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| THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM  ROLE PROFILE FORM |

**Job Title:** Associate Professor in Hearing Science

**School/Department:** School of Medicine, MRC Institute of Hearing Research

**Salary:** £49,230 - £58,754 per annum, depending on skills and

experience. Salary progression beyond this scale is subject

to performance.

**Job Family and Level:** Research and Teaching Level 6 (Research & Teaching)

**Contract Status:** Permanent

**Hours of Work:** Full time

**Location:** MRC Institute of Hearing Research - Nottingham

**Reporting to:** Director, MRC Institute of Hearing Research

**Purpose of the Role:**

The Role holder will lead an internationally competitive research programme within IHR’s research portfolio as well as contributing broadly to the field, demonstrating scientific independence and excellence. The Role holder will also be expected to undertake senior academic leadership and managerial responsibilities within the Medical Research Council (MRC) Institute of Hearing Research (IHR) [www.ihr.mrc.ac.uk](http://www.ihr.mrc.ac.uk).

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|  | **Main Responsibilities** | **% time per year** |
| 1. | Directing an internationally competitive research programme within IHR’s research portfolio, including   * to lead the research team in delivering research projects which will make a significant impact by leading to an increase in knowledge and understanding and the discovery or development of new explanations, insights, concepts or processes. * through original, recent and published research of international excellence, maintain and further develop an international reputation as a research leader * lead the research team in acquiring, analysing and interpreting research data and information, ensuring appropriate techniques, approaches, models and methods are selected, developed or devised for the purpose. * lead the research team in disseminating the research output by publication of results, presentations at scientific meetings, and responding to media enquiries. * investigate and devise new research methods, generate new research approaches and contribute generally to the development of thought and practice in the field. * foster across-IHR inter-disciplinary team working to develop team spirit and team coherence * lead research and collaborative partnerships with other scientific institutions or other external bodies and promote and market the work of IHR. * be responsible for the organisation and deployment of resources within the research team. * to be the line manager of the research team (including performance review) and personal mentor to peers and colleagues, where appropriate, and provide expert advice and coaching to colleagues and students internally and externally. * Lead and support funding bids that develop and sustain research support for hearing science and advance the reputation of IHR and the University. | 80% |
| 2. | To assist in planning and leading the development and implementation of research strategy within IHR  To contribute to the long-term aims and scientific direction of MRC IHR through participating in its senior management forums and undertaking MRC IHR-wide responsibilities, interacting with senior staff and research groups within the Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit (NHBRU) and the University.  To assist in developing and communicating a clear vision of IHR and the University’s strategic direction and ensure the delivery of IHR University strategic plans within the area of responsibility.  To contribute to scientific progress in the field as a whole by membership of expert committees, editing specialist journals, refereeing funding applications etc.  To contribute to IHR, MRC, and University communication initiatives in order to facilitate public engagement with science. | 10% |
| 3. | To deliver lectures and provide advice for undergraduates, research students, and post-doctoral research | 10% |

**Knowledge, Skills, Qualifications & Experience**

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications/ Education** | PhD or equivalent supported by extensive professional/research experience. |  |
| **Skills/Training** | An ability to plan, conduct and publish innovative, high-quality scientific research that is likely to have a substantial impact.  A good track record of published research, development and dissemination of results.  In depth knowledge of hearing, acoustics, speech or a related specialism to enable the development of new knowledge, innovation and understanding in the field. | Proven ability to lead, motivate, develop and manage the performance of a team.  A good track record in presentations to the highest-ranked international conferences. |
| **Experience** | Extensive research experience with an established national and growing international reputation in the field of hearing science.  Substantial experience in leading new research programmes, techniques and methods.  Proven ability to plan and lead the delivery of research.  Proven ability to obtain sources of funding | Significant record of supervision of postgraduate students.  A contribution to scientific direction through, for example, refereeing funding applications  Experience of communicating science with public audiences  Experience in transferring research results to commercial, professional or other practical use. |
| **Statutory/Legal** | Satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service |  |
| **Other** | Willingness to adopt the Ethos and Principles of the School of Medicine |  |

**Decision Making**

**i) Taken independently by the role holder;**

* Leadership responsibility for the development, and delivery of their research programme.
* Decisions surrounding the management, and professional development of the team.

