

Profession: Medicine

Roles and Responsibilities of the Professional

- Safely diagnose and manage patients
- To fulfil professional accountability to the patient, NHS Trusts and other stake holders
- Act in a leadership and supervisory role with medics and other team members
- To fulfil GMC requirements in terms of professional behaviours and practice in an ethical manner, within legal boundaries
- To encourage research and implementation of policy
- To undertake professional development programme to keep up to date with evidence based practice and changing nature of the NHS
- To provide opportunities for learning within our clinical environment

Modern Perspective

- Changing practice as a result of the NHS Plan from organisation centred to patient centred
- Working as a member of a team rather than assuming leadership of the team
- Supporting the development of autonomous non-medical practitioner roles which changes the boundaries between traditional medical practice and non-medical disciplines as new roles evolve to address the NHS Plan
- The impact of the European Working Hours Directive for doctors, with the expectation of achieving a work life balance
- Contributing to local service delivery through involvement in NHS Trust boards

Life Long Journey

Progression depends on success at royal college exams and with clinical experience

- Pre-registration House officer to Senior House Officers with parallel formal education programme
- Specialist Registrars. All registrars are encouraged to have an education responsibility.
- Consultants or further training for General Practice/Public Health. At this level individuals negotiate their contracts with added components such as education, research and other work related aspects.