This is a Fellowship post with a sub-specialty interest in **Uveitis with a complementary interest**. The job description has been prepared by Prof NP Jones and Miss LR Steeles, Consultant Ophthalmologists and agreed by the Clinical Head of Division.

**Title of Post**  
**Senior Clinical Fellowship In Uveitis**

**Accountable to:**  
Prof NP Jones, Consultant Ophthalmologist and Director, Manchester Uveitis Clinic

**Staff Complement**

The **Fellow** will work at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and be responsible for the diagnosis, treatment and aftercare of ophthalmic patients. The Fellow will provide a main sub-specialty interest in **Uveitis (adult and paediatric)**. There is also opportunity for training in an additional sub-specialty interest. Previous fellows have worked in medical retina, neuro-ophthalmology, paediatrics and corneal services and we encourage prospective candidates to discuss their individual interests. Manchester Royal Eye Hospital offers a full compliment of tertiary level sub-specialties.

The consultant staff of the Uveitis team of Manchester Royal Eye Hospital include:

- Miss Jane Ashworth – Paediatric ophthalmology including uveitis  
- Miss Romi Chhabra – Medical retina and uveitis (adult)  
- Miss Cecilia Fenerty – Glaucoma (including uveitis & paediatric glaucoma)  
- Mr Assad Jalil – Vitreoretinal surgery and uveitis  
- Prof Nicholas Jones – Uveitis (adult and paediatric)  
- Mr Vinod Sharma – Paediatric ophthalmology including uveitis  
- Miss Laura Steeples – Uveitis (adult and paediatric)
Manchester Royal Eye Hospital

The Manchester Royal Eye Hospital is one of the largest eye hospitals in Europe, currently with 39 consultant ophthalmologists; it provides a comprehensive ophthalmology service to the conurbation of Greater Manchester and a tertiary referral service to the North West of England and beyond. It moved into a new hospital in 2009 as part of Central Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (now MFT) a large university hospital complex providing comprehensive medical care including children’s services. The Trust is adjacent to the Manchester University Medical School, the largest medical school in Europe. The Manchester Royal Eye Hospital has a reputation for high-quality patient care and ophthalmological research and there is a vigorous Fellowship programme in all subspecialty areas.

Teaching, Research and Clinical Governance

The Fellow will be expected to make a contribution to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research activities, including the weekly NorthWestern Regional Postgraduate Ophthalmic Teaching programme held each Wednesday afternoon during University terms, in keeping with the requirements of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists for continuing professional development. The Fellow will also be expected to lead the organisation of the twice-monthly uveitis teaching meeting.

The Fellow will be responsible for the professional supervision, management and appraisal of junior medical staff from time to time attached to consultant firms. The Fellow will be expected to perform two evening ophthalmic accident and emergency sessions every month, the timing to be negotiated with Mr Felipe Dhawahir-Scala, Lead Consultant for MREH Emergency Eye Services. These sessions are remunerated at 1 PA/session rate above basic salary.

Opportunities for clinical and/or biomedical research abound in the Royal Eye Hospital and University of Manchester. There will be opportunity to participate in clinical research trials. Many projects can be undertaken without the need for additional resources, but research funds are available (after competitive application) from the Trust and Regional Research scheme and NHS R&D initiative.

Management and Administration

The Fellow will undertake administrative duties associated with the care of patients, and resource management within the ophthalmic division, in conjunction with the supervising consultants.

The Fellow will be expected to take responsibility for his/her own continuing medical educational programme and to gain the necessary points as directed by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists for continuing accreditation. The Fellow will be required to undergo appraisal.

The Fellow’s Job Plan will be reviewed if required with the Clinical Head of Division in Ophthalmology and the Divisional General Manager. The post will have secretarial support.

Leave Arrangements

Annual leave, study leave, sick leave and professional leave must be taken in accordance with Trust policies and guidelines. It is the responsibility of the Fellow to ensure adequate and appropriate colleague cover is arranged.
Maintaining Medical Excellence

The Trust is committed to providing safe and effective care for patients. To ensure this there is an agreed procedure for medical staff that enables them to report, quickly and confidentially, concerns about the conduct, performance or health of medical colleagues (Chief Medical Officer, December 1996). All medical staff, practising in the Trust, should ensure that they are familiar with the procedure and apply it.

