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## **Expression of interest: SETT Centre Theme Lead in Medical Technology (Software and Devices)**

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) Research and Development is inviting expressions of interest (EOI) for the role of Southampton Emerging Therapies and Technology (SETT) Centre Theme Lead in **Medical Technology (software and devices)**.

The SETT Centre has been established within UHS R&D to catalyse research and innovation, focused on NHS needs in emerging areas, with vanguard potential for clinical service development and substantial growth opportunity. For more information see [UHS Health Research](#). This is aligned with UHS R&D Research Strategy 'Research for Impact' 2023-2028.

The Medical Technology Theme Lead will specifically work in response to the NHS 10 Year plan objectives which has identified 5 transformative technologies - data, AI, genomics, **wearables** and robotics - that will personalise care, improve outcomes, increase productivity and boost economic growth. The Theme Lead will specifically lead SETT MedTech to address the following points:

- Ambition to make wearables standard in preventative, chronic and post-acute NHS treatment by 2035. All NHS patients will have access to these technologies, which will be part of routine care.
- Ambition to speed up clinical trial recruitment. By March 2026, clinical trials setup time will fall to 150 days
- Awareness of the expansion of NICE's technology appraisal process to cover devices, diagnostics and digital products. (Increasing local knowledge of medical device regulations including software as a medical device)
- Awareness of the expansion of the role that life sciences and technology companies can play in service delivery.

Each Theme lead will

- Define, lead and oversee a portfolio of research and innovation relevant to the Theme and the ambitions of the SETT Centre.
- Actively engage and support UHS clinicians, academics and external partners in relation to the Theme through developing and utilising research and innovation infrastructure to help enhance UHS reputation as a centre of excellence.
- Promote a culture of research and innovation throughout UHS supporting the Trust's strategic ambition to be a leading university teaching hospital with a growing, reputable, innovative research and development portfolio that attracts the best staff and efficiently delivers the best possible treatments and care for our patients.

**To discuss the role, please contact Chris Kipps ([Christopher.Kipps@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:Christopher.Kipps@uhs.nhs.uk)).**

The full job role and person specification is attached. Expressions of interest should be made through submission of an up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV) and supporting statement to Rachel Chappell ([Rachel.Chappell@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:Rachel.Chappell@uhs.nhs.uk)). The deadline for submissions is **5pm Wednesday 12th November**.

**Applicants should ensure that their application has the support of their current line manager/supervisor.**

Expressions of interest will be shortlisted in preparation for a virtual interview.

Kind regards,

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