

Board of Directors (Public)

Item 6.3

Subject: Ratification of Consultant Appointments
Date of Meeting: 26th January 2016
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BAF Ref	Impact on BAF Risk Rating
N/A	N/A

1. Introduction

The following Consultants have recently been appointed:

Grade	Name	Recruitment Stage	History
Locum Consultant Cardiac Surgeon	Dr Dimitrios Pousios	Starting 01.02.16	<p>Since 2012 Dr Pousios has been working as a Senior Surgical Fellow in Adult Cardiac Surgery at the University Hospital Southampton. His role entails an independent operating practice with distant on-site Consultant supervision and has been entirely independent operating on a large number of Coronary bypass grafting, Aortic Valve replacement, and Ascending Aorta replacement procedures. The average number of pump cases per calendar year is approximately 180. Dr Pousios had the opportunity to be exposed and perform Type A Aortic dissection repairs and occasionally Mitral Valve repairs, Pericardectomies or other appropriate major cases. Dr Pousios was a graduate of the Greek Army Medical Corps Officer School and was a junior medical officer in the Greek Airborne Regiment where he commanded the Medical Unit Platoon (30 men strength) for 2.5 years. During his initial Cardiothoracic Residency training in Greece, he was responsible for leading the trainees and organizing the rota for</p>

			2 years. While being a Trust Fellow in University Hospital Southampton Dr Pousios was responsible for organising the Cardiothoracic Surgical trainees' rota for 18 months (2011-2013) as well as representing the trainees to the consultant group and he attended the Greek Army Medical Corps course of management of Health Institutions and the University Hospital Southampton 'Lean management course' in 2008.
Consultant in Cardiology with a Specialist Interest in EP	Dr Saagar Mahida	Awaiting Start Date	Dr Mahida currently works for Leeds General Infirmary as a Specialist Trainee in EP and performs independent complex ablations and device implants four days a week. His first operator ablations have included AF, complex atrial tachycardias, structural VT, LVOT VT, and SVT and he has a dedicated full-day ICC clinic where he sees referrals from across West Yorkshire and manages a range of ICC conditions including cardiomyopathies and channelopathies. Dr Mahida was involved in a wide range of service development projects, both at micro and macro levels and the areas of service development include the ICC clinic, the pacing clinic, the cardioversion service, and the ambulatory ECG monitoring service. From July 2014 – July 15 Dr Pousios worked for Bingham and Womens Hospital in Boston as a Clinical Fellow in EP. Dr Mahida was part of a strong didactic teaching program on VT ablation, which involved presentation of VT cases by fellows and consultants twice a week. Dr Mahida also had training in ablation of atrial arrhythmias included a high volume of paroxysmal and persistent AF cases, post MAZE patients, and patients with complex ATs (including para-Hisian AT and atriotomy scar-related AT). AF ablation training included RF ablation and cryoablation.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note and ratify the above appointments.