

West Midlands Central Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Placement	FY2 Intensive Care Medicine
The department	Intensive Care Medicine
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>Intensive Care Medicine will give you essential skills in identifying and managing patients with life-threatening acute illness, in team working and communication skills, and in ethics. You will acquire all the foundation competencies in the recognition and management of the acutely ill patient and in resuscitation, as well as many of those across the other domains. In parallel with a detailed and structured induction programme and formal weekly teaching sessions, you will receive training in practical procedures including central venous and arterial access from senior medical staff.</p> <p>You will have the unique experience of working in the largest ICU in Europe, with tertiary specialties including neurosurgery, liver ICU (including transplantation), cardiac surgery, burns, trauma, and care of repatriated military patients. In this highly supportive learning environment, you will be supervised directly by the intensive care consultants, senior trainees and our senior nurses. You will also have the opportunity to undertake an audit project and present at our weekly journal club. We have an active research and audit programme, and offer academic and clinical training careers advice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction to Critical Care course • Weekly FY2 teaching • Simulation training sessions • Weekly Grand Round • Weekly Critical Care teaching • Weekly Journal Club meeting • Opportunities to teach medical students • Regular Clinical Governance meetings • Excellent support structure for Foundation trainees • Career support • Monthly Educations Operations committee with trainee representation
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	Attend handovers and ward rounds, adhere meticulously to infection control procedures, contribute to team-based patient care, clerk new admissions, document daily progress, arrange and interpret investigations, access and use the electronic patient information system PICS, examine critically ill patients and document findings, review infection management in collaboration with the microbiology consultant during their daily ward round, and undertake supervised practical procedures and discussions with families.
Typical working pattern in this placement	You will start the day at 08:00hrs in one of the four critical care areas (A-D) with structured handover between night and day teams, followed by the consultant ward round. During the day you will manage emergency and elective admissions to the unit, per
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.