

Pharmacy on the Isle of Man

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Sarah Hepburn
Chief Pharmacist

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Join Manx Care as a **Pharmacist or Pharmacy Technician** to make a real difference to the community of the Isle of Man.

Hi, I'm Sarah the Chief Pharmacist (Acute Care) and moved to the island in 2018.

Here at the Nobles Pharmacy Department we offer a range of roles to suit your interests and expertise giving you the opportunity to diversify your skills in a supportive and collaborative atmosphere.

In our friendly teams, our main focus is to provide excellent patient care. You will be at the forefront of patient centred care, ensuring safe and effective medicine optimisation and management including providing expert advice.

We are committed to both your professional and our service development. You will be able to take advantage of learning

opportunities either at our on-site education and training centre, on island providers or where needed off-island. Advance your career, professional interests along with job satisfaction.

Working on the Isle of Man offers you the unique opportunity to escape the hustle and bustle for the tranquillity of island life and to step away from NHS pressures and demands. The Island's integrated health and social care system is similar but separate to the UK NHS.

Hear from some of our Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians in the following pages to find out more about pharmacy careers on the Isle of Man.

If you're interested in learning more about our job opportunities or would like to find out any additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at Sarah.Hepburn@nobles.dhss.gov.im.



Peel, Isle of Man

‘I would recommend the Isle of Man to anyone.’

Victoria has been working as a Pharmacy Technician at Nobles Hospital since she moved to the Island in 2023. Her husband was born on the Isle of Man and they decided to settle on the Island instead of the UK based on how scenic and peaceful the Isle of Man is. Read below to find out what her role in Manx Care offers.

How would you describe it to someone who has never been?

The Isle of Man is a picturesque island, and it's the one place that I have been where I feel completely safe. I have never been somewhere that trusts the Postman to enter the house before!

How was your experience moving to the Isle of Man?

Moving to the Isle of Man was far smoother than I thought it would be. I was able to get my residency confirmed in the same day that I sent my forms. Once I had that confirmation, I was able to move along with my job application quickly and I felt at ease throughout due to the availability of support. Everybody was so welcoming, it made me excited to start working here.

What's the best-kept secret on the Isle of Man?

The dairy! I had no idea that milk can be different, but the products that come from the Isle of Man milk is like no other! Particularly the ice cream – it's the first thing I take all of my friends and family to try when they visit.

What opportunities has living on the Isle of Man given you /your family?

It has given us an opportunity to start a family one day in a place with a very low crime rate, a community-feel, and with jobs that have great work-life balances. Also, due to the fact that Nobles is the only acute care hospital on the Island, it means that the rates and opportunities for progression are incomparable. Plus, we are able to enjoy

the beach one day, and go on a hike the next, all within a few minutes reach.

Why would you recommend the Isle of Man to others looking to relocate and what would be your top tips?

I would recommend the Isle of Man to anyone. Workwise, if they wanted better pay for their role, more development, a work-life balance, and more job satisfaction, I would recommend it. If it was just for a lifestyle, I would recommend it for the safety; community; scenic views and of course, the ice cream!

Tell us about your job – what do you enjoy most about it?

Being a Pharmacy Technician is a very enriching job. The role is constantly developing so there are new exciting opportunities within the workplace. The thing that I enjoy the most though, is talking to patients. Being able to hear their stories and experiences with medicines means no day is the same! Depending on my current rotation, I could be working in the aseptic unit where we prepare and manufacture medicines; on the ward discussing medicinal treatment regimens with patients, dispensing in our pharmacy, and much more.

What is the team like that you work in?

The team is like no other that I've experienced. We're a tight-knit group, and it means that we're all there to help and encourage one another. It makes a difference going from a big hospital with thousands of staff, to a hospital where you recognise friendly faces all the time as you walk through the corridor. It really helps with job satisfaction.



'The Isle of Man is peaceful, scenic and safe.'

Jessica returned to the Island after finishing University in 2019 where she started as a bank pharmacist in Manx Care. She is now a Specialist Pharmacist in Critical Care and Surgery. Read below to find out what her role in Manx Care offers.

Tell us how long you have been working in your current role?

I started as a bank pharmacist here in 2019 when I first qualified and worked my way up. At the moment I am the specialist pharmacist in critical care and surgery, I've been doing this role since March 2023.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Knowing that I've made a difference to the patient's hospital journey and what I do has ensured the safety of the medication users when they were in hospital. I also enjoy being able to utilise my skills and knowledge to help patients as well as supporting other healthcare professionals.

What does an average day in your role look like?

My role is mainly ward based, I split my day between the intensive care unit and the surgical wards. I ensure patients are receiving treatment that's best tailored to them. I also participate in ward rounds and MDTs where patients' care is discussed thoroughly and I can provide my expert pharmaceutical advice. Because my role is patient facing and I face patients who are acutely unwell every day, I review each patient holistically and ensure they well looked after.

Do you feel there is career progression for you on the Isle of Man?

Yes definitely, I started as a band 6 junior pharmacist in 2019 and progressed to a band 7 rotational pharmacist 2020. After that I was given the opportunity and funding

to study a post graduate clinical diploma and trained to be an independent pharmacist prescriber. After that I progressed to my current role as a Band 8A specialist pharmacist in 2023.

What is the team like that you work in?

Friendly, helpful, easy to work with and very supportive.

What is the impact of your job on the Isle of Man?

Ensuring patients receive safe and effective medication and that they are receiving the best possible treatment while in hospital.

What is great about living on the Isle of Man?

Lower tax rate and a nice place to bring up a family as it's a very safe place. Everything is so close by like supermarket, shopping, entertainment so don't need to travel far. The commute to and from work is only 20 minutes giving a good work life balance. There is also lots of beaches and scenic walks.



Jessica Yuan, Specialist Pharmacist



A special place to live and work

The Isle of Man occupies a central position in the Irish Sea and the British Isles - between England and Ireland. The Island is accessible by sea and by air, with over 200 weekly flights off Island.

The Island is blessed with an extensive coastline, stunning natural landscapes and unspoilt beaches and is a popular holiday destination. Measuring 33 miles long and 13 miles wide, with a population of over 80,000 people, the Island has a diverse landscape, including glens, forests and beaches.

The Isle of Man is a self-governing country, but has always had and continues to have very strong ties to the UK. The Island offers an excellent education and an NHS style free healthcare system.

The Island has a strong national Manx identity and culture that is community spirited and celebrated with cultural, food and drink and sporting festivals throughout the year including the world renowned TT races, the Isle of Man Food and Drink Festival and the Manx Telecom Parish Walk.

Those living in the Island benefit from an unbeatable quality of life and great lifestyle opportunities. The Island is one of the safest places to live in Europe and is the only Island Nation in the world to be awarded UNESCO Biosphere status, making it a truly unique location to live and work.

All the information you could need on the Isle of Man is available for you at www.locate.im.

About Manx Care

Manx Care is a new public sector organisation responsible for delivering health and social care services across the Isle of Man.

Its' creation marks a once-in-a-generation shift in the way these services are provided to the Island's population. It forms part of an on-going transformation programme that aims to establish Manx Care as an exemplar of successful integration of both health and social care. Find out more about Manx Care at www.manxcare.im.

