

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – Russells Hall Hospital

Placement	FY1 Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus
The department	The department has a dedicated Endocrine and Diabetes Centre based in the North Wing at Russells Hall Hospital. The centre assists in the long-term management of patients with diabetes and other endocrine disorders. Diabetes services provided by the department include healthcare professional and patient education, such as carbohydrate-counting courses; a busy Inpatient Diabetes Service; pre-conception and antenatal care; adolescent / transitional care; community outreach; continuous glucose monitoring