

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Placement	FY2 - Geriatric Medicine
The department	<p>This department has consultants specialising in areas such as Orthogeriatrics, Parkinson's Disease, Memory problems, acute elderly care and rehabilitation.</p> <p>There is a 'Forget me not' Unit for patients with memory problems, a 'Parkinson's Unit' and general Geriatric beds. Front door 'Frailty Service' includes acute frailty assessment area and short stay beds for frail elderly patients.</p> <p>Outpatient clinics are held at Corbett, Russells Hall and Guest Hospitals.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>Responsibility for approximately 12 -16 general/geriatric medicine patients. Close liaison with other disciplines and specialties when appropriate. Participation in daily board rounds and weekly MDT meetings.</p> <p>There will be opportunities to attend subspecialty clinics including Falls and Syncope, Memory and Parkinson's Disease.</p> <p>You will be attending departmental educational meetings including morbidity and mortality meetings and will have opportunities to attend Journal Clubs and Grand Rounds. You will have supervised performance of practical procedures and involvement in audit projects.</p> <p>There is a protected teaching session most weeks.</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	Ward rounds, outpatient clinics, emergency calls and admissions including attending A&E.
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

The hospital has a state of the art Education Centre, Simulation Facility and excellent library facilities. It also has an Undergraduate Teaching Academy taking over 500 medical students from Birmingham University each year.

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