

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Placement	FY2 - General Psychiatry
The department	<p>We are part of the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHFT), a separate organisation from the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGFT). However, our Bushey Fields Hospital location is adjacent to Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.</p> <p>Psychiatry placements in Dudley take place in Bushey Fields Hospital who provides Adult Inpatient Services that assist individuals, families, carers and others to understand the nature of their mental health difficulties by providing information and education along with practical and emotional support to achieve optimum recovery. The hospital adopts the principles of person-centred care, firmly embedded in their philosophy.</p> <p>Bushey Fields Hospital has three acute wards, one male, one female and a mixed ward.</p>
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>Trainees can expect to gain knowledge and experience in the bio-psycho-social assessment, diagnosis and management of psychiatric disorders in a variety of settings. This includes working with multidisciplinary teams for inpatients on wards and outpatients in clinics as well as urgent cases with the Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment team. This will give a clinical setting for developing a working knowledge of the Mental Health Act and working with informal and 'sectioned' patients.</p> <p>When participating with the Mental Health Assessment Service, where new patients are seen under supervision, this will help to understand the aetiology and formulate the case which will be used for management of patients. This will be in liaison with Psychiatry as we are very close to Russells Hall Hospital under supervised decision with a senior psychiatrist.</p> <p>There will be supervision and case-based learning opportunities in outpatient clinics as well as two inpatient ward reviews.</p> <p>This specialty includes the opportunity to spend time with other Psychiatric Specialist Teams, weekly one hour protected supervision sessions, tutorials, journal club and case conferences.</p> <p>The Library and PG Centre is well resourced and the staff knowledgeable</p> <p>There is also a weekly 3 hour protected teaching programme, based at Russells Hall Hospital.</p>
Where the placement is based	Russells Hall Hospital (DGFT) is the employing Trust (but attached to BCHFT Bushey Fields Hospital for this post).

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Supervisor(s) for the placement	<p>Named supervisors are appointed in line with the GMC requirements for Clinical and Educational Supervision and will be allocated at the time of appointment.</p> <p>In addition to the above, there is provision of support in the form of Foundation Year Tutor support to ensure any pastoral and mentoring support needs for the trainees within Bushey Fields Hospital. This will be an opportunity for the trainees to ensure good quality of training needs are met in line with the FY Board and address any unmet needs within the remit of training.</p>
Main duties of the placement	The main duties include attendance at outpatient clinics, ward work and ward reviews, across a range of different clinics and centres, working with the multidisciplinary team.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Full shift with on call commitment, together with an individual Work Schedule being issued.
Employer information	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In a year we...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliver 4,700 babies • see around 500,000 outpatients • treat almost 100,000 patients in our emergency department • maintain our 13,000 Public Members <p>The hospital has a state of the art Education Centre, Simulation Facility and</p>

	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.