

## West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description:  
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

<b>Placement</b>	FY1 Emergency Medicine
<b>The department</b>	
<b>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</b>	<p>Educational Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly F1 Teaching (Tuesday lunchtime)</li> <li>• Emergency Medicine teaching - Thursdays 0800 - 1000</li> <li>• Induction – 1-2 days long series of tutorials and practical's</li> <li>• Working under the supervision of Consultants (0900-2030) or Middle grades (24 hour cover) at all times</li> </ul>
<b>Where the placement is based</b>	City Hospital
<b>Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>	Dr Okunribido
<b>Main duties of the placement</b>	<p>Gain Experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resuscitation of the acutely ill and traumatised patient</li> <li>• Dealing with the immediate management of all forms of trauma</li> <li>• Investigation, diagnosis and management of acutely presenting patients with all types of conditions</li> <li>• Diagnosis and immediate management of Myocardial Infarction</li> <li>• Recognition and management of septic patient</li> <li>• Management of patient with alcohol intoxication</li> <li>• Management of the acutely ill surgical and medical patient</li> <li>• Management of the acutely ill child</li> <li>• Management of psychiatric emergencies</li> <li>• Management of gynaecological emergencies</li> </ul> <p>Gain experience in the following additional procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suturing wounds</li> <li>• Incision and drainage of abscesses</li> <li>• Chest drain insertion</li> <li>• Manipulation of fractures and dislocations</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• You will be required to complete and present an audit project during your placement</li> <li>• You will also have opportunities to present interesting cases you might have seen to your colleagues</li> <li>• You will take part in the surgical on-call rota</li> </ul>
<b>Typical working pattern in this placement</b>	<p>Majors – This is where the more unwell patients and those who require more urgent attention go.</p> <p>Your job is to assess them and decide on a management plan before review by a senior. The majority of patients in Majors will be admitted. Verbal referrals are required to all specialities.</p>

	<p>Fast track – This is where patients triaged as having less urgent complaints are sent; however, this commonly includes patients with “surgical” problems such as abdominal pain, lacerations and minor trauma cases (road traffic collisions in particular) as well as the more obvious minor complaints like colds etc.</p> <p>Resus – All the alerts go directly to Resus and there’s the occasional stabbing who will walk in! There are a team of nurses, you and the middle grade doctor as well as a consultant in hours.</p> <p>Get stuck in – you will see the bog standard and the frankly bizarre, but all provide valuable experience in the emergency management of patients.</p>
<b>Employer information</b>	<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 &amp; 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.