

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

Placement	FY1 Emergency Medicine
The department	Emergency Department
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>FY doctors work under direct supervision of senior doctors in the assessment and treatment of undifferentiated emergencies (medical, surgical, orthopaedic, gynaecological and psychiatric) presenting to a University Teaching Hospital Emergency Department.</p> <p>FYs can gain experience in a wide range of practical procedures potentially including: Venepuncture, IV cannulation, administering IV drugs, arterial blood gas sampling, blood culture (peripheral sites), IV infusion and fluid prescription, IV infusion of blood/blood products, use of local anaesthetic to skin, wound closure techniques, perform and interpret ECGs, perform and interpret peak flow, urethral catheterisation (male and female), use of simple airway adjuncts, performance of basic and advanced life support, assistance with fracture or dislocation manipulation.</p> <p>All FY doctors receive regular appraisal and are expected to complete a series of on-line learning modules in order to gain the knowledge required for Foundation level emergency medicine.</p> <p>All FY doctors are required to complete an audit during their post. Wednesday lunchtimes, one hour of education is provided to all junior grades and practitioners (whilst the senior doctors cover the department). In addition a weekly timetable of departmental multi-professional learning events is distributed to all FY doctors, which they are encouraged to attend (examples include: Domestic violence training, use of IO needles, alcohol liaison, M&M meetings etc.)</p>
Where the placement is based	Royal Stoke University Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr A Taylor & Dr A Jones
Main duties of the placement	<p>The main duty of the FY doctor is assessing (including ordering of investigations), resuscitating and treating a wide range of emergencies requiring immediate medical care. This is done under direct supervision of a consultant/AS grade doctor. This duty includes the need to interpret investigations such as ECGs, x-rays and blood tests.</p> <p>The FYs provide immediate care using the broad range of practical procedures outlined previously, under direct supervision. In addition the FY1s are responsible for assessing the social impact of illness/injury.</p> <p>After discussion with senior staff they liaise with paramedical and social services to ensure patients on-going care needs are met.</p> <p>The FY doctors assist with the co-ordination of care in the departments CDU</p>

	<p>(clinical decision unit) where they assist with ward type work, including writing discharge letters and ordering medications.</p> <p>FYs are also encouraged to assist senior doctors in managing the more severely ill injured resuscitation room cases.</p>
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full shift, 7 days per week, no nights, no on-call.
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.