

## West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

<b>Placement</b>	FY2 Emergency Medicine
<b>The department</b>	Emergency Medicine
<b>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</b>	<p><b>Educational Opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly cross site Foundation F2 Teaching ( Tuesday afternoon)</li> <li>• Weekly ED F2 Teaching ( Wednesday 0900-1100)</li> <li>• Induction – 2.0 days long series of tutorials and practicals (day 1: Trust Induction+site-specific induction, day 2: cross site departmental induction)</li> <li>• Working under the supervision of Consultants (14hours/day weekdays, 12 hours/day Sat/Sun) or Middle grades (24 hours, all days) - provides for numerous opportunities for on-floor informal tutorials - could be easily converted into the various SLEs) and gain experience in the Management of the acutely ill patient:</li> <li>• Ordering appropriate investigations and interpreting them, working out differential diagnoses and initiating treatment.</li> <li>• There is access to 24 hour Primary PCI for acute Myocardial Infarction received and routed through the ED.</li> <li>• Sandwell site has the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit - all strokes and TIAs are efficiently processed through the ED providing for a good exposure to this group of patients.</li> <li>• We initiate CPAP and BiPAP in the ED resuscitation room</li> <li>• The department has a high profile focus on managing sepsis</li> <li>• Multiple opportunities to deal with cardiac, respiratory, abdominal medical conditions in adults - across all age groups.</li> <li>• Management of the acutely ill surgical patient.</li> <li>• Management of the acutely ill child</li> <li>• Management of patients with mental health problems (appropriate patients managed at the mental health assessment unit (The Oak Unit).</li> <li>• Management of gynaecological emergencies</li> <li>• Dealing with the immediate management of all forms of trauma received in this ED (a level 2 trauma unit) - numerous opportunities to develop trauma x-rays reading skills.</li> <li>• 24/7 access to a cart based ultrasound machine in the department for focussed ultrasound and placing lines.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gain experience in the following additional procedures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suturing wounds, placing digital and field blocks</li> <li>• Incision and drainage abscesses</li> <li>• Chest drain insertion</li> <li>• Manipulation of fractures and dislocations</li> </ul>
<b>Where the placement is</b>	Sandwell Hospital

<b>based</b>	
<b>Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>	A&E Consultants
<b>Main duties of the placement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors – This is where the "walking wounded" and patients triaged as having less urgent complaints are sent. This is a high turn-over area.</li> <li>• Majors – This is where the more unwell patients and those who require more urgent attention go. Your job is to assess them, decide on a management plan and refer them to the relevant specialty. The majority of patients in Majors will be admitted.</li> <li>• Resus – All the alerts go directly to Resus. Patients who become very unwell whilst in the ED are also managed in this area. You are part of a team managing these very unwell patients. Get stuck in - you will see the bog standard and the frankly bizarre, but all provide valuable experience in the emergency management of patients.</li> <li>• Paediatrics - an audio-visually separate part within the ED [about 25% of the attendances are children]</li> </ul>
<b>Typical working pattern in this placement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekday shifts are 8 hours long except night duty shift which is 10 hours long(2200-0800) Weekend shifts are 10 hours long except one shift (1700-0100) which is 8 hours long Weekend work is one weekend on and the next weekend off typically though this could vary.</li> <li>• Annual leave is pre-allocated by rotation and extends from Monday- Friday with the weekend following this Friday not rostered.</li> <li>• Study leave and lieu days - first come first served basis with due notice.</li> </ul>
<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.