services through:

- Pre-assessment of patients in wards or clinics.
- Patient follow up.
- DCC administration: letters to GP's follow up, M&M, complaints.
- General SPA
- Statutory and Mandatory Training
- Audit
- Appraisal & Revalidation
- Governance
- Personal CPD; knowledge & updating specific and generic skill

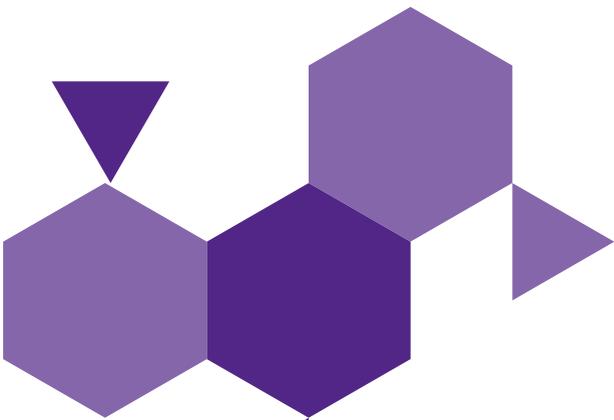


## Training and Research

You will be required to participate in medical audit and Continuing Medical Education, as well as Continuing Professional Development and cross specialty teaching and training.

The UHS Anaesthetic Department is linked to the Critical Care and Anaesthesia Research Unit, led by Professor Mike Grocott, and to the Southampton University Respiratory Biomedical Research Unit. This highly active unit includes two Professors of anaesthesia and critical care, Senior Lecturers attached to the University of Southampton, and Consultants with funded Research sessions. We also have PhD research fellows, Academic Clinical Fellows and a team of research nurses and support staff.

There is ongoing recruitment to approximately 20 National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) portfolio and industry studies, and a large number of Southampton based studies in the fields of fitness for surgery, critical illness nutrition and lung injury. This links with the Trust's interest in expanding Peri-operative medicine services.



# About Our Trust

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) provides services to some 1.9 million people living in Southampton and south Hampshire as well as specialist services including neurosciences, cardiac and specialist children's services to nearly 4 million people in central southern England and the Channel Islands. With a turnover last year of more than £1 billion, the Trust is one of the largest in the country.

Every year over 13,000 staff:

- treat about 160,000 inpatients and day patients, including about 75,000 emergency admissions;
- see approximately 650,000 people at outpatient appointments; and
- deal with around 150,000 cases in our emergency department.

Providing these services costs about £2.5 million a day.

UHS is a centre of excellence for training the doctors and nurses of the future and developing treatments for tomorrow's patients. Its role in research and education, developed in active partnership with the University of Southampton, distinguishes it as an organisation that works at the leading edge of healthcare developments in the NHS and internationally.

We are a nationally leading trust for research into cancer, respiratory disease, nutrition, cardiovascular disease, bone and joint conditions and complex immune system problems.



## Our values guide the decisions we make every day

- **Patients First** – Patients, their families and carers are at the heart of what we do. Their experience of our services will be our measure of success.
- **Working Together** – Partnership between clinicians, patients and carers is critical to achieving our vision, both within hospital teams and extending across organisational boundaries in the NHS, social care and third sector.
- **Always Improving** – We will ensure we are always improving services for patients through, inclusive and collaborative leadership, research, education, clinical effectiveness and quality improvement. We will continue to incorporate new ideas, technologies and create greater efficiencies in the services we provide.



