

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Placement	FY1 Cardiology
The department	<p>The University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Cardiology Department is one of the largest in the UK and provides treatment for patients with every type of heart disease.</p> <p>Facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two cardiology wards • two coronary care units • three catheter laboratories • a pacing room • rooms for investigations such as exercise testing and echocardiography
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>This post is a well-supported post based on the coronary care unit of a large major acute hospital including regional and supra-regional specialisation alongside district hospital work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is exposure to unselected medical on call with rotational duties on an acute medical admissions unit. • There are also rotation duties on the general cardiology ward to understand continuity of care and less acute cardiology • Opportunity to take responsibility for sick patients with continuity of care. • There are daily consultant ward rounds, with teaching • Teaching from the cardiology SpRs. <p>Procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central line insertion • DC cardioversion • Weekly F1 teaching programme • Weekly Grand Round • Excellent support structure for Foundation trainees • Career support • ALS • Monthly Trust Foundation committee with trainee representation
Where the placement is based	University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Supervisor(s) for the placement	All Consultant Cardiologists (16 at present), with one designated as Educational Supervisor plus acute medical consultants

Main duties of the placement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) On Coronary Care Unit to attend the daily consultant morning ward round and then undertake duties assigned on the ward round and to continue to assess the patients and new admissions during the day. 2) On the cardiology ward, when rotated, to continue the management of patients stepped down from Coronary Care Unit and those admitted directly to the ward including discharge management supported by registrars, consultants and specialist nurses. 3) On the Medical Admissions Unit, on rotation, to assess acute emergency admissions and plan/undertake their investigations and management with consultant support.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Ward based Opportunities to attend clinics or cardiology procedures if interested
Employer information	<p>University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust is recognised as one of the leading NHS Foundation Trusts in the UK, providing adult services to nearly 700,000 patients every year.</p> <p>The Trust is a regional centre for cancer, trauma, burns & plastics and has the largest solid organ transplantation programme in Europe.</p> <p>The Trust employs around 6,900 staff and is home to Birmingham's first new acute hospital in 70 years.</p> <p>The new £545m Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham opened its doors to patients on June 16, 2010.</p> <p>It is one of the most consistently high performing trusts in the NHS.</p>

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