

## West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

Placement	FY1 Cardiology
The department	Cardiology
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	Clinical management of acute cardiological emergencies including life threatening arrhythmias, acute coronary syndromes including myocardial infarction, heart failure, critical valvular heart disease, acute myocarditis. The foundation doctors actively participate in this arena getting first-hand experience. The unit is also a tertiary referral centre offering procedural therapy including percutaneous coronary intervention, pacing and device implantation, ASD and PFO closure, electrophysiology and ablation, as well as TAVI. There are departmental meetings every day. There is a post-take consultant ward round every day
Where the placement is based	Royal Stoke University Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr M Gunning / Dr Rhys Beynon and other designated consultants in cardiology
Main duties of the placement	Clerking of emergency admissions when on-call and instituting first line treatment. Management of cohort of in-patients under designated consultant team as well as assisting other teams depending on workload distribution. Ample opportunities to accompany patients to catheter laboratory or echo department to observe procedures. Participation in vibrant programme of departmental meetings. Active participation in audit. Supervision of rapid access chest pain clinics. Attendance at cardiology clinics. Cardioversions. Bedside procedures.
Typical working pattern in this placement	F1 is attached to a firm (4 Consultants), primary responsibility is ward based but also help other teams. They participate in acute on-call for cardiac admissions approximately 1:8 and 1:8 split weekends. F1 does not do nights, therefore when on-call works the long day to around 9.00pm. Attendance at the morning post-take round at the start and completion of an on-call period is mandatory.
Employer information	University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

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