**ii) Taken in collaboration with others;**

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| * Decisions relating to IHR-wide strategy and policy. * Decisions with implications for colleagues in the School of Medicine or University. |

**iii) Referred to the appropriate line manager by the role holder;**

* Decisions affecting IHR, the School of Medicine or in relation to the University.
* Issues of staff and student discipline.

**Additional Information**

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| Within IHR this role is interpreted as being approximately equivalent to a Band 2 Programme Leader in a MRC intramural unit |

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**Appendix 1**

**An Introduction to the MRC Institute of Hearing Research**

**The MRC Institute of Hearing Research (IHR) is a world-leading centre for inter-disciplinary research in hearing and hearing disorders, conducting a full range of auditory science from state-of-the-art basic research into the brain mechanisms of hearing to new advances in the measurement, understanding, and interventions for hearing loss.**

IHR was founded in 1977 in response to a requirement of the 1970 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act for "an institute for hearing research ... to have the general function of coordinating and promoting research on hearing and assistance to the deaf and hard of hearing".. IHR research is and has been fully funded as part of the MRC intramural research program with a major contribution from the CSO for the Scottish Section. IHR is one of only a handful of centres around the world that delivers interdisciplinary research on hearing, covering a wide portfolio of auditory science from fundamental neuroanatomy to the quality of life experienced by a patient. It is one of the largest UK investments in hearing science, employing senior staff that are experts in neuroscience, psychology, acoustics, and medicine. Many of the leaders in UK hearing science have at some point in their careers worked at IHR, either as programme leaders, post-doctoral scientists or PhD students. Since its inception IHR has been at the leading edge of basic and applied hearing science. We run 'in house' studies of individuals with hearing and listening impairments, and have strong collaborations with NHBRU and industry. The ambition is for IHR to be known worldwide for doing auditory science of the highest quality, continually championing the most exciting, innovative research. The targets are to discover new phenomena and to further their explanations, while also helping develop innovative new experimental methods, medical interventions, and future technologies for hearing devices.

Recent scientific highlights include the influence of descending connections from the auditory cortex on the function of neurons in the subcortical auditory system; mode locking by neurons of the ventral cochlear nucleus; the nature of neural adaptation and its application to pitch processing; robust scientific evidence on the nature of auditory processing disorder in children and the development of national clinical guidelines; a demonstration that listeners naturally orient to the side of a sound, not towards it; and developing the new ECLiPS questionnaire (Evaluation of Children’s listening and Processing Skills).

IHR operates on three sites. The **main building is on the campus of Nottingham University.** It hosts four of the research groups; the central administration, computing, and technical support teams; a large seminar room and staff area. Another research team is located in **Audiology/ENT at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham**, and the **Scottish Section is located in new labs at the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow**, which are amongst the best of their kind in Europe. Staff and students across all three sites interact on a frequent and regular basis, often now by video and skype links. This structure provides IHR with vital, direct links to clinical needs as well as the lab space for basic research, and also brings close links to universities across the East Midlands and Glasgow.

Each of the research teams include postdoctoral scientists and PhD students, and many of them also have research assistants. The current programmes are:

• Neurophysiology and Histology (led by Professor Alan Palmer)

• Neural Correlates and Computation (Dr Chris Sumner)

• Auditory Processing and Encoding (Dr Katrin Krumbholz

• Progress of Hearing Loss (Professor Michael Akeroyd)

• Hearing impairment and hearing aids (Dr Graham Naylor, Glasgow)

IHR’s primary funding is through the **intramural programmes of the Medical Research Council and the Chief Scientist Office in Edinburgh (CSO)** of the Scottish Government Health Directorates. In recent years IHR’s scientists have received grant or other income from the Oticon Foundation, EPSRC, BBSRC, British Society of Audiology, and Action on Hearing Loss. The total annual budget is of the order of £3.5m. The funding provides for salaries and all experimental/support costs of IHR’s staff as well a flourishing PhD program.

