### FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

## FLEXIBILE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

# INTRODUCTION

- 1. In addition to the University's flexible working policy the Faculty has agreed that all requests made by staff to reduce their hours will be granted with a guarantee of returning to their original contracted hours within a 5 year. Note you do not have to be working full time to benefit from this arrangement.
- **2.** This arrangement applies to ALL staff employed within the Schools of Medicine, Healthcare, Psychology, and Dentistry.
- **3.** This policy does not replace the University policy on flexible working.
- **4.** In order to make a request under these arrangements you must have been employed by University of Leeds for 6 months or more.

## PRINCIPLES

- 5. This is not an application process all requests will be granted.
- 6. It is not the responsibility of the individual to arrange cover for the reduction in hours
- **7.** Changes in hours will normally commence with effect from 1 October each year. This is to allow Heads of Institutes and Schools to plan accordingly

### PROCESS TO REQUEST A CHANGE

- **8.** Requests must be made in writing by completing form FW1 (this year) to the Head of Institute/Schools by 28 February each year.
- **9.** Before submitting a request you should have a discussion with your HoS/HoI. This discussion may include how your reduction in hours will be covered.
- **10.** Requests must state current working hours and the hours you wish to work and if known for how long you wish to work reduced hours if less than 5 years.
- **11.** The form will be signed off by the Head of School/Institute and a CV1 should be completed to implement the changes
- **12.** New arrangements will be confirmed in writing by 30 June each year and will be in place for 5 years unless a different time period is requested.

### CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION

- **13.** Any change in the agreed arrangement can be requested through the system above
- 14. Normally any changes will only be implemented wef 1 October each year.

### **CLINCIAL STAFF**

- **15.** Prior to making an application clinical staff should have a discussion with their clinical managers.
- **16.** The University of Leeds can only agree to a reduction in hours in academic PAs not clinical PAs

#### REVIEW

- **17.** This process will be piloted across the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Psychology and Healthcare this year.
- **18.** These arrangements will be reviewed by the Faculty HR team in September 2016

Faculty Head of HR

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