Risk Management

The Trust has a Risk Management Strategy. All Locum/Consultant Medical Staff/Fellows are required to adhere to the principles and practices contained therein.

The Services

The MREH provides a wide range of subspecialist expertise which is available to patients and doctors from the northwest of England and beyond. The Fellow will have an opportunity to develop subspecialist skills and will be expected to play an active part in, all aspects of uveitis and to provide a contact focus on behalf of the lead clinician:

Uveitis (Consultant lead - Prof NP Jones)
The MREH provides a subspecialist service for the diagnosis and management of uveitis and its complications. This predominantly outpatient service provides 5 adult uveitis clinics weekly and one paediatric uveitis clinic fortnightly. There is also a 4-weekly combined clinic with a paediatric rheumatologist, for children with multisystem inflammation or complex uveitis. The Fellow will also provide a weekly uveitis urgency clinic and attend a monthly pre-assessment clinic for patients with uveitis requiring cataract surgery. Patients are occasionally admitted for medical care of uveitis and also frequently undergo surgical management of uveitis complications under the care of relevant subspecialist services. There will be opportunities to attend clinics in relevant medical specialities, including Behçet’s disease, rheumatology and tuberculosis.

Medical Retina (Consultant lead – Mr S Mahmood)
The Manchester Royal Eye Hospital hosts a vigorous Macular Treatment Centre and is a regional referral centre for complex medical retinal disease including macular, diabetic and genetic problems. The Fellow will have the opportunity to participate in outpatient and treatment sessions and to develop skills in all aspects of medical retinal management.

Clinical Commitments

A draft weekly timetable is appended. The main focus of this Fellowship is on Uveitis, with a secondary sub-specialty of interest. This has most frequently been medical retina but other specialities can be discussed on an individual basis. There may be some changes to the timetable during the course of the Fellowship. It will be possible to make some amendments to ensure wide experience in various clinics, with the agreement of Prof Jones.
Aims and objectives

1. Acquisition of knowledge and skills
You will study the subject of uveitis diagnosis, investigation and management in depth. You will be expected to read widely around the subject. You will become expert in relevant ocular examination and numerous imaging modalities. You will become expert in performing and ordering relevant investigations. You will become expert in the prescription and monitoring of oral immunosuppression, its potential complications and their management. You will become conversant with the use of biologic therapy. You will become expert in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. At the end of your fellowship you will be expected to have acquired the knowledge necessary to provide a subspecialist service in the management of uveitis in a future senior appointment.

2. Contribution to uveitis service
You will attend all timetabled clinical sessions promptly and provide a reliable consultation service. You will contribute to the urgency provision of the unit by:
   a. Acting as a point of contact for internal tertiary referrals during normal working hours and liaising with the uveitis consultant team over the transfer of patient care.
   b. Undertaking a weekly uveitis urgency clinic
   c. Providing urgent ad hoc consultations for existing patients with recurrent problems
   d. Contributing to the development of clinic management protocols and patient information pamphlets.
   e. Contributing to the education of trainee ophthalmologists who are not members of the uveitis team, by raising the profile of uveitis at postgraduate meetings, making frequent presentations there, and by providing informal and formal teaching to junior doctors.
   f. Contributing to service development.
   g. Contribution to multi-disciplinary team meetings with relevant medical specialties such as rheumatology, GUM, oncology and respiratory.

3. Organisation of regular uveitis academic meeting
You will organise on a regular basis, a uveitis team academic meeting (fortnightly). This will include clinical case presentations, and may also include subject presentations, journal article review, management protocol discussion etc.

4. Research and audit
You will be expected to demonstrate a deep interest in uveitis and to participate actively in clinical or other research. You will be expected to undertake literature review around subjects of interest and to initiate research. You will be expected to first-author at least one project during your tenure. You may be asked to lead a clinical audit.

5. Feedback from recent Uveitis Fellows and TSC Doctors
Is available on our Uveitis Service website available at http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-eye/our-services/uveitis