

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

Placement	FY2 Acute Medicine
The department	Acute Medicine
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>Educational Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly F2 Teaching (Wednesday afternoon) • Physicians Meetings Thursday lunchtime • Departmental teaching (Wednesday 11am) • Daily consultant ward rounds on short stay unit • Daily Post-take ward rounds on EAU • Opportunity for audit • Undergraduate medical teaching • Significant on the job learning experience with a broad range of general medical conditions seen • Non-invasive ventilation in conjunction with the outreach teams • Investigation and management of unwell patients in the monitored area • Ambulatory Care <p>Gain Experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency medical admissions • Management of patients with chronic illness • Management of patients with co-morbidities and complex needs • Dealing with multicultural issues • Managing patients from socially deprived backgrounds • Breaking bad news • Leading Emergency Medical Response and Cardiac Arrest Teams <p>Gain experience in the following additional procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleural aspiration and Intercostal drains • Lumbar puncture • Central venous lines • Ascitic and pleural taps
Where the placement is based	Sandwell Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Drs Usman & Patel
Main duties of the placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward duties • Post take ward round with acute physicians • Liaise with receiving wards for handover of patients • Ensure investigations are performed in appropriate timeframe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting on abnormal results in conjunction with the acute physicians (consultant or SpR) • Hospital at Night meeting • Clerk new admissions • Medical on call
Typical working pattern in this placement	Normal Working Day 8am to 4pm; Twilight shifts 2pm – 10pm (1:14); On call long day 9am-9.30pm (1:15); Nights 9pm-9.30am in blocks of 2 or 3 nights (1:15 each block).
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.