



Post Ref: JNGMRS02

Prof Colette Cowan
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Dear Prof Cowan,

I refer to application number 2047 from the University of Limerick Hospitals Group submitted on 28 January 2022 and related documentation. This is a Replacement post. This letter supercedes the previous letter issued on 5 July 1995.

The Health Service Executive has approved the appointment of a:

CONSULTANT RESPIRATORY & GENERAL PHYSICIAN

This is an appointment to the University of Limerick Hospitals Group on a Type B basis under the Consultants' Contract 2008 (as per standard text issued by the HSE) by the Health Service Executive. The initial commitment for this post will be to St John's Hospital, Limerick for 29 hours per week and to University Hospital Limerick for 10 hours per week. This post may be subject to restructuring in the future to facilitate the reorganization of acute services in line with new clinical models of acute and community services. It is noted that the post must be congruent with the requirements of, and facilitate implementation of national health policy, the HSE's National Clinical Programmes including commitment to deliver the relevant performance outcomes.

The normal duties for the post are as outlined in the Approved Consultant Appointment document. These duties and those other commitments assigned by the Clinical Director / Employer will be reflected in the Consultant's Work Schedule which is expected that the Consultant will implement in a flexible way in line with operational needs. (A copy of the job description and indicative work schedule must be made available to all applicants).

If a significant change to this post is contemplated e.g. location, structure, title, contract type etc., prior consideration by the CAAC (Consultant Applications Advisory Committee) and approval by the Health Service Executive is required.

Approval to this post is subject to the following conditions

- Total employment remaining within your approved ceiling.
- That normal recruitment procedures for the filling of consultant posts are applied.
- That there are no additional non-consultant hospital doctor posts attached.
- This post must be advertised as being open to applicants who wish to work on a flexible or part-time basis and may – subject to preference of the successful applicant(s) and the decision of the employer – be filled on that basis.

The following qualifications shall apply to this appointment:-

1. Professional Qualifications

Registration as a specialist in the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the specialties of respiratory medicine and general (internal) medicine.

2. Entry to competition and subsequent appointment

For the purposes of eligibility for entry to any competition or recruitment process associated with this post, a candidate must fulfil the eligibility requirements laid down in consultant appointment documents for the post.

The successful interviewee must be registered as a Specialist in the relevant specialty on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland before taking up appointment. The candidate will be allowed a max of 180 calendar days from date of interview to secure this registration and produce evidence of special interest training where relevant.

Should the successful candidate not be registered as a Specialist at that time, the post may be offered to the next suitable candidate (or, in the case of HSE posts, the Public Appointments Service may choose not to recommend that candidate to the employer). Should no suitable candidate exist, a further recruitment process may be initiated.

The employer may decide to make a proleptic appointment(s) as provided for at Section 2 d) of Consultant Contract 2008.

Requirements vis-à-vis approval letter

- The Contract offered to the appointee is the Consultants' Contract 2008 (as per the standard text issued by the HSE).
- This letter of approval shall be made available to all applicants for the post.
- This letter of approval must be attached at Appendix 1 to the Consultants' Contract 2008 (as per the standard text issued by the HSE) made with the successful candidate.

The Employer is to update DIME (Doctors Integrated Management System) with the details of the person appointed to the above permanent position as soon as that is known.

The Minister for Health has confirmed the Government Policy regarding the introduction of the new Sláintecare Consultant Contract as provided for in the Programme for Government. The Sláintecare Consultant Contract will provide for Public only work in public hospitals. The new Sláintecare Consultant Contract will be applicable to all new and replacement Consultant Contracts issued after the implementation date. Please note that the HSE has yet to receive confirmation of the implementation date for the Sláintecare Consultant Contract.

Any queries regarding this letter of approval should be directed to consultant.applications@hse.ie in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



**Anne Marie Hoey,
National Director of Human Resources**