General Practitioner (GP)
Job Interview
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1 – What made you go into General Practice?

● I like providing continuity of care and holistic care.
● I like working in a broad range of clinical areas.
● I became interested in becoming a GP when I did my FY2 post in General Practice

2 – What makes a Good GP?

● Empathetic.
● Good communication skills.
● Good at getting on with people.
● Has ability to handle uncertainty.
● Hardworking.
● Keeps up to date.

3 – Why do you want this job?

● I feel I will fit in very well here.
● I was impressed when I was shown around.
● This looks like a well organised and friendly practice.
● You have got a good reputation locally.
● The staff seem happy here.
● This is close to where I live.

4 – Why should we give you the job?

● I am hard working, flexible and conscientious.
● I feel I will fit in here very well.
● I have good communication skills.
● I am good at getting on with colleagues and patients.
● I have the skills in the areas which are looking for (e.g. minor surgery, coil fitting, women’s health, teaching).
● I understand the importance of keeping up to date.
● I am competent at using your computer software.

6 – What are your weak areas?

● I like to get all the paperwork done by the end of the day even if that intrudes into my family life.
- (Mention something which is not too negative but do not claim you have no weak areas.)

7 – How to you keep up to date?

- I read the BMJ weekly (have a recent interesting article you can mention).
- I do online modules on the BMJ Learning website.
- I do occasional hot topics course.

8 - What are your long term plans?

- I plan to do the DCH or Diploma in Dermatology.
- I want to develop a special interest in ........
- I want to become a Partner (if you are at present going for a salaried post).
- I want to become a GP Trainer.

9 – How do you see the future of General Practice in the next few years?

- Lots of single handed GPs will retire.
- Money for the NHS will be tight so there will increased emphasis on improving quality at same or lower cost.
- Practices may work more closely together.
- Increased emphasis on patient safety.
- GPs may take on bigger role in commissioning services.
- Revalidation will start.

10 – Tips

- Try to think about what kind of questions are likely to be asked.
- Try to practice your answers to the likely questions.
- Video record mock interviews.
- Get feedback and suggestions from people you trust.
- Good Luck.