

## **Broadford Hospital:**

The Skye acute rural fellow post is based in Broadford Hospital, Broadford, Isle of Skye.

Broadford Hospital is the referral centre for acute and minor injury medical services and certain outpatient services for the Isle of Skye, Raasay and adjacent mainland of Lochalsh and Wester Ross. It is a unique Community Hospital providing an Emergency Department with two fully equipped emergency resuscitation rooms, 19 intermediate/acute care and rehab beds, midwife suite, radiology unit, outpatient clinic facilities, chemotherapy facilities, and 4 nurse-lead renal dialysis beds. The only doctors, apart from visiting specialists, working at Broadford Hospital are the Rural Emergency Physicians (REPs).

The Rural Emergency Physicians accept everything across the spectrum for initial assessment. Admissions to Broadford are those appropriate for a unit covered by upskilled generalists rather than specialist consultants, with more complex cases being transferred to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, some 100 miles away. Resuscitation, stabilisation, and emergency transfer of acutely and critically unwell & trauma patients also falls within our scope and remit and all REPs have undertaken training in airway management and transfer of critically ill patients, usually liaising closely with the EMRS (emergency medical retrieval service).

Broadford Hospital also provides the Out of Hours care for Skye and Lochalsh. Delivered by the REPs in conjunction with the Skye Urgent Care Team, made up of ANPs and APPs, both in Broadford and Portree.

As an acute rural fellow, you will work alongside the Rural Emergency Physicians (GP and EM CCT trained). This involves dealing with the full range of varied ED work for both adults and children, mental health assessments, medical and surgical inpatient care, OOH GP work, and the occasional obstetric emergency. The REPs also provide medical cover for the nurse lead renal dialysis unit, infusion suite and chemo unit. The REPs also run a weekly fracture clinic and a weekly minor surgery clinic which the Acute Rural Fellow will be encouraged to join in with.

You will work in the new, purpose-built hospital in Broadford which opened in March 2022.

## **Educational Opportunities:**

For the acute rural fellow there are a multitude of educational opportunities available during your placement and the opportunity to develop the post around your own needs and interests.

Hospital based education opportunities include:

- Acute medical and surgical patient assessment and care
- Fracture clinics weekly
- Rehabilitation medicine (also provided at Portree Hospital)
- Obstetrics via community midwives with deliveries occurring at Broadford
- Nurse-lead dialysis unit
- Palliative Care
- Oncology / chemotherapy (weekly clinic run by nurses at Broadford)
- Aeromedical evacuation and airway management skills
- Minor surgery (weekly lists)
- Visiting clinics in all specialties

To support you in your role you as an Acute Rural Fellow you will be given the opportunity to do 3 months of anaesthetic/advanced airway training, either in Raigmore Hospital, or if you prefer elsewhere, we have contacts in a few other hospitals within Scotland where you could go.

Whilst the Acute Rural Fellow post is mostly hospital based you will also be working as a GP in Broadford Medical Practice for 3 months of the year. The usual schedule would be that you start in Broadford Hospital for August and September, then 3 months in the Broadford Medical Practice, then 3 months anaesthetics and the remainder of your time you will be back at Broadford Hospital.

As a hospital based acute rural fellow, the frequent exposure to acute scenarios and managing the first few hours of acute and critical illness in a supportive, yet isolated, environment allows for hands-on involvement and responsibility to allow skills and confidence in managing such cases to evolve at a rapid rate.

Such a training opportunity should enable the acute rural fellow to be confident to work thereafter in hospital-based GP-lead intermediate care posts, but also provides an excellent opportunity to gain acute skills that would be transferable to working in general practice in any isolated rural location within the UK or abroad. Indeed, the recently developed, and GMC accredited, Credential in Rural and Remote Health is also an option to pursue with 2 of our previous acute fellows having gained this so far.

## **Isle of Skye:**

Skye is a fantastic place to combine work and an outdoor lifestyle, and we feel privileged to be able to combine such diverse and stimulating work with living in such a beautiful environment.

Skye provides all manner of adventurous activities and with the stunning scenery, Black and Red Cuillin Mountain peaks, coastal walks, sea kayaking and cycling opportunities it is an outdoor enthusiast's and photographer's paradise.

Broadford provides the central services for the South of the Island, with a supermarket, primary school, pharmacy, hotels and a couple of restaurants, and was even recently listed as one of the top 10 places to live in Scotland by The Sunday Times!! Portree is the island's 'capital' - just 25 miles North of Broadford, it provides further shops, restaurants, and a cinema.

For an informal discussion, or to arrange a visit, you can try to phone the Duty Rural Emergency Physician on 01471-822491, though they might be busy, or e-mail Dr Jacqueline Bennebroek, REP Clinical Lead [jacqueline.bennebroek@nhs.scot](mailto:jacqueline.bennebroek@nhs.scot) We can also put you in touch with previous Rural Fellows to learn from their experience.