IHR’s closest links are with the **National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit (NHBRU),** directed by Professor Deborah Hall. This is the only one of NIHR’s BRUs across the UK to specialize in Hearing and Deafness. Their NHBRU's commitment is to pursue research through multidisciplinary collaboration that can be translated into practical benefits to improve the quality of patients' lives, and to create new knowledge through translational research that will alleviate the burden of disability arising from hearing related problems. IHR and NHBRU have created an infrastructure that supports across-organisational science, working towards common questions that can be addressed collectively from both the basic science and translational perspectives, that shares expertise and strengthens collaborative research activity.

Also in Nottingham, the QMC has a very active ENT department which is one of the UK’s leading centers for cochlear implantation, and the Ear Foundation is an internationally famous local charity devoted to hearing impaired and cochlear implant users. IHR also maintains good links with hearing-interested scientists in many Nottingham and Glasgow university departments, including Psychology, Maths, Physics and Medicine.

For **small-animal neuroscience,** IHR has two fully equipped laboratories for acute auditory electrophysiology. This includes state-of-the-art equipment for all physiological monitoring, stimulus generation and multiple electrode recording. One of these laboratories also allows chronic recording from awake animals. There is a further small laboratory currently dedicated to testing animals suspected as having tinnitus (using gap inhibition of the acoustic startle reflex). In addition, we have two purpose built laboratories for behavioural testing (of ferrets) and a small recording booth dedicated for recordings in awake ferrets. We have facilities for production in-house of a variety of recording electrodes (high impedance glass, biocytin filled glass, glass-coated single and multi-tungsten, piggy-back tungsten multi barrel iontophoresis, tetrode arrays). We also use commercial silicon based multi-unit probes. The physiological work is support by a fully equipped histological laboratory with fume cupboard, down flow table, ovens etc and microtones for frozen and vibratome sectioning. A high-quality microscope fitted with motorized movement in three dimensions is used for 3D reconstructions and for histological quantification. A full aseptic surgical suite (with preparation and recovery facilities) is available for chronic implantations. All animals are supplied by a dedicated on-site Biological Services Unit that currently houses guinea pigs and ferrets and ensures the highest standards of animal husbandry for all animals including chronically implanted animals.

For **psychoacoustics and speech perception**, IHR in Nottingham has five double-walled sound-proof booths suitable for headphone work. All are equipped with computers running Matlab and audiometers. Specialist software or hardware is available in some booths. At the QMC in Nottingham IHR has one double-walled sound-proof room large enough for a 24-loudspeaker ring, and IHR has shared access to the anechoic chamber at Psychology which has 48 loudspeakers, three video projectors, and a motion-tracking system, all installed by IHR. The Scottish Section of IHR has two new fully-equipped small booths and two large rooms with, in total, 56 loudspeakers. All the loudspeaker rings are controlled using in-house Matlab routines and can recreate complex acoustic environments. A full suite of B&K calibration and measurement equipment, manikins (both HATS and KEMAR), hearing-aid analyzers, audio recorders, etc. are also available.

For **EEG/MEG**, IHR has a purpose-built recording suite comprising an electrically shielded, sound-attenuated room and control room with cap and hair washing facilities, a multi-channel EEG system for recording cortical EEG responses (Brain Products) and an active EEG system for recording ABRs (Biosemi).

For **neuroimaging**, IHR has access to the world-class facilities at the Sir Peter Mansfield Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center at the University of Nottingham. They have 7-T, 3-T and 1.5-T whole body MR scanners (soon to include a wide bore 3-T scanner), along with a wide range of coils for neuroimaging and abdominal applications, and specialized techniques such as fMRI, ASL, MR spectroscopy, MEG and MR-compatible EEG systems, DNP and NIRS.

IHR has a long history in developing and disseminating new methods and equipment, including the IHR Universal Filter, MLS systems for OAEs, fMRI sound systems and noise cancellation, and real-time dynamic sound control from motion tracking. Many standard questionnaires and speech tests were developed at IHR, such as the GBI, GHABP, and SSQ questionnaires; the ASL and FAAF speech tests. Translation of our science into clinical and industrial applications is a crucial aspect to our work.

