

## West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

<b>Placement</b>	FY2 Chemical Pathology
<b>The department</b>	Dudley Pathology Service is one of the most up-to-date pathology laboratories in the West Midlands and provides a comprehensive range of clinical services and diagnostic investigations.
<b>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</b>	Trainees will spend time in attending clinics in biochemistry (and immunology). Performing dynamic function tests in biochemistry (day cases). Attending weekly data interpretation meetings. Attending weekly Metabolic & Endocrine meetings/Journal Club/tutorials, in addition to 3 hours protected teaching sessions. Trainees will also undertake an audit project.
<b>Where the placement is based</b>	Russells Hall Hospital
<b>Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>	Dr H Ashby
<b>Main duties of the placement</b>	Clinic Work: Five outpatients per week. (Clerking new patients and organising investigations). Day cases: one session per week for dynamic function tests. Inpatients: Ad hoc attendance at the bedside.
<b>Typical working pattern in this placement</b>	Doctors on this rota work the medicine extra cover on call rota. Band 1B
<b>Employer information</b>	<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"><li>- deliver 4,700 babies</li><li>- see around 500,000 outpatients</li><li>- treat almost 100,000 patients in our emergency department</li></ul> <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.