

## West Midlands South Foundation School

### Individual Placement Description – Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

<b>Placement</b>	FY2 Palliative Medicine
<b>The department</b>	St Richard's Hospice Inpatient Unit
<b>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</b>	<p>Inpatient specialist palliative care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Symptom control in advanced disease</li> <li>- Pain management</li> <li>- Management of long-term conditions</li> <li>- Managing the care of dying patients</li> <li>- Communication skills with patients and families</li> <li>- Ethical issues, withdrawing and withholding treatment</li> <li>- Multi-disciplinary team working</li> <li>- Clinical audit</li> <li>- Opportunities for teaching medical students</li> <li>- Research Active hospice</li> </ul>
<b>Where the placement is based</b>	17 bedded ward at St Richard's Hospice, Worcester (and acute medicine on-call duties at Worcestershire Royal Hospital)
<b>Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>	Dr Nicola Wilderspin, Consultant in Palliative Medicine
<b>Main duties of the placement</b>	To work as a member of the hospice inpatient MDT, clerking new admissions and managing the day to day care and support of palliative care inpatients and their families, with the support and supervision of the specialist team.
<b>Typical working pattern in this placement</b>	Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (with days off for acute medicine on call duties – currently on call at weekends) Fortnightly hospice journal club
<b>Employer information</b>	Worcestershire Royal NHS Hospital Trust

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