

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Placement	FY2 Geriatric Medicine
The department The type of work	This department has consultants specialising in areas such as Orthogeriatrics, Parkinson's Disease, Memory problems, acute elderly care and rehabilitation. There is a `Forget me not' Unit for patients with memory problems, a `Parkinson's Unit' and general Geriatric beds. Front door `Frailty Service' includes acute geriatric post take rounds and short stay beds for frail elderly patients. The rehabilitation department host some of the latest rehab machines that can help with the patients' progression to walking again at an earlier stage. Outpatient clinics are held at Corbett, Russells Hall and Guest Hospitals. Responsibility for approximately 12 general/geriatric medicine patients. Close
to expect and learning opportunities	liaison with other disciplines and specialties when appropriate. Participation in daily board rounds and weekly MDT meetings. There will be opportunities to attend subspecialty clinics including Falls and Syncope, Memory and Parkinson's Disease. You will be attending departmental educational meetings including morbidity and mortality meetings and will have opportunities to attend Journal Clubs and Grand Rounds. You will have supervised performance of practical procedures. There is protected teaching sessions most weeks.
Where the placement is based	Russells Hall Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr S Duja Dr F Ijaola Dr A McGrath
Main duties of the placement	Ward rounds, outpatient clinics, emergency calls and admissions including attending A&E.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full Shift Band 1A
Employer information	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.



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.

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.

In a year we

- deliver 4,700 babies
- see around 500,000 outpatients
- treat almost 100,000 patients in our emergency department

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.

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