

JOB DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

- The position of Island Doctor and Medical Officer of Health (M.O.H) will become vacant during December 2019 due to the retirement of the present Doctor after 7 years of service.
- The Island Doctor has the sole licence to operate and dispense drugs in Sark as a private practitioner. S/he is provided with a house with a well-equipped surgery and treatment room attached and a tractor for professional use. S/he receives a salary *from the Sark Government* intended to cover her or his work as MOH and to assist with locum expenses.
- The Island Doctor is responsible for the *relevant registrations with the GMC and the Bailiwick of Guernsey* and Professional Insurances.
- Sark is independent from the UK and does not maintain a reciprocal agreement with the UK National Health Service. All Sark residents are expected to be covered by private health insurance. The Sark Medical and Emergency Services Committee recommends a scheme tailored for the islands currently underwritten by AXA/PPP.
- The Doctor's remuneration is partly dependent on charges to patients which currently totals approximately £38,000 before expenses plus a salary for providing dispensing services paid by The Professor Saint Medical Trust.
- The surgery is computerized, with Midex Pro as the primary database software.

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- Providing Primary Care (General Practitioner Services) to 450 residents and of the order of 100-1000 visitors through surgeries 6 days a week (Wednesday and Saturday are mornings only)
- Providing 24-hour Primary Care cover for the islanders and visitors both for consultations at the Medical Centre and if required, by visiting the patient at home or visitor's accommodation. Night calls are infrequent but 24-hour cover is essential
- Providing 24-hour Accident and Emergency first response cover for the island working as part of the Sark Ambulance Service and also with Sark Fire and Rescue Services when required
- Providing advice to the Medical and Emergency Services Committee in the ex-officio role of Medical Officer of Health
- Developing, with the Medical and Emergency Services Committee, a new model of care for the population of Sark.
- Running the Practice dispensary including ordering, checking and dispensing a comprehensive range of prescription only medications for residents and visitors
- Providing services for children including childhood health surveillance, school medical and childhood immunizations
- Providing antenatal care
- Liaising with the Guernsey Medical Services who provide secondary care to the patients on Sark

- Providing ongoing training for first responders on Sark including the Sark Ambulance and Fire and Rescue Services on a regular basis
- Participating in Island Safeguarding through being a member of the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub).

IDEAL CANDIDATE

- Experienced General Practitioner from NHS or Channel Islands background
- Fluent English speaker
- MRCGP mandatory
- Comfortable with a flexible approach to limited immediate resources
- Experienced and interested in pre- hospital care & minor surgery
- Experienced in a wide range of crafts
- Physically and mentally fit and well to cope with pressure of 24/7 medical cover responsibilities
- Has evidence of commitment to Continued Professional Development, regular appraisals and revalidation.
- Willing to live within the community they serve.

SALARY/INCOME

- £38,000 private income from fees (approximately)
- £17,500 pharmacy stock management salary
- Salary for M.O.H duties and allowance for locum cost from the Medical Committee of Chief Pleas

- Sark Surgery accommodation provided valued at £15,000 pa.

Total remuneration package in the order of approximately £90,000 per annum

A Practice Manager is employed by the Sark Government, whose roles include management, organizational, dispensing and secretarial duties.