

## West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

<b>Placement</b>	FY2 General Practice
<b>The department</b>	Foundation training in general practice is a challenging and rewarding experience. For those considering a career in general practice, it is a valuable introduction to primary care. F2 doctors have the opportunity to experience all aspects of general practice ranging from day surgeries to supervised home visits to seeing acutely ill patients
<b>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</b>	<p>The hours in General Practice are such that you would expect to work the same surgery times as your supervisor.</p> <p>Primary Care provides a rich learning opportunity: you will be seeing the full breadth of patient cases (and may be expected to visit patients in their own homes), under direct supervision and discussing their management; this will broaden and strengthen your clinical and therapeutic knowledge. Similarly your consultation and communication skills will improve through direct patient contact</p> <p>There is a weekly 3 hour protected teaching programme held at Russells Hall Hospital for 40 weeks per year.</p>
<b>Where the placement is based</b>	The practices are generally based in Dudley, Lower Gornal, Norton and Stourbridge. (The practices used may change from year to year.)
<b>Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>	Dr E Spiller Dr Brindley Dr Safdar Dr S Hyne Dr Fang Yu Dr M Stewart Dr Moochikkal
<b>Main duties of the placement</b>	The working week will not include night shift work or weekend work, but there are no specific requirements to follow the EWTD, and on-call duties are at the discretion of the supervisor. The on-call will be covered by an established doctor in the practice, but would normally not be more than any other doctor in the practice.
<b>Typical working pattern in this placement</b>	No banding
<b>Employer information</b>	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>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.