**Appendix 2  
MRC Institute of Hearing Research**

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Since its inception IHR has been at the leading edge of basic and applied hearing science. Its highlights include:

• The National Study of Hearing – the most important study of the prevalence of hearing loss in the UK, and the source for the often quoted “1 in 7” for the number of hearing impaired adults in the UK

• Identification of the first deafness gene

• Fundamental work on the neurophysiological basis of binaural hearing

• Discovery of Comodulation Masking Release

• Evaluation of the national cochlear implant program

• Instigation of universal neonatal screening

• Fundamental work in auditory fMRI, such as “sparse sampling” and systems to reduce scanner noise

• Development of questionnaires now widely used in research and clinical practice (eg the Glasgow Hearing Aid Benefit Profile (GHABP) and the Glasgow Benefit Inventory (GBI)

• Development of standard speech tests, such as the ASL sentences, FAAF words, and Automated Toy Test.

**Structure**

IHR operates on three sites. The Nottingham HQ is a dedicated building on the campus of Nottingham University. It currently hosts four research groups and the central administration and technical support teams. The Nottingham Clinical Section is located in Audiology/ENT at the Queen’s Medical Centre in Nottingham and the Scottish Section is in the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow. Staff and students across all three sites interact on a frequent and regular basis via video links and attendance at administrative and scientific meetings. This structure provides IHR with vital, direct links to clinical needs. Moreover, the Scottish Section is an important part of Scottish networks in hearing research, and thus expands IHR’s footprint and collaborative links.

**Scientific Mission**

IHR is one of only a handful of centres around the world that delivers interdisciplinary research on hearing. Its current research covers a wide portfolio of auditory science, from fundamental neuroanatomy to the quality of life experienced by a patient; the goal is to integrate discovery science in hearing with other elements (e.g. development, genetics, lifestyle, the physical environment, healthcare systems) to contribute to the delivery of improved hearing health. The overall vision for IHR’s scientific mission is interdisciplinary experimental research on hearing impairment underpinned by basic science into the brain mechanisms of hearing.

**Funding**

Since its beginning IHR has been continuously funded through the intramural program of the MRC and the Chief Scientist Office in Edinburgh (CSO). The current MRC/CSO annual budget is about £3m. In addition some scientific staff are employed on external grants or NHS funding. IHR is projected to become a University Unit within the University of Nottingham in 2016. This will facilitate IHR’s cross-disciplinary research ambitions.

**Facilities**

IHR is generously equipped with experimental facilities. At the Nottingham HQ there are fully-equipped, modern neurophysiological, psychophysical, and EEG laboratories. In total there are 7 sound booths, the largest of which is equipped with a ring of 24 loudspeakers for spatial-hearing experiments. There are also dedicated electronic and mechanical workshops for building bespoke experimental equipment. IHR has full access to the anechoic chamber at the Department of Psychology, which was refurbished by IH and has an array of 48 loudspeakers and three video projectors. MEG facilities and MRI scanning (1.5, 3 and 7T human scanners and 4.7 and 7T animal scanners) are available for use by IHR scientists at the Sir Peter Mansfield Imaging Center and the Department of Psychology at Nottingham University. IHR scientists can also access experimental facilities at Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit (see later) through our close partnership with them.

The Nottingham HQ also has a 50-person seminar room, and a large staff room/library. IHR has a flourishing seminar series and attracts important speakers from all over the world.

**Scientific Structure**

IHR is organized into scientific groups, each led by a programme leader. This post is to lead such a research team. Frequent dynamic and constructive interactions between groups occur through formal events (e.g. quarterly Science and Student meetings and ad-hoc focus groups), but often arise organically through collaborative opportunities brought on by the highly inter-disciplinary nature of IHR’s work. Many of the scientists share techniques (e.g. EEG), devices (e.g. cochlear implants), brain regions of interest (e.g. auditory cortex), outcome measures (e.g. speech perception & questionnaires), domains (e.g. binaural hearing), and facilities (e.g. sound chambers). The ability to study a scientific problem using any technique from neurophysiology, human psychophysics, EEG/fMRI, and clinical work is a major strength of IHR. For more information on the current groups and their publications see http://www.ihr.mrc.ac.uk/

**PhD students**

IHR receives 4 or 5 fully-funded MRC PhD studentships per year. The recruitment and completion rate of IHR graduate students has been very strong. Many of these have gone on to post-doctoral positions in prestigious laboratories, both domestically (e.g. Imperial College, UCL, York) and internationally (France, Germany, USA, Australia). IHR postdocs have obtained tenured positions at UCL, Nottingham, Leicester and Oxford Brookes Universities, while others have moved on to further post-doctoral positions. Some of IHR’s trainees have come from clinical specialties (e.g. audiology, ENT surgery), and others have gone into translational and clinical academic departments.

