

West Midlands South Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

Placement	FY2 Old Age Psychiatry
The department	Old Age Psychiatry
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to the psychiatric assessment and management of in-patients. • Contribution to the out of hours on call rota for ½ the county, (non-residential) • Opportunities to hone mental state examination skills and explore mental health symptoms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to gain knowledge and experience in diagnosis and management of both functional e.g. depression, bipolar disorder, psychosis and severe anxiety disorders, and organic e.g. dementia disorders. • Opportunities to gain understanding and experience in basic management strategies for functional and organic disorders in the older adult. • Experience of end-of-life care issues for patients with dementia. • Opportunities to understand the interface between mental and physical health disorders and their effect upon each other. • Gain an understanding of the interface between in-patient units and OACMHT and HTT in the planning of discharges from the ward into the community. • Attendance at F2 teaching within the Acute Trust • Further learning and direct experience of mental health law, mental capacity and human rights. • Opportunities to complete case-based discussions/mini cexs. • Opportunities in terms of core procedures and directly observed procedures, appropriate to psychiatry. • Additional teaching bleep-free every Friday morning, normally 2 - 3 hours. Expected to present cases/journals to peers, Consultants etc. • Opportunities to teach medical and nursing students. • Opportunities to experience specialist mental health teams e.g. mother and baby, CAMHS, learning difficulties etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to observe ECT being performed and understanding how it can be used in treatment of certain disorders.
Where the placement is based	Worcestershire H&C Trust New Haven Unit, Princess of Wales Community Hospital, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0BB

Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr Martin Curtice
Main duties of the placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To see patients under supervision as required. With increasing autonomy as the job progresses. • Integrating information from physical health into mental health records and care plans and carrying out case documentation reviews. • Contributing to MDT discussions and reviews. • Contribution to the out of hours on call rota for ½ the county, (non-residential) ensuring that appropriate hand over is made using NHS.NET• Clerking new admissions during out of hours - including physical health screens and in hours if based on a ward. • Ensuring all health checks, and documentation prior to ECT has been completed appropriately by the team. • Teaching medical students. • Presenting of case presentations/journal presentations, audit and participation in feedback at the Friday morning teaching sessions.
Typical working pattern in this placement	<p>Attendance at three weekly MDT ward rounds.</p> <p>Attendance at patient care reviews.</p> <p>General ward duties for both physical and mental health issues.</p> <p>Close working with the MDT for all patients and their management</p>
Employer information	

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