

## West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

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| <b>Placement</b>   | FY2 Palliative Care   |
| <b>The department</b>  | Compton Hospice   |
| <b>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</b> | <p><b>Educational Opportunities</b><br/> Experience palliative care within a Hospice inpatient unit, Hospice community team (including Hospice at home service) and a day Hospice setting<br/> Attend weekly medical team education meeting. This will include update on symptom control, audit presentations and journal reviews.<br/> Attend symptom control teaching sessions and other relevant teaching sessions provided by Compton Hospice Training and Education Centre.<br/> Training in the daily management of symptom's within cancer and non-cancer palliative care.<br/> Experience of working with the palliative care MDT including working with hospice based social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, chaplaincy, complementary therapy and lymphoedema specialist services.<br/> Experience management of lymphoedema in palliative care.<br/> Experience of bereavement support through the hospice bereavement service.</p> <p><b>Gain experience in the following additional procedures</b><br/> Communication skills – particularly breaking bad news.<br/> Observations of ultrasound and treatment of ascites by paracentesis within a palliative care setting.</p> |
| <b>Where the placement is based</b>                          | Compton Hospice   |
| <b>Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>                       | Dr D Pearson  |
| <b>Main duties of the placement</b>                          | <p>Providing medical care for hospice inpatients under supervision of one of the hospice consultants and working alongside hospice specialty doctors and registrars.</p> <p>Liaison with other professionals involved in the care of hospice patients.<br/> Admission and discharge to patients and support during end of life situations.<br/> Attendance at care review assessments to provide medical input when future plans are being discussed with patients and their families.</p>  |
| <b>Typical working pattern in this placement</b>             | Attendance at the hospice inpatient unit 9am until 5pm with one session per week (4 hours) allocated to study and audit. Consultant ward rounds are carried out twice weekly with registrar and specialty doctor ward rounds occurring on other days.   |
| <b>Employer information</b>                                  | The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust is one of the leading acute and community trusts in the region. Employing more than 6,700 staff we provide a comprehensive range of community, acute and specialist services for the people of Wolverhampton, the wider Black Country, South Staffordshire, North   |

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|  | <p>Worcestershire and Shropshire. Nationally recognised for providing excellence in healthcare and one of only 7 Trusts in the UK chosen to be a showcase hospital for infection prevention we are justifiably proud of our achievements to date. Patient safety and quality of care are at the top of our agenda. We have achieved NHSLA level 3 for all our services.</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.