



RURAL FELLOWSHIP 2026

Fellowship available for:

Pearson Practice, Wick



Unique Experience

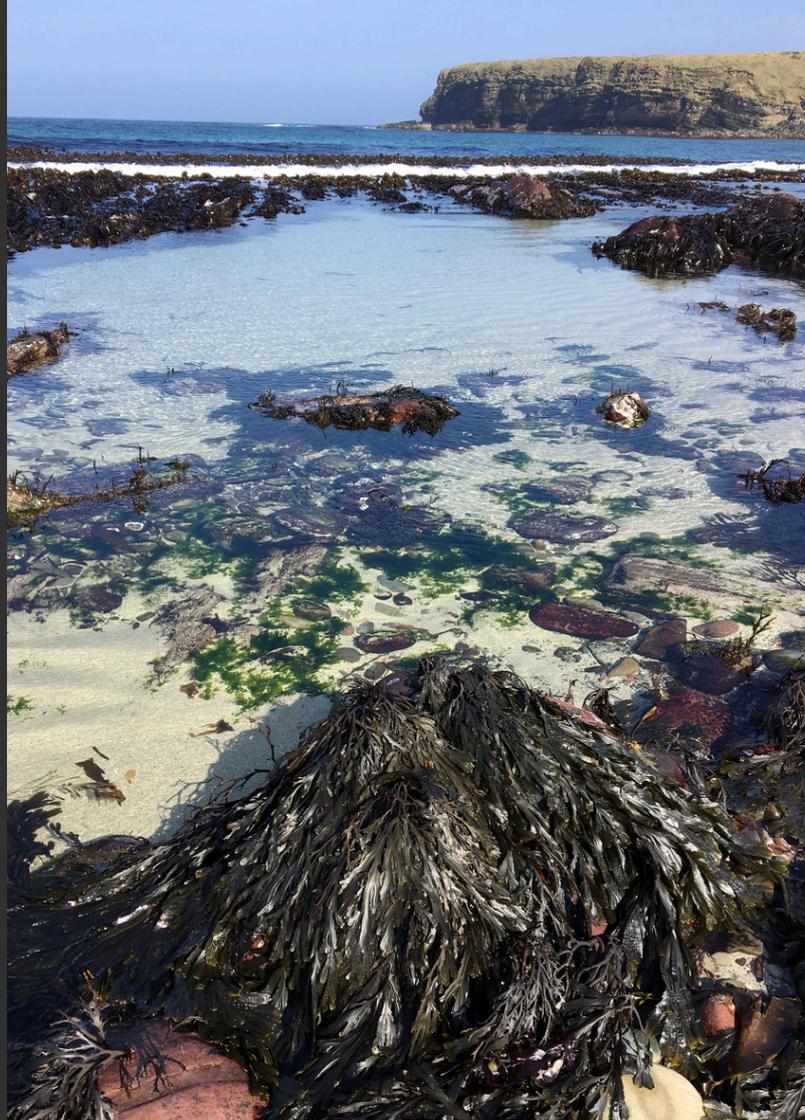
This innovative one-year fellowship will link both with GP practices and established teams for a multi-disciplinary educational experience in a rural setting.

Rural Fellows are allocated one base practice, plus two or three practices, where they will provide the majority of their service commitment. The practice will be agreed at the beginning of the rural fellow year, with a view to providing the opportunity to experience all aspects of rural General Practice.

The Rural Support Team

A unique feature of this fellowship is the connection with our Rural Support Teams. The team in this area may consist of a mix of healthcare professionals; GPs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Unscheduled Nurse Practitioners and Paramedic Practitioners, all these disciplines either work or will work together providing healthcare to the populations within the North Division.

The fellow would be supported to engage with the teams, providing a completely new perspective on the provision of services in rural areas – for the benefit of both the fellow and the teams! More at bit.ly/2UuUYzq





Wick

Nestled in the far north Highlands sitting astride the River of Wick, is the town of Wick once the busiest herring port in Europe. The strong and welcoming community are justifiably proud of their fishing heritage, are witness again to a bustling harbour filled with yachts, service and fishing vessels, and leisure boats. You will encounter a wide selection of wildlife along the way including various species of seabirds and puffins, orcas, seals, dolphins and otters, as well as beautiful scenic beaches and the John O'Groats coastal trail. For those who enjoy the demands of a links course, you'll receive a warm welcome at Wick Golf Club which celebrated its 150th year in 2020.

Pearson Practice

This unique Rural Fellowship placement would appeal to those of a truly altruistic nature. Your host Practice belongs to a single handed GP who runs a family Practice that has looked after the population of Wick and surrounding area for many generations.

The Practice Manager has a wealth of knowledge having been in post since January 1975. Visiting staff and patients feedback positively on the care provided by this Practice even though the area has challenges with areas of deprivation and rurality. If walking, surfing or rock climbing is your passion this is the ideal Fellowship.





13 Weeks Education

Educational opportunities are flexible and too many to list. The fellow's educational plan will be organised in conjunction with the service elements of the posts and with support from with the Rural Fellowship Co-ordinator. Fellows will have the opportunity to negotiate additional experience in secondary care, remote practices and to undertake specific course activity as available. Fellows will also be able to attend the regular meetings of the Scottish Rural Fellows.

Service Commitment

We'll work with the fellows to balance both service needs and their own aspirations. The service commitment practices can be in more than one area. If the fellow is required to travel to an area away from their normal base practice, accommodation will be arranged, and travel expenses reimbursed.



Speak to us

The fellowships will be developed and managed in collaboration with the Primary Care Manager. We'll be flexible and work to meet your needs and aspirations. Call us for an informal chat:

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A BIT OF DETAIL

Duties

Duties will include the full range of general practice duties during the Rural Fellows time in any General Practice, including working in the local Community Hospital if appropriate. They will be expected to play a full part in all aspects of the practice and work alongside the members of the extended primary care team.

OOHs Element

While based in practices that have opted-out of OOHs there will be no requirement to do any OOHs sessions, however the rural fellows may wish to work in the local OOHs service in addition to their rural fellow role. This would be paid in addition to their rural fellow salary. Attendance at the BASICs course would be expected before covering OOHs in rural areas. Fellows are expected as part of their educational programme to gain experience in Out of Hours and Emergency Care.

Supervision in Practice

A principle will be identified as a mentor/supervisor in the practices where the service commitment has been agreed, and will be available to the Fellow when working in other rural practices.

Education in Practice

Fellows will be expected to join in with the educational activities available within the practices that they are working.

Local Educational Opportunities

A variety of regional educational activities are available including courses such as Advanced Life Support and attachment potential in various part of Highland. The Rural Fellow will also be able to attend local PLT events, along with various local meeting meetings/webinars

