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# An Introduction from Dr Reham Soliman

Welcome to the Medical Microbiology Department at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital. We are part of the Eastern Pathology Alliance Network (EPA), the 6<sup>th</sup> largest pathology network in the UK with an annual budget of approximately £29 million. I am excited to be looking for a Consultant Virologist to who shares our passion for innovation and providing the highest standard of work. The Department process approximately one million samples annually and we are proud to have full UKAS accreditation. The new post holder will be part of an amazing and experienced team that currently consists of 11 consultants 9 Medical Microbiologists and two Medical Virologists.

Medical Microbiology Department is a well-oiled, fast paced and sizeable team with the ambition to continue to expand and develop in order to accommodate the increasing Microbiology needs of the modern NHS. We provide Microbiology services to a wide area covering all of Norfolk which incorporates all the Trust and Community microbiology laboratory workload previously processed by James Paget Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital with our own workload to form a single laboratory at NNUH.

We have fantastic, newly refurbished laboratories as part of the world class facilities at Norwich Research Park, a short trip from the main Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital site.

We have developed strong partnership with the University of East Anglia (UEA) and Norwich Research Park including the superb facilities at The Quadram Institute and The Earlham Institute to take forward ambitious targets for research and development.

I would love to hear from applicants who feel they can add to the expertise and knowledge in our team and would be delighted to discuss our department, or arrange a visit, with anyone who might be considering a career within the EPA, so please do not hesitate to get in touch; we look forward to meeting with you.

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# NORFOLK AND NORWICH UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

NNUH is one of the largest acute trusts in the UK providing acute care for around one million people living in Norfolk and surrounding areas. It provides a full range of acute clinical services, including more specialist services such as oncology and radiotherapy, neonatology, trauma and orthopaedics, plastic surgery, vascular surgery, robotic surgery, bone marrow transplants, interventional radiology, brachytherapy, specialist cardiology, paediatric medicine and surgery.

Culturally, the Trust is deeply committed to serving its community, and to espousing the best qualities of the NHS. As a major employer in the region, this relationship with the patient population is felt more keenly at the NNUH than it is in many teaching hospitals of this size and complexity.



## The Eastern Pathology Alliance Department of Medical Microbiology

The EPA is an exciting collaborative venture between NNUH, James Paget University Hospital (Great Yarmouth) and Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Kings Lynn) providing networked diagnostic services in Microbiology, Virology, Haematology, Clinical Chemistry and Blood Transfusion to the three trusts as well as GPs and Community Services which belong to the Norfolk CCGs.

Created in 2013 the EPA represents the 6th largest Pathology network in the country and is approved by NSI as one of the 29 networks in the UK. The EPA Department of Medical Microbiology is a large and extremely busy department with ambition and desire to improve on the services offered and is continuing to expand to accommodate the increasing virology needs of the modern NHS. It provides a county-wide diagnostic virology service as part of consolidated pathology services

As of 2013, the Department has incorporated all the Trust and Community microbiology laboratory workload previously processed by James Paget Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital with our own workload to form a single laboratory at NNUHFT. This work is performed on behalf of the EPA. All diagnostic microbiology and virology work for EPA is performed at NNUH utilising some of the world class facilities at the Norwich Research Park, whilst JPUH and QEH retain some Haematology and Chemistry laboratory services on site. Each of the three Acute Trusts retains local clinical microbiologists for service delivery.

Located in fantastically equipped and newly refurbished laboratories on the Norwich Research Park, around half a mile from the main Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital site on the edge of the wonderfully eclectic city of Norwich.

With the proximity to a leading University, as well as to other major microbiological institutions at the Norwich Research Park, opportunities for collaboration and research across the specialty are significantly enhanced. This contributes the Norwich Research Park being the fourth most highly cited UK location after London, Oxford and Cambridge.

We have a purpose-designed laboratory offering a wide range of Bacteriology and Virology testing and the lab information systems are interfaced to most analysers and linked through the hospital network to wards, departments, other hospitals in the region and all GP surgeries.

The Department provides a comprehensive infection service encompassing diagnostic and clinical virology and microbiology, infection control, health protection and health promotion. It has full UKAS accreditation in both Microbiology and Virology.

The Virology Department is a member of the UK Clinical Virology Network and is a recognised Specialist Virology Centre and provides virology molecular and serology services to Kings Lynn, Great Yarmouth and other Trusts including several outside the Eastern region. The in-house molecular repertoire is expanding steadily.

Equipment includes:

- Hologic Panther System
- Abbott Architect
- 3 x QIA Symphony SP/AS
- Mini Vidas
- VIDAS 30
- Alegria Analyzer
- Bio-Rad Geenius
- ABI 7500 FAST
- Thermal Cycler
- MTHigh plex processor
- 5x ROTORGENE
- LIAISON® XL DiaSorin
- EliTech inGenius
- Altona Altostar
- Qiagen NeuMoDx
- Chemagic 360
- High-Plex AusDiagnostics x 3
- BioRad CFX RT-PCR x2
- Janus Liquid Handler
- QiaStat DX x2

# JOIN US IN BEAUTIFUL NORFOLK



Named among the Sunday Times' 'Best Places to Live in 2021', Norwich has all the advantages of a thriving city, nestled within the idyllic countryside and wide open spaces of Norfolk. At the heart of this beautiful county is The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital's NHS Foundation Trust, conveniently located on the outskirts of the of Norwich.

Norwich caters to a broad range of tastes, for all types of individuals and families. This UNESCO city of literature is known for its dedication to art and culture, being home to three theatres, the unique Cinema City and Norwich Arts Centre, plus numerous live music venues. Sports fans will be able to follow the Premiership bound Canaries following promotion for

the 21/22 season, before stopping off at one of our pubs (they say there's one for every day of the year!) for a drink. True connoisseurs can enjoy a range of locally brewed and distilled drinks at the two time CAMRA national pub of the year, The Fat Cat, and enjoy our annual craft beer & ale festival. Our city centre is home to leading high-street shops and restaurants, married with vibrant and thriving local and independent businesses. You can roam among the picturesque cobbled streets, original city walls, stunning cathedrals and one of the largest open-air markets in the country at your leisure.



Just beyond our city walls our city walls are the huge skies and sweeping countryside of Norfolk. Hop on a boat through the Norfolk Broads to explore the UK's largest protected wetlands, home to more than a quarter of the country's rarest animals and birds. The county is packed with scenic walking routes, grand stately homes and 90 miles of idyllic coastline. There's family fun to be had at the funfairs, golden sands and arcades of Great Yarmouth, or romantic walks along the stunning cliffs and beaches between Cromer and Sheringham. You may even be lucky enough to spot one of the 3,000 seal pups born at Blakeney Point each year.



All this can be experienced across the great county of Norfolk. With our modern, purpose-built hospital continuing to expand, and London less than 2 hours away on the train, you can immerse yourself in the perfect mixture of city life and country living.

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