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Job Description

Job Title	Senior Grade Cardiac Physiologist		
Reporting To	The Senior Cardiac Physiologist is responsible to the Chief II Cardiac Physiologist for all technical and supervisory aspects of routine investigations, and through the Chief II Cardiac Physiologist to the Clinical Lead in the various disciplines (echocardiography, arrhythmias, cardiac catheterisation) and then the Chairman of Cardiac Services		
Purpose of the Post	To provide a high quality cardiac investigation service to children with known or suspected cardiac disease		
Particulars of Office	<p>Appointment: Specified purpose contract covering maternity leave, full-time x 2</p> <p>Salary Scale: Remuneration is in accordance with the salary scale approved by the Department of Health. Commencing salary will be determined by the candidates' previous experience and will be pro rata for contracted hours.</p> <p>Current salary scale with effect from the 1st October 2018</p> <p>Rising from €44,487 - €58,316 per annum.</p> <p>Working Hours: Normal working hours are 37 hours worked over 5 days Monday-Friday. Your contracted hours of work are liable to change between the hours of 8am to 8pm over 7 days to meet the requirements for extended day services in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement.</p> <p>However you will be required to work the agreed roster/on call arrangements advised to you by your line manager.</p> <p>Annual Leave: The annual leave year runs from April to March inclusive. Annual leave entitlement for this post 214.6 hours or 29 days pro rata per annum</p>		
Location	Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, pending the establishment of and transfer to the new National Children's Hospital. You may be required to transfer to a new location on establishment of the Hospital Campus, including satellite centres.		
Health	A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service		
Person Specification		Essential	Desirable
	Qualification and Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSc in Clinical Measurement from Dublin Institute of Technology or equivalent as confirmed by the Irish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher qualification such as the EACVI / AEPC Certification in Congenital Heart Disease (echocardiography)

		<p>Institute of Clinical Measurement Science (IICMS)</p> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess the Certificate in Medical Physics and Physiological Measurement (MPPM) from Dublin Institute of Technology or equivalent as confirmed by the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Science (IICMS). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess an equivalent relevant scientific qualification (level 8) as confirmed by the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Science (IICMS). <p>Candidates must have a minimum of 3 years satisfactory relevant post qualification experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous paediatric experience
	<p>Skills & Knowledge:</p>	<p>Candidates must the clinical, managerial and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role</p>	
	<p>Personal Attributes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to prioritise workload and manage time effectively. • Strong communication skills. • Strong interpersonal skills • Commitment to continuing professional development. • Ability to implement problem solving techniques. • Professionalism 	
<p>Duties and Responsibilities</p>	<p><u>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duties will be allocated by a Chief Cardiac Physiologist and will include assisting with and performing all procedures provided by the Cardiac Department, including echocardiography, cardiac catheterisation, ECG's, 		

	<p>telemetry, Holter monitoring, cardiac event monitoring and pacemaker interrogation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation of tests, preliminary reporting and alerting medical staff to any serious anomalies. Assisting in maintaining departmental procedures and protocols including infection control and general lab hygiene. • Participation in patient care i.e. preparation and reassurance of patient • Responsible for the maintenance and management of patient reports. This may entail highlighting and selecting particular aspects of a recording, interpretation of request forms, writing technical reports, and maintenance of reports for audit purposes. • Strict adherence to entering data, as required and directed, into the various cardiac databases including Xcelera (echoes) and the up-coming MedicaPlus departmental database • Responsible for the provision of a safe working/clinical environment • To comply with Health and Safety policies of the Department and ensure that all equipment is calibrated, cleaned and maintained as per health and safety policy • Show due respect for patients and colleagues by leaving equipment in a clean and tidy manner following use • Liaising with hospital personnel on investigation and patient difficulties • Participation in the training and supervision of basic grade and student/trainee cardiac physiologists, in association with the chief cardiac physiologists, as well as the provision of specialist education to other health care workers • May be required to become involved in Departmental research and development • The ability to use and adopt new advances in technology and equipment, and to keep abreast of the latest advances in the discipline • To initiate and participate in dealing with medical emergencies • The post involves a mixture of working with advanced high tech medical equipment and a high degree of patient contact, requiring patience, tact, and good interpersonal skills • Total confidentiality with regard to patient records and information is expected
<p>Educational / Professional Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain own professional development and competency. • Comply with mandatory training requirements as per Hospital policy, i.e. Fire and Manual Handling Training.
<p>Specific Responsibility for Best Practice Hygiene</p>	<p><i>Hygiene in healthcare is defined as “the practice that serves to keep people and the environment clean and prevent infection. It involves preserving ones health, preventing the spread of disease and recognizing, evaluating and controlling health hazards.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure compliance with hospital hygiene standards, guidelines and practices. • Department heads/ managers have overall responsibility for best practice in hygiene in their area • It is mandatory to attend hand hygiene on an annual basis and sharps awareness workshops as appropriate.
<p>General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The post holder is accountable, responsible and has authority as appropriate to their grade for delivering a quality service and ensuring patient safety • Adhere to Department and all Hospital policies at all times. • Adherence to procedures and guidelines in relation to Child Protection • Embrace and support any changes in technology and to assist in the implementation and operation of these changes. • Perform such other duties appropriate to the post as may be assigned from time-to-time by a Chief II Cardiac Physiologist, the Operational

	<p>Services Manager for Cardiology or a nominee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be required to be completely flexible in relation to the performance of your duties. Participate and cooperate with legislative and regulatory requirements with regard to Quality, Risk, Health and Safety. Participate and cooperate with internal and external evaluations of hospital structures, services and processes as required, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Standards for the prevention and control of Healthcare Associated Infections. To initiate, support and implement quality improvement initiatives in their area which are in keeping with the hospitals continuous quality improvement programme. <p><i>It is the responsibility of all managers to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements for Quality, Safety and Risk with their area / department.</i></p>
Superannuation / Pension	<p>Successful Candidates are required to pay into the Hospitals Pension Scheme. Please note that a compulsory Statutory Pension Related Deduction (PRD) will also be deducted from your salary.</p> <p>Persons who entered the Public Service before the 1 April 2004 must retire at the age of 65 years and are eligible for their pension entitlements from the age of 60 years onwards. Persons who entered the Public Service on or after the 1 April 2004 will be eligible for their pension entitlements from the age of 65 years onwards. Persons entering the Public Service from 1st January 2013, i.e. New Entrants, must retire at the age of 70 years and are eligible for their pension entitlements from the age of 66 years onwards.</p>
Garda Clearance	<p>Arrangements have been introduced, on a national level, for Garda clearance in respect of candidates for employment in areas of the Health Service, where it is envisaged that potential employees would have substantial access to children or vulnerable individuals. This appointment is conditional on Garda clearance being obtained.</p>
Note	<p>The extent and speed of change in the delivery of health care is such that adaptability is essential at this level of management. The incumbent will be required to maintain, enhance and develop their professional knowledge, skills, and aptitudes necessary to respond to a changing situation. This job description must be regarded as an outline of the major areas of accountability at the present time. It will be reviewed and assessed on an on-going basis.</p>
Application Details	<p>Applications can be made by completing online application via Talent Manager. Please refer to careers page on www.olchc.ie</p>
Notes to Applicants	<p>It must be clearly demonstrated in your CV and supporting statement how you meet the required skills, competencies and /or knowledge for the post. Failure to do so may result in you not being shortlisted for interview.</p>