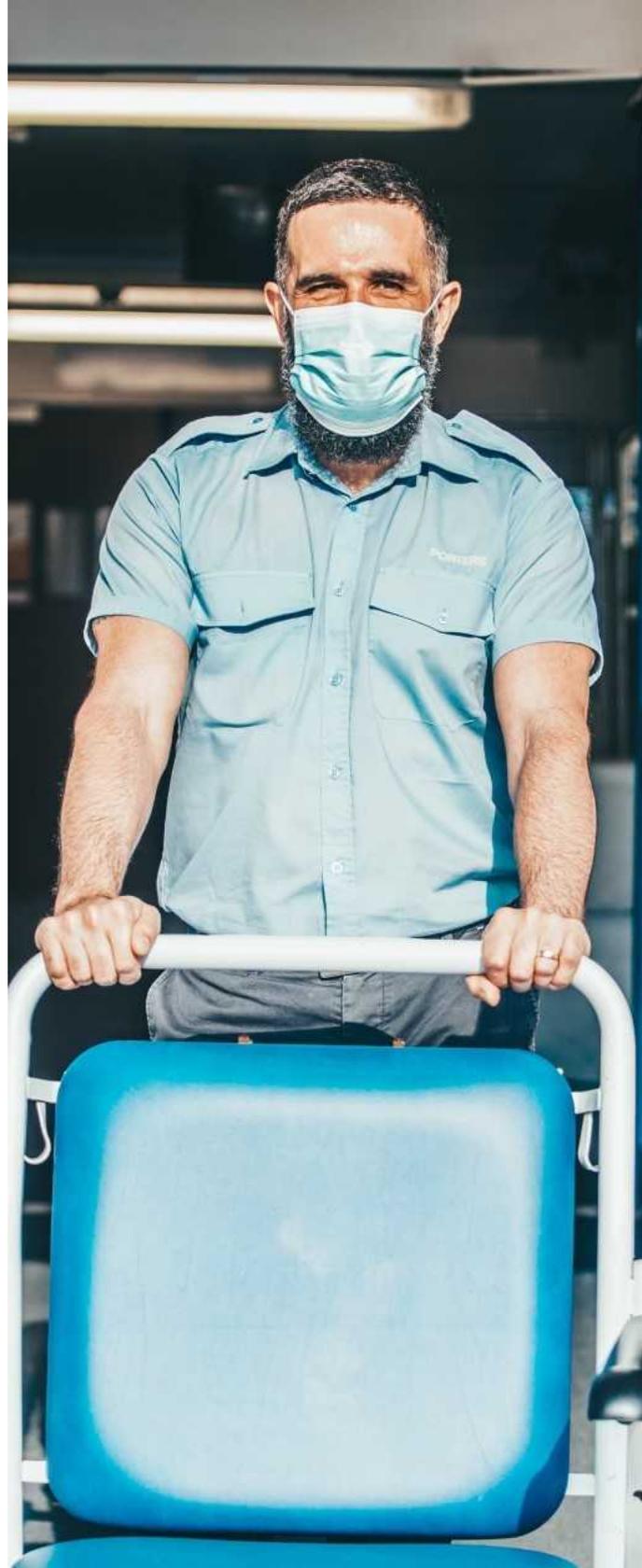
UHS is different from any other NHS trust. We're a centre of clinical academic excellence where new treatments are being discovered, new healthcare professionals are being trained and cutting edge developments are being put into practice. But it isn't **what** we do that makes us special. It's the **way** we do it.

Although we share many features with other large university hospitals across the world, we believe we stand out because of our ambition to improve and our heartfelt compassion for the patients we look after.

We're also one of only a few trusts in the UK that have the ability to care for people before their birth through to the end of life, providing almost every specialism they could need along the way, 24/7. So if you want to broaden your range of skills, UHS is a perfect fit.

# Key Achievements

- Our CQC rating is Good, we have an ambition to get UHS to Outstanding.
- We were awarded a prestigious British Medical Journal award for improving care for older patients with the development of our frailty unit and activity hub.
- Our women's and maternity care at the Princess Anne Hospital was named as being among the best in the world.
- UHS has worked as one of the exemplar sites for NHS England's Healthy Workplace project. Our 'Live well and inspire' programme has promoted and delivered a range of activities, which include providing health checks for all staff. We have also installed a mini health check machine in the front entrance of Southampton General Hospital, which has proven extremely popular with both staff and the public.
- Our leading diabetes consultant scooped a prestigious award for jointly developing an online education programme to help patients, carers and healthcare workers around the world better understand insulin. The project won the Diabetes Education Programmes – Healthcare Professionals category at the tenth annual QiC Diabetes Awards.
- World renowned children's illustrator Sir Quentin Blake has created a new character exclusively for Southampton Children's Hospital to help reassure youngsters undergoing operations during the coronavirus pandemic. 'The Amazing Fred' has been designed as a theatre mascot for children with the aim of helping them deal with their anxieties.



