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## **Clinical Lead for the ABS iBRA-NET ASPIRE (Breast Pain Pathway Rapid Evaluation) Project**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a forward thinking and dynamic senior health care professional (Consultant level or equivalent) from the ABS membership to lead the iBRA-NET ASPIRE (Breast Pain Pathway Rapid Evaluation) Project on behalf of the Association.

Capacity pressure on breast unit diagnostic services is recognised and to address this several units have developed specific pathways for the management of patients with isolated breast pain or mastalgia with different pathways at various stages of development, implementation and evaluation.

Consistent with a commitment to “no innovation without evaluation”, ABS intends to support a multicentre platform study to evaluate these pathways and to deliver them as a collaboration between the iBRA-NET and the ABS Academic and Research Committee. The primary outcome will be pathway safety measured by the number of breast cancers diagnosed in the 12 months following assessment. Patient satisfaction and costs of different approaches will also be assessed.

The applicant will be a healthcare professional member of the association who will be supported by a Trainee Lead for the project. The post is for 2 years and a budget is available:

1. To support backfill for 1 Clinical PA of clinical work for 2 years. Prior to applying, please ensure you have discussed this role with your local Clinical Director/Lead to ensure that this work functions with identified time freed up in your job plan to fulfil expectations. The PA funding is provided for this clinical backfill.
2. To fund an additional post to support delivery of the project (equivalent to 1.0 FTE Band 4 for 2 years)

Essential skills include:

- Detailed knowledge of current issues around breast diagnostic services and the 2 week wait
- Strong track record in the delivery of multi-centre studies, audit and/or service evaluation
- Excellent team working and communication skills
- Ability and experience to supervise and mentor the trainee lead

### **Role of the Clinical Lead**

This is an exciting role and requires the ability to demonstrate leadership in clinical evaluation, working with key stakeholders, including the ABS Academic and Research Committee and iBRA-NET and a patient and public involvement group, ensuring high standards in the setup and delivery of the evaluation. Specific objectives and key deliverables would include:

- To set up the evaluation study including finalisation of the protocol, database, all necessary governance processes
- Identification of relevant pathways and recruitment of centres into the evaluation

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- Delivery of the multicentre evaluation
- Drafting of annual report to ABS trustees and manuscript(s) for peer review and publication
- Review of funding opportunities and consideration of development of further ongoing work and research to address pressures on breast unit diagnostic services

Please send applications to Lucy Davies ([lucydavies@absgbi.org.uk](mailto:lucydavies@absgbi.org.uk)) with a covering letter detailing why you would be suitable for the role and short CV (max 4 sides).

**Closing date for applications: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 0900**

Interviews will be held online: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022