**Out of programme opportunities in New Zealand – Whanganui, North Island.**

* This is provided by the Whanganui District Health Board working collaboratively with Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber
* The OOPE will run from August 2020 to August 2021
* Working in Whanganui is a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful west coast of New Zealand’s North island and gain experience of working in the New Zealand healthcare system in a range of posts relevant to general practice (medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, A&E, paediatrics, psychiatry, orthopaedics are all possible).
* In addition to a competitive salary, you will receive reimbursement of half return air fares from the UK to New Zealand upon production of GST receipts, at completion of the 12 month contract.
* It is expected that you will work in New Zealand for approximately 12 months. We appreciate that there needs to be time to fly out there (and fly back!) and for you to be able to have your Registration Interview with the New Zealand Medical Council on your arrival. Some trainees have used some of their holidays in the past to help facilitate this, others have just started work straight after flying out and / or returning to the UK.

**Application timetable**

* November 2019 - Notify HEE Y&H of your interest in undertaking an OOPE in New Zealand
* December 2019 - Submit an OOPE application (see the HEE Y&H website)
* January 2020 – Have a Skype interview with Whanganui District Health Board
* February 2020 - Apply for registration with Health Professionals Council of New Zealand
* March 2020 - Sign contract and then apply for visa and book flights

**FAQ**

**Q: What happens if there are more applicants than posts?**

A: Whanganui as yet do not know how many places they will be offering. If there were more applicants than places it would be decided through the Skype interviews run by Whanganui.

**Q: Do I need to maintain my GMC registration with a license to practice whilst working abroad?**

A: Yes

**Q: Do I need to maintain contact with my VTS and ES whilst working abroad?**

We would recommend an email to your educational supervisor and TPD after 6 months to keep them updated on your activities

**Q: What evaluation of the OOPE is undertaken by HEE Y&H**

A: We ask trainees to complete a short pre- and post-placement evaluation form

**Q: What is my annual leave entitlement?**

A: 30 days per year