

West Midlands South Foundation School

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

Placement	FY2 Palliative Care Medicine
The department	Palliative Care Medicine
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	The FY2 will work within a multidisciplinary team in a hospice with 16 inpatient beds, admitting and carrying out clinical care for patients with a wide range of life-limiting illnesses who are in need of control of complex symptoms and/or end-of-life care. You will work alongside experienced specialty doctors who will provide close supervision and teaching allowing the F2 to gain confidence in the field of palliative care and equip them to use these skill whatever their choice of career. Learning opportunities include: symptom management, recognition of death, communication in potentially distressing situations, ethics and practical procedures eg paracentesis.
Where the placement is based	St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford
Supervisor(s) for the placement	ES = you will have the same ES for your whole F2 year CS = Dr Lukaris, Palliative Care
Main duties of the placement	The main duties of the post include clerking new admissions, assessing current inpatients, updating and providing explanations to relatives, liaising with colleagues such as oncologists, GPs, Macmillan nurses, venepuncture and cannulation and dictation of letters. A car is helpful but the hospice is accessible from Hereford by bus.
Typical working pattern in this placement	During this post you will participate in the medical on call rota working 1 in 4 weekends (day-time working only). This rota is 1 A (50% supplement). You will receive a separate induction for this aspect of your role.
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>
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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.