**Nottingham as a national centre of hearing research - Advancing insight, innovation, and impact**

The hearing research environment in Nottingham is dynamic and extensive. Along with our colleagues within various university departments such as Medicine, Psychology, Maths, and Physics there are some other elements that make Nottingham a very special place to conduct hearing research. They include a very active ENT department that is heavily involved in paediatric cochlear implantation and the Ear Foundation which is an internationally famous local charity devoted to hearing impaired and cochlear implant users.

Our closest links are with the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit (NHBRU) [http://www.hearing.nihr.ac.uk/] This was established in 2008 by a partnership that included the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUHT), the University of Nottingham (UoN), and IHR. It is the only one of the 20 BRUs across the UK to specialize in Hearing and Deafness, and is committed to pursuing research through multi-disciplinary collaboration that can be translated into practical benefits to improve the quality of patients’ lives. There is organised and ad hoc cross-fertilisation of scientific ideas between IHR and NHBRU, and many PhD students at IHR are co-supervised by NHBRU staff and vice versa. Additionally, IHR and NHBRU are jointly organising the major international tinnitus research conference of 2016, TRI (http://tri2016.ihr.mrc.ac.uk/). NHBRU also have excellent experimental facilities for hearing research and a rapidly-growing database of volunteer subjects.

**Appendix 3**

**The University of Nottingham**

The University of Nottingham is a global-leading, research-intensive university with campuses in the UK, Malaysia and China. Our reputation for world-class research has yielded major scientific breakthroughs such as Nobel-winning MRI techniques, drug discovery, food technologies and engineering solutions for future economic, social and cultural progress.

Already ranked among the UK’s elite universities and global polls for research excellence, our reputation for world-class research has been further enhanced with the 2014 results of the Research Excellence Framework (REF).

In addition to scoring highly in quality rankings covering major disciplines in science, engineering, the social sciences, medicine, business and the arts, it is Nottingham’s research power rankings which demonstrate the impressive volume of excellent research which is carried out. We are now ranked 8th in the UK on a measure of ‘research power’ which takes into account both the quality of research and the number of research-active staff who made REF returns, confirming Nottingham’s place in the top tier of the world’s elite higher education institutions.

The main University campus is set beside a lake, in an extensive belt of woodland, parks and playing fields. The 330 acre University Park Campus is the focus of life for more than 32,000 students and houses the majority of the University’s academic schools and many of the central Services. The Jubilee campus is situated 2 miles away from the University Park, and provides extra capacity. The University Medical School is situated next to the University Park. Together with the University Hospital, it forms the Queen’s Medical Centre (QMC).

**University of Nottingham Medical School**

Nottingham has a strong reputation for both clinical medicine and teaching. As one of the most popular medical schools in the country, it is able to select excellent students and produce and attract good junior doctors.

**The School of Medicine** was formed following Faculty reconfiguration on August 1st 2013. The new School of Medicine comprises the Divisions of Cancer and Stem Cell Sciences, Child Health, Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Clinical Neuroscience; Epidemiology and Public Health; Primary Care; Psychiatry and Applied Psychology; Rehabilitation and Ageing; Medical Sciences and Graduate Entry Medicine; Respiratory Medicine; Rheumatology, Orthopaedics and Dermatology and the Nottingham Digestive Diseases Centre. The School also hosts the Medical Education Centre, the Centre for Interprofessional Education and Learning, the Clinical Research Facility, the Clinical Skills Centre, NIHR design Service East Midlands, Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit, PRIMIS and Medical Imaging Unit.

The new School of Medicine brings together in one School staff undertaking research for the benefit of the health of patients. It includes all primary care and hospital-based medical and surgical disciplines, principally in the Queen’s Medical Centre and City Hospital Nottingham Campuses, Royal Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and also at the University’s main campus and at the King’s Meadow and Jubilee Campuses. Most of our School’s Senior Researchers and Teachers are also clinicians who dedicate 50% of their time to patient care within the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust & Royal Derby Hospitals NHS Trust. This close juxtaposition brings cutting-edge clinical care to our patients and clinical relevance to our research and teaching. We are closely integrated with our full time NHS clinical colleagues, many of whom are themselves leaders in research and teaching and who work closely with the University and this increases the mutual benefit from integration between the University and NHS.

