

West Midlands South Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Wye Valley NHS Trust, Hereford County Hospital

Placement	FY1 Geriatric Medicine
The department	The department comprises of a 16 bedded assessment unit, which provides care specifically to older frail patients to help support their care and recovery. The department also provides medical input to medical outliers on the orthopaedic trauma ward. The usual patient numbers are 15-25 patients.
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>This post is an excellent opportunity to gain experience in both General and Geriatric Medicine. There are opportunities to gain experience and access learning in: ward rounds, medical outpatients, weekly F1 teaching, weekly medical grand round and handover.</p> <p>You will be working in the assessment unit or on the medical ward, with usually around 16 older frail patients plus patients in general medicine, taking responsibility for history and knowledge of the patient and presenting them on ward rounds. You will also need to identify and escalate where necessary the deteriorating patient and clerking patients when on call. There is opportunity for regular bedside teaching relating to signs, conditions or investigations.</p> <p>This setting allows for the management and diagnosing of common conditions and will support learning in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good clinical Professionalism • Good clinical care including history, examination, diagnosis and clinical decision making • Safe prescribing • Keeping Accurate Medical Records • Manage Time and clinical priorities effectively • Communicate effectively with patients, relatives and colleagues • Recognition and management of the acutely ill patient • Patients with long term conditions • Core procedures • Investigations • Interface with different specialities <p>Due to the nature of the working environment you will regularly receive ward based/bed side teaching which will include supervised learning events and gain feedback from higher grade doctors, consultants and clinicians working in this area. You will have the opportunity to work closely with a multi-disciplinary team to gain a full understanding of the patient's journey and your role within this.</p>
Where the placement is based	Hereford County Hospital, Gilwern Assessment Unit and outliers on Wye Ward and Redbrook Ward.

Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr Emma Wales
Main duties of the placement	You will be based on the Frailty Assessment Unit working as part of a dedicated multidisciplinary team providing a comprehensive geriatric assessment to frail older people admitted to Hereford County Hospital. You will be expected to attend weekly mandatory bleep free FY1 teaching.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full shift rota which is EWTD compliant and includes late and night shifts.
Employer information	<p>The employer for this placement is Wye Valley NHS Trust, Hereford County Hospital.</p> <p>Wye Valley NHS Trust is a provider of health care across rural Herefordshire bringing together acute and community services.</p> <p>The Trust runs the County Hospital based in the City of Hereford, along with 3 community hospitals in the small nearby towns of Ross-on-Wye, Leominster and Bromyard, we also operate a small 22 bedded unit for patients that are not acutely ill but may need nursing and therapy intervention following their acute illness.</p> <p>We deliver a standard of care we would want for ourselves, our families and friends.</p> <p>The key principles of Wye Valley NHS Trust are to provide the right care in the right place at the right time... every time.</p> <p>Our vision is to improve the health and wellbeing of the people we serve and our values are important in our everyday work: Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Excellence.</p>

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