

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Placement	FY2 Gastroenterology
The department	<p>The department covers the 5 disciplines of Gastroenterology: Upper GI; Lower GI; Clinical Nutrition; Hepatology; Pancreaticobiliary.</p> <p>The Gastroenterology (GI) Unit performs almost 10,000 diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic procedures each year. In addition, non-endoscopic procedures such as C13 urea breath tests are carried out on a weekly basis. Day case treatments, diagnostic tests and drug infusions are also all performed on a regular basis in the unit.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>Duties are on a 36-bedded gastroenterology ward with general GI and liver disease patients, and some intestinal failure patients on parenteral nutrition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are daily ward rounds led by a consultant or SpR. - There is a consultant of the week system with each consultant doing 7 days on ward duty, starting on Saturdays. - There is an option to attend upper and lower GI cancer MDTs and a weekly GI clinical meeting (rotating around QPDTs, pathology and x-ray discussions, morbidity and mortality). <p>There is a weekly, 3 hour protected teaching programme, a Friday 'Gut Club' with a 15 minute presentation by a team member(s) (junior or senior) followed by a full ward handover to the consultant taking over for the following week. Juniors are expected to present all patients on their bay at the early morning board round and at the Friday handover round.</p>
Where the placement is based	Russells Hall Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	<p>Dr N Fisher Dr S Ishaq Dr S Shetty Dr S de Silva Dr R Mahmood Dr D Rattehalli</p>
Main duties of the placement	<p>Each junior has responsibility for care of all patients in a 12-bedded bay, and cross-cover of colleagues when on teaching days, OP clinics etc. There is on average one OP clinic per week for each ward junior, where the junior sees mainly new patients and presents the cases to the consultant. The working day starts between 8.15 am and 9 am, depending upon which consultant is on duty; the earlier start times are compensated by earlier finish times and/or a half-day off in lieu.</p>

Typical working pattern in this placement	Full Shift Band 1A
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>

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