

## Researcher Job Details

### **Clinical Research Associate** **John Walton Muscular Dystrophy Research Centre** **Institute of Genetic Medicine** **Faculty of Medical Sciences**

#### **Research Role Profile**

The post will be based at the John Walton Muscular Dystrophy Research Centre (JWMDRC) at Newcastle University. The post will provide an opportunity for the successful candidate to gain experience in neurology, paediatrics, genetics and clinical research. In addition, you will be able to participate in a range of different neuromuscular clinics across the North of England and gain exposure to state of the art diagnostics for neuromuscular diseases and genetic diseases in general.

You will play a key role in the conduct of a phase 2b study with a new steroid-like investigational drug (vamorolone) for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). This project, known as VISION-DMD, is a multi-centre, international study to investigate safety and efficacy of vamorolone in ambulant boys with DMD. The JWMDRC will be the leading site in EU and VISION-DMD is led by Dr M Guglieri.

You will have a medical degree, GMC licence to practise and experience in medical history taking, patient assessment and medical record keeping in accordance with GCP guidelines. You will support the conduct of VISION-DMD and other studies at the JWMDRC, including selection of patients, consenting, recruitment, delivery of study visits and procedures and safety monitoring. Before recruitment opens, you will be involved in the finalisation of the VISION-DMD study documents and will participate in the study discussions with the grant partners and the sponsor.

#### **Specific Responsibilities of Position**

1. Support and conduct the VISION-DMD clinical trial in Duchenne muscular dystrophy: patients' identification and selection, consenting, recruitment, interaction with patients and their families, conducting study visits and study procedures, reporting of adverse events etc) under the supervision of senior members of the clinical research team.
2. Contribute to the finalisation and amendment of the study protocol and other study documents.
3. Participate in other clinical trials to support the capacity of the JWMDRC .
4. Participate in specialised clinical and diagnostic activities including the national referral clinics for rare inherited forms of muscular dystrophies and adult and paediatric clinics for local patients with neuromuscular diseases.

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5. Continuously review the literature and technology relevant to the project and ensure that the outputs of the project are positioned appropriately in relation to other on-going work.
6. Publish and present high level scientific information including writing and presenting reports relevant to the work being carried out as part of translational research.
7. Document learnings from this international multi-site study in order to inform the development of future studies.
8. Prepare and submit research proposals to funders.
9. Regular liaison with the principal investigators and senior members of the research teams to discuss the ongoing research and next possible steps.
10. Support the clinical initiatives of the Neuromuscular Team.

## Person Specification

		Essential or Desirable
	<b>Qualifications</b>	
1	MB BS (Medical Doctor, MD) or equivalent from recognised medical school	E
2	Fully registered with the GMC with licence to practice	E
3	Research degree	D
4	GCP training	D
	<b>Knowledge, Skills and Experience</b>	
1	Understanding of clinical trial methodology	E
2	Presentation of work at scientific meetings	D
3	Paediatric experience	D
4	Previous research publications	D
	<b>Attributes/Behaviours</b>	
1	Enthusiastic and hard working	E
2	Excellent oral communication and writing skills	E
3	Team-working skills	E
4	Excellent information technology and computing skills	E
5	High level of personal organisation	E

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6	Willingness to undertake work outside of normal working hours	E
7	Willingness to travel internationally	E

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<b>Grade:</b>	CRA 12
<b>Effective Date:</b>	07/11/2018