

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Russells Hall Hospital

Placement	FY1 Haematology
The department	<p>The department is mainly based on the Georgina Unit which consists of a clinic area, a day case area and isolation unit. The medical day case unit on ward A4 also has outpatient haematology patients.</p> <p>The unit has its own phlebotomist so that patients can be seen with a current blood count. The patients seen in general clinics include those with bleeding or clotting problems, abnormalities in blood counts and haematological cancers.</p> <p>The haematology unit also provides a JACIE-accredited haemopoietic stem cell collection and autologous stem cell transplantation service, (using patients' own stem cells).</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>Responsible for the care of haematology inpatients under the supervision of a haematology SpR and the team of haematology consultants.</p> <p>You will gain experience in the treatment of acute leukaemias and lymphomas and autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplantation.</p> <p>There is also the opportunity to have laboratory exposure and attend a variety of haematology clinics (thrombosis, obstetric/thrombosis, chemotherapy and general haematology clinics).</p> <p>Participation in the weekly departmental radiology meeting and ward MDT.</p> <p>Participation in the weekly departmental journal club.</p> <p>Participation in regional haematology MDT.</p> <p>Care of patients with haemoglobinopathies (mainly sickle cell anaemia).</p>
Where the placement is based	The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (Russells Hall Hospital)
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr R Hipkins
Main duties of the placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending daily ward rounds and clinic work • Reviewing sick patients on the ward and in our day unit • Managing sepsis and blood product transfusion on the unit. • Undertaking an audit • Participation in the medical on-call rota • Opportunities to participate in procedures (Hickman line removal, bone marrow biopsies).
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full Shift Band 1B

Employer information	<p>Based in the heart of the Black Country, The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is the main provider of hospital and adult community services to the populations of Dudley, significant parts of the Sandwell Borough and smaller, but growing communities in South Staffordshire and Wyre Forest.</p> <p>The first hospital trust in the area to be awarded the coveted Foundation Trust status in 2008, it provides a wide range of medical, surgical and rehabilitation services.</p> <p>Currently the Trust serves a population of around 450,000 people from three hospital sites at Russells Hall Hospital, Guest Outpatient Centre in Dudley and Corbett Outpatient Centre in Stourbridge. The Trust provides the full range of secondary care services and some specialist services for the wider populations of the Black Country and West Midlands region. The Trust also provides specialist adult community based care in patients' homes and in more than 40 centres in the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council community.</p> <p>In a year we</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deliver 4,700 babies - see around 500,000 outpatients - treat almost 100,000 patients in our emergency department <p>In 2002/03 the hospital was modernised through the PFI initiative and now has a state of the art Education Centre, Simulation Facility and excellent library facilities. It also has an Undergraduate Teaching Academy taking over 500 medical students from Birmingham University each year.</p>
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It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.