



British Geriatrics Society
Improving healthcare
for older people

Vacancy: Clinical Fellow for BGS Continence eLearning Course

The British Geriatrics Society (BGS) is advertising for a healthcare professional, to support the development of an eLearning module on improving continence in older people.

The BGS is now looking to expand our range of eLearning courses, which are a comprehensive resource covering the skills, knowledge and behaviours expected of healthcare professionals involved in the health, care and support of people living with incontinence, aligned to Tier 3 of the capabilities framework.

The work would be undertaken in coordination with the BGS's Digital Education Manager, the Bladder and Bowel Health Special Interest Group (SIG) as a steering committee and supported by our existing e-learning partner, who will develop the materials for our eLearning platform.

The Clinical Fellow will deliver key elements of the course content, coordinating inputs from subject matter experts and reviewing the course from a user perspective as to accessibility and suitability. You do not need to be an eLearning expert to apply for this exciting role.

The project will be delivered over 6 months and the work of the Clinical Fellow can be delivered part-time alongside existing work commitments.

Timeline:

- Application deadline 26 January 2024 5pm
- Interviews (20-30 min) week commencing 29 January 2024
- Appointment by 9 February 2024
- New Module Launch August 2024

This is a fascinating opportunity for a Clinical Fellow, Registrar, Advanced Clinical Practitioner or other experienced professional to work with the BGS to contribute to an important BGS workstream. It will also help you to develop skills, make contacts with experts and add to your personal portfolio.

Background and context

The BGS Education and Training Committee, Finance Committee and Trustee Board agreed to fund the development of a series of eLearning courses. Frailty: Identification and interventions and Perioperative Care of Older People Undergoing Surgery modules have been published and are in use by healthcare practitioners. Over 4,000 healthcare professionals have accessed these courses to date. OncoGeriatrics and Delirium courses are launching in early 2024. Improving Continence in older people is the next focus for our elearning offer.

The role

The post will be for the duration of the project, which is provisionally estimated to be 5 - 6 months from initiation to delivery. The Clinical Fellow will need to ensure there is sufficient time available from their current role or training (approx. 160 hours).

They may be from any profession involved in delivering healthcare to older people and must be experienced in the management of those living with bladder or bowel problems.

They may be based in any of the four UK nations.

Role purpose

The Clinical Fellows will lead the development of the course, directly delivering many of the activities and supporting/co-ordinating the work of others, all under the project goal of delivering an interactive, multi chapter, comprehensive eLearning course for a multi-disciplinary Tier 3 audience. Further input into the course through the first 2 years of its life to accommodate feedback would also be appreciated.

Essential skills and experience required

- A minimum of six months' time commitment to allow for 160 hours of contribution, flexibly spread across the 6 months of the project
- An interest in improving the quality of education available to those healthcare professionals working with older people
- Experience of working in a multi-disciplinary team to provide care for older people living with bladder or bowel problems
- Ability to manage projects and to drive progress
- Good communication skills, written and verbal
- Initiative and good organisational skills.
- Experience of working collaboratively, inclusively and respectfully with colleagues
- Problem-solving, adaptability and creativity.
- Applicants should be a member of the BGS or willing to join

Desirable skills and experience

- Experience leading or contributing to a Quality Improvement or research project
- Experience of working with intermediate and community care teams to deliver care in different settings
- Familiarity with BGS and other resources relevant for the healthcare of older people living with bladder or bowel problems
- Prior experience in developing educational content

Remuneration and terms

The BGS will agree a contract with the Clinical Fellow. This will be a fixed-term contract for up to 6 months.

Hours are negotiable.

Pay will be:

Either: £47,500 (Grade 3.3) pro rata for 6 months

Or: Secondment from your present employer subject to their agreement. A contract will be agreed with your institution for your work (capped at the lower of £47,500 pro rata or the successful applicant's current annual salary both plus associated employment costs). A contract will be agreed with your institution for your work

Application process

Applicants are asked to send a CV and a statement of up to 400 words setting out why they are applying for this role and what they would bring to it. The deadline for applications is **26 January 2024 5pm**.

Applications should be sent to Anthony Blackman (Digital Education Manager) via a.blackman@bgs.org.uk

The start date for the role is likely to be in February 2024 with exact details agreed with the successful candidate and based on the availability of the steering committee and subject matter experts.