

West Midlands Central Foundation School
Individual Placement Description – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Placement	FY2 Pathology (Choice of Chemical Pathology/Histopathology/Immunology/Microbiology)
The department	<p>Pathology: comprised of 4 individual departments of Clinical Biochemistry, Histopathology, Immunology and Microbiology.</p> <p>The placement may be undertaken in up to 2 disciplines according to the interests and career aspirations of the F2 post holder, with the additional possibility of shorter “taster visits” if desired in the remaining disciplines.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>The four disciplines have different approaches to service delivery and the emphasis of the generic aspects below will vary:-</p> <p>Laboratory orientated work: Authorizing laboratory reports alongside qualified Medical and Scientific staff to understand the interpretive side of clinical laboratory science. Orientation to the basic analytical techniques of the discipline(s) by spending some time within the laboratory in order to understand the limitations of laboratory tests.</p> <p>Histopathology will involve an introduction to specimen preparation, trimming, processing and interpretation of slides and reporting. It will also involve a brief introduction to molecular and cytopathology.</p> <p>Ward based clinical liaison, telephone based liaison and clinical MDTs alongside Medical and Scientific staff in order to appreciate the interface of laboratory and clinical medicine and how Pathologists contribute to patient care in a multi-professional and multi-disciplinary environment.</p> <p>Participation in handover, CPD and departmental meetings to gain insights into the breadth of Pathologists’ work and how some of the managerial aspects of the role are conducted.</p> <p>Attendance at clinics in Immunology & allergy and Metabolic Medicine (lipids, metabolic bone disease, inherited metabolic disease) to appreciate the scope of work of Pathologists and the spectrum of disease they directly manage.</p> <p>Microbiology placements also offer potential for infection control and outbreak management experience, which gives an organization wide perspective as opposed to individual patient management.</p> <p>Audit or quality improvement project on an aspect of clinical or laboratory work in the discipline(s) of interest to the F2 post holder.</p> <p>Attendance at weekly F2 teaching</p> <p>Monthly education operations meeting which foundation representatives can attend</p>

Where the placement is based	University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Over the period of your placement, you will be working with a number of Consultants all of whom can provide clinical supervision during the time you are on duty with them. However, you will be assigned a specific named Clinical supervisor for the placement and a named Educational Supervisor for the year.
Main duties of the placement	<p>This is a supernumerary post designed to create understanding of clinical laboratory practice to support application for specialty training or to gain an enhanced understanding for future clinical work in other disciplines. As such some of the work will be observation and carried out alongside relevant Medical and Scientific staff.</p> <p>There will be opportunities to clerk new patients in clinics and to liaise with clinical teams regarding laboratory results with direct supervision by Medical and Scientific staff.</p> <p>Participation in an audit or quality improvement project is expected</p>
Typical working pattern in this placement	<p>9-5 Monday to Friday in laboratory discipline(s), no requirement for evening or weekend working.</p> <p>3 week day duty allocation during the placement to Acute Medicine: The acute medicine department is based in a 60 bedded ward. Our main role is to ensure the optimal management of patients referred to medicine in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. The trainee will experience and learn the optimal medical management of patients with illnesses from a broad spectrum of medical specialties. Morning ward round Handover meeting Afternoon jobs</p>
Employer information	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. The Trust is a regional centre for cancer, trauma, burns & plastics and has the largest solid organ transplantation programme in Europe. The Trust employs around 6,900 staff and is home to Birmingham's first new acute hospital in 70 years. The new £545m Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham opened its doors to patients on June 16, 2010. It is one of the most consistently high performing trusts in the NHS.

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