

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Russells Hall Hospital

Placement	FY1 - Vascular Surgery
The department	This department deals with the diagnosis, treatment and management of conditions affecting the arteries or veins and lymphatic vessels in the body, including: Aortic Aneurysms, Carotid Disease; Diabetic Feet; Lymphoedema; Peripheral Vascular Disease; and Venous Disease. We have an expert team of vascular specialists, including consultants, specialist nurses, radiologists and anaesthetists involved in all aspects of care and treatment, from screening to surgery.
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal bedside teaching from senior doctors (Consultants, SpRs and ST grades). • Opportunity to teach medical students, • Attend theatres (day theatre and main theatres), • Weekly x-ray meeting, • Trust wide Journal club and Vascular MDT. <p>There is a weekly 3 hour protected teaching programme in place. Trainees will participate in the care of HDU level patients on vascular high care.</p> <p>This is a tertiary referral centre and accepts patients from all over the Black Country and as such trainees will be involved in the care of complex arterial and venous surgical cases.</p> <p>This is an active unit in National and International presentation of their research.</p>
Where the placement is based	Russells Hall Hospital
Supervisor(s) for the placement	Named supervisors are appointed in line with the GMC requirements for Clinical and Educational Supervision and will be allocated at the time of appointment
Main duties of the placement	Attending daily ward rounds, clinical procedures such as cannulation, catheter placement, ECG, NG Tube insertion, ordering investigations, reviewing sick patients, chasing results and tests.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full shift with on call commitment, together with an individual Work Schedule being issued.
Employer information	Based in the heart of the Black Country, The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is the main provider of hospital and adult community services to the populations of Dudley, significant parts of the Sandwell borough and smaller, but growing, communities in South Staffordshire and Wyre Forest.

The first hospital trust in the area to be awarded coveted Foundation Trust status in 2008, we provide a wide range of medical, surgical and rehabilitation services.

Currently the Trust serves a population of around 450,000 people from three hospital sites at Russells Hall Hospital, Guest Outpatient Centre in Dudley and Corbett Outpatient Centre in Stourbridge. The Trust provides the full range of secondary care services and some specialist services for the wider populations of the Black Country and West Midlands region. The Trust also provides specialist adult community based care in patients' homes and in more than 40 centres in the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council community.

Our hospitals are among some of the most technologically advanced in the country, where state-of-the-art equipment and modern, purpose-built buildings combine to create the highest standards of patient care.

In a year we...

- deliver 4,700 babies
- see around 500,000 outpatients
- treat almost 100,000 patients in our emergency department
- maintain our 13,000 Public Members

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