**RMO Specification**

The RMO Service is to supply a 24 hour per day, 365 day per year, (366 during a leap year) service to:

Bridlington Hospital Bessingby Road Bridlington

East Yorkshire YO16 4QP.

**Service summary**

1. To be an integral part of the team responsible for the provision of medical care to patients on a routine and emergency basis in The Kent (Elective Orthopaedic) ward including clerking in all patients admitted to the ward including the completion of online VTE assessments

2. To be available and on-call on the premises of the Hospital 365 days per year which includes following the Trust “Deteriorating patient” policy in regard to the management of patients in cases of deterioration  out of hours.

3. To assist in the routine management of all patients in Kent ward and provide backup support to the consultants and any surgical registrars and junior doctors

4. To provide emergency and cardiac arrest cover to the entire Hospital as part of the cardiac arrest team.

5. To make an accurate and detailed assessment of each patient when called to do so by the nurses, and to make complete, clear and legible medical records of the events with each patient

6. To discuss with and inform the orthopaedic surgical registrar, or receiving ITU or A&E registrar as the case may be, as soon as possible, or to call the patient’s consultant directly via the switchboard for severe cases, if any patient deteriorates.

7. The RMO must have an up to date ALS certificate.

**Main Duties and Responsibilities**

1. To provide medical cover (routine and emergencies) during hours of duty and to act, as may reasonably be required, on behalf of a registrar in his/her absence when requested, always remembering to discuss each patient with the surgical SPR registrar, or consultant, as soon as possible.

2. To assume the role of team leader in the event of a cardiac arrest, until a more senior doctor arrives.

3. To supervise in conjunction with the nurse team leaders and under the guidance of the appropriate registrars and consultants:

a) The clinical management of all patients overnight and on weekends

b) The post-operative care of patients.

4. To visit patients at the request of nurses and to carry out an examination of each patient when appropriate, recording all findings in the patient’s notes.

5. To act as a first aider and provide urgent medical attention to patients, staff and visitors in the event of an accident or sudden illness

6. To order and review test results and communicate any medical problems or concerns to the appropriate registrar or consultant as required.

7. To undertake certain medical procedures, for example:

• Blood taking

• IV cannulations

• Urinary catheters

• Arterial blood sampling

• ECGs

8. To comply with all hospital policies and procedures in particular those relating to Health and Safety at Work.

9. To maintain confidentiality with respect to the affairs of the hospital, its patients and members of staff.

10. To comply with the hospitals clinical governance framework and included therein the complaints policy and procedure, and clinical incidents policy and procedure.

11. While bearing in mind that the busyness at hospitals can vary a lot, we require you to report fatigue and excess stress immediately to the Medicine Care Group Management Team.

12. To perform any other reasonable request from the Trust associated with the role.

13. The Supplier is responsible to their staff, for ensuring that they keep up-to-date any Qualifications / Courses required to perform their duties. This will be at the Suppliers own cost.

**Limits of Authority**

1. The RMO is prohibited from obtaining informed consent for operations

2. RMOs have no admitting rights to the hospital. All patients must be under the care of a registrar or consultant with admitting rights.

3. Except in an acute emergency (e.g. cardiac arrest or other acute emergency) all decisions about changes to the management of any patient should be discussed with the appropriate registrar or consultant as soon as possible.

4. The RMO is Administratively Responsible within the Trust to: Clinical Director, Medicine Professionally accountable within the Hospital to: Medical Director