

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

Placement	FY1 Stroke 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 (Weds lunchtime) • Twice weekly ward round • Once a week MDT meeting • Weekly Grand Round • Weekly Department of Geriatric Medicine meeting • Weekly radiology meeting <p>Gain experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of stroke & TIA patients: since Stroke service has been reconfigured to Sandwell Hospital, there is an excellent opportunity to develop experience in managing stroke patients along the whole pathway. This includes exposure to thrombolysis/neuro-radiology experience/multidisciplinary input to complex patients/discharge planning. In addition to managing high and low risk TIA patients. • Management of confusion, falls, orthogeriatrics, Parkinson's Disease, continence • Acute care, early rehabilitation and discharge planning • Continuing care and intermediate care • Interpreting investigations (CT head) • Dealing with multicultural issues • Managing patients from socially deprived backgrounds • Breaking bad news. Ethical dilemmas. • End of life management • Assessment of mental capacity • Management of spasticity, delirium, incontinence & falls • Lumbar puncture • Pleural Tap • Joint aspiration • In your team on a normal day there will be you and the SHO on the ward • There are multiple social problems that you will become familiar with. It is for this reason that close liaison with the family/carers is vital. • Medical on-call • You will have a consultant ward round twice a week
Where the placement is based	Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
Supervisor(s) for the placement	
Main duties of the placement	

Typical working pattern in this placement	
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.