

Chief Medical Officer's Clinical Advisors Scheme

Open to all doctors in training

The Chief Medical Officer wishes to appoint clinicians in training to join the Chief Medical Officer's Clinical Advisors Scheme for a period of at least 12 months, following on from a successful pilot this year.

The appointees will be placed within a range of organisations, including the Department of Health, the World Health Organization, Strategic Health Authorities, and Arm's Length Bodies such as the NPSA. The successful applicants will gain experience of healthcare management, policy and leadership, working to the lead doctor in each organisation, including the Chief Medical Officer. The scheme consists of apprentice style learning, as well as learning sets to ensure that the trainees gain a broad spectrum of skills and knowledge. In addition, all appointees will develop an understanding of the work of the Chief Medical Officer and the World Health Organization's Patient Safety Programme.

The posts are suited to doctors with an interest in health policy, healthcare planning and management. Applicants should be registered fully or provisionally with the General Medical Council. It is possible that a number of the jobs will be situated outside of London. The title of the posts may vary in different locations.

Applicants are invited from all levels from F1 to completion of ST or Registrar training and from any specialty. Writing experience is a strong advantage. Where an applicant is currently employed, the Department of Health will work with the relevant employer to develop a secondment agreement.

For job descriptions and further information, contact tara.fajeyisan@dh.gsi.gov.uk. To apply, please send a curriculum vitae and covering letter to the same email address.

Closing date for applications: 23rd February 2009
Start date of posts: 7th September 2009