- A £22 million state-of-the-art intensive care unit that will provide 22 new beds for the south's most critically ill patients has opened at UHS. It features a specialist rehabilitation area where patients can now have physiotherapy without the need to be taken to another part of the hospital.
- The £5 million project to build a new Children's Emergency Department as the result of generous support from the public for Southampton Hospital Charity and our partnership with The Murray Parish Trust, been completed. It's a new child friendly and stimulating environment with elements to enhance the care of patients and make them feel safe and secure.
- Our investment in IT transformation continues, partly funded by national monies awarded through our recognition as a 'global digital exemplar'. The informatics team at UHS Digital has overseen the development of a wide range of pioneering projects to improve the delivery of healthcare services and improve patient outcomes.
- Working in partnership with trusts from across the South, we are the lead organisation of the Wessex NHS Genomic Medicine Centre (GMC). The Wessex NHS GMC is one of 13 centres across the country involved in the national 100,000 Genome Project and serves 3.5 million people from Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and parts of Somerset, Surrey and Sussex.

# Why Southampton

Southampton is a great place to live as well as work

## City & Culture

In 2022\*, Southampton was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> overall of UK cities in which to live and work, based on average salary, rent, property prices, commuting costs and overall quality of life. The city offers lower than average house prices, we have 27 schools rated as outstanding by Ofsted and there are 20 green spaces. It has excellent transport links, with an International airport on the doorstep, direct rail links to London and more widely around the UK, and daily ferry services to the Isle of Wight.

With the shopping and entertainment complex at Westquay, the restaurants and entertainment facilities around the marina at Ocean Village, and the current Bargates Quarter development (opening 2024), it is establishing itself as a modern cosmopolitan city. Given Southampton is one of the South coast's most culturally diverse cities, there are also many shops specialising in Asian, African, Indian and European goods.

### Maritime History

Since the Middle Ages, Southampton has served as a key port for the world's shipping industry. Its role as a major harbor city increased significantly in the 19th century, when the city's shipyards grew into a major maritime hub for trade, travel, and shipbuilding. In 1912, the world's most famous liner, The Titanic, embarked from here on its fateful maiden voyage, carrying seven hundred Southampton residents in her crew.

Sailing vessels of all shapes and sizes continue to ply the waters off the coast of Southampton, with superyachts now forming a large part of the port's maritime traffic. The city also boasts a wide selection of cruise ships, private yachts, sailboats, tall ships, and naval vessels.

## Nature

The local area boasts many beautiful nature spots to help you escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. **The New Forest National Park** is close by, home to the famous New Forest Ponies who roam freely around the park. The forest is also a great place for walking & cycling, with more than 140 miles of footpaths and over 100 miles of waymarked family-friendly cycle routes, much of it off the public highway and traffic-free.

The **South Downs National Park** stretches across the region. The rolling hills, glorious heathland, river valleys, ancient woodland, thriving villages and market towns make this the ideal place for countryside lovers.



## The South Coast

The South Coast is officially the sunniest place in the UK, welcoming over 1900 hours of sunshine a year, and with over 400 miles of coastline to discover it makes for a perfect destination. Stretching from chalky white cliffs, sandy beaches, shingle bays of the Kent coastline, through to the sweeping sandy bays, sheltered beaches of Bouremouth, Christchurch and Poole in Dorset, the South Coast has something for everyone.

The area is internationally renowned for its maritime facilities with a wide range of water sports available along the coast. A perfect location for kayaking, paddle-boarding and sailing.

(\*Source: OneFamily.com)





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