

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Placement	FY1 - Stroke Medicine
The department	Stroke Services have a hyper-acute stroke, acute stroke ward and stroke rehabilitation facilities offering hyper-acute care with 24/7 thrombolysis, transfer of suitable patients for thrombectomy to a tertiary centre and continuing rehabilitation on the stroke rehabilitation ward.
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	Responsibilities in this post are: To look after hyper-acute and acute stroke patients in HASU and ASU. You will be closely supervised by the consultants and registrars. The Unit undertakes 24/7 thrombolysis, mechanical thrombectomy and extensive research. Trainees are exposed to echocardiography, trans-cranial Doppler, CT head, MRI brain and CT angiography(interpretation) as well as fortnightly teaching meetings in Stroke/Cardiovascular medicine, stroke-radiology meetings and audit meetings within the department. There is a three hourly protected teaching session weekly on Tuesday afternoons. Our Trust is officially the best in West Midlands for stroke care, according to a major national healthcare quality improvement programme (Sentinel Stroke National Audit programme).
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	There are two ward rounds daily.
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.
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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.