Mission:

Our mission is to improve human health and quality of life locally, nationally and internationally through outstanding education, research and patient care.

Priorities:

1. **Teaching and learning**, particularly training tomorrow’s doctors and teaching specialised postgraduates
2. **Research and research training:** We will perform and support the highest quality “big” research which impacts on human health and disease
3. **Partnership with the NHS** and other healthcare providers
4. **Visibility and profile of the School of Medicine:** We will do what we do better, and we will tell others about it

Ethos and principles:

1. **Having people and patients at the heart of all we do**: our teaching and learning, our research and our patient care
2. **Contribution within the School of** **Medicine and to society** beyond our immediate roles; helpfulness and service
3. **Openness and fairness**, with particular emphasis on communication (both internal and external) and on equality and diversity among students and staff
4. **Personal and group responsibility** for all aspects of our work, within a culture of opportunity and reward

Our research spans 11 major themes, ranging from cancer to vascular medicine. We work closely with industry and the NHS. Our world-leading research ranges from basic and translational science through to clinical trials, epidemiology, and health services research. Our clear theme is improving human health, underpinning a vibrant postgraduate research training programme leading to PhD or DM. Many of our academics are clinicians, using their expertise to provide cutting edge specialised treatment to NHS patients; reflecting our ethos that patients are at the heart of all we do.

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework the four Units of Assessment included in the School of Medicine were among the six most improved in the whole University since RAE 2008: Over 80% of our research in 2014 was graded as world-leading or internationally excellent. Our research spans 11 major themes and ranges from basic and translational science through to clinical trials, epidemiology, and health services research. We work closely with industry and the NHS. Our research is underpinned by a strong postgraduate research training programme leading to PhD or DM. Our major research themes are in Cancer and Stem Cells; Child Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology; Clinical Neurosciences; Dermatology; Digestive Diseases; Epidemiology and Public Health; Mental Health; Musculoskeletal physiology and disease; Primary Care; Rehabilitation and Ageing; Respiratory Medicine; and Renal Medicine.

The School of Medicine trains tomorrow’s doctors on a vibrant undergraduate medical course with a unique intercalated BMedSci, as well in a specialised graduate-entry programme built around clinical problem solving. We teach medicine and related disciplines at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. We have a dedicated clinical academic training programme and are committed to training PhD and doctoral research students and to supporting postdoctoral clinicians and scientists in their research.

The School of Medicine holds a Bronze Athena SWAN award in recognition of our commitment to advance the representation of women in science, technology, engineering, medicine and mathematics (STEMM). The award reflects our commitment to promoting equality and diversity. Please see <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/medicine/about/athena-swan.aspx>.

Professor Tony Avery is Dean of the School of Medicine.

For further information, please see our website <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/medicine>

**Nottingham**

Central within the East Midlands, Nottingham is a vibrant and prosperous city with something to offer everyone. It is one of the UK’s leading retail centres and has a huge variety of restaurants, bars and nightclubs which attract people from all over the UK. Culturally, it has good theatres, an arena which attracts both national and international performers and a range of historical interests relating to subjects such as the lace industry, Lord Byron and DH Lawrence. Nottingham is also known for sport, being the home of Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, Nottingham Forest and Notts County Football Clubs, the National Water Sports Centre and the Nottingham Tennis Centre. There is a good network of roads with easy access to the M1 and the A1, a fast frequent rail service to London and other major cities. Nottingham East Midlands Airport is only eighteen miles away.

The city is set within a county of outstanding natural beauty which includes Sherwood Forest, Wollaton Park, lively market towns and wonderful historic buildings. Housing is relatively inexpensive and, in addition to the two Universities, there are excellent schools and colleges available.

**To find out more about Nottingham, use the following links:**

Nottingham County Council – Tourism <http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/>

University of Nottingham <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk>

Zoopla (Guide to local properties) <http://www.zoopla.co.uk/>

**My Nottingham** (information on schools, term dates, school transport etc.)

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8524>