

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

Placement	FY1 Acute Internal Medicine
The department	
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>Educational Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly F1 Teaching (Tuesday lunchtime) • Acute Medicine teaching – Fridays 13:00-14:00 • Daily Consultant Ward rounds • Grand Rounds (Monday 13:00-14:00) • Strong audit programme <p>Gain experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of acute medical conditions necessitating hospital admission • Acute care, early rehabilitation and discharge planning. • Interpreting investigations • Dealing with multicultural issues • Managing patients from socially deprived backgrounds • Breaking bad news <p>Gain experience in the following additional procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venous and arterial blood sampling and cannulation • Lumbar puncture • Pleural effusion drainage • Urethral catheterisation • Chest drain insertion • Joint aspiration
Where the placement is based	City Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr S Clare Dr M Yan Dr B Lee Dr S Karim
Main duties of the placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient assessment and management • Dealing with all specialties and services in the hospital and community in ensuring adequate care for the patient • Dealing with General Practitioners and social services allowing rapid discharge • Dealing with liaison psychiatric services • Dealings with specialist nurse practitioners in primary and secondary care • General ward tasks • Medical on call

Typical working pattern in this placement	A typical day comprises a consultant-led ward round which usually lasts till 11am. Following this, the ward round tasks are completed. Mostly the day finishes at 5pm. There is always an SPR on hand to deal with any problems. One of the F1s is based on MAU and one on Short Stay at any one time, usually rotating each month.
Employer information	<p>The Trust is one of the largest teaching Trusts in the United Kingdom with a reputation for excellent, friendly staff who provide high quality care from City Hospital in Birmingham and Sandwell General in West Bromwich.</p> <p>Both are busy acute hospitals providing many specialist services and a broad range of emergency services, including Accident & Emergency at both sites. In addition, the Trust provides comprehensive community services to the Sandwell area, including from Rowley Regis Community Hospital, Leasowes Intermediate Care Centre and the Lyng Centre for Health and Social Care.</p>

It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.