

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Russells Hall Hospital

Placement	FY1 Medical Oncology
The department	<p>The department provides a comprehensive oncology service, which is delivered from a large purpose built unit at Russells Hall Hospital.</p> <p>Oncology clinics are run each week in the Georgina Unit Outpatient area and are attended by a consultant oncologist and specialist registrar.</p> <p>The Georgina Unit Day Case is a modern, fully equipped clinical area where procedures such as blood tests and treatments such as blood and platelet transfusions are carried out.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>The main focus will be on the management of acute oncological emergencies, general medicine as applied to cancer patients, palliative care and advanced communication skills.</p> <p>There are learning opportunities with senior led teaching & business ward rounds several times per week.</p> <p>Attendance in outpatient clinics is encouraged for teaching purposes as is involvement in the undergraduate teaching programme.</p> <p>Weekly meetings with educational supervisor will be encouraged to monitor progress.</p> <p>There is a weekly 3 hour protected teaching programme in place.</p>
Where the placement is based	The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr S Jenkins
Main duties of the placement	<p>This post entails cover for the oncology ward, looking after patients with complications of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and tumour-related symptoms.</p> <p>There is the opportunity for involvement in acute oncology triage and ward round process and attendance in oncology clinics.</p>
Typical working pattern in this placement	Doctors on this rota work the medicine extra cover on call rota
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</p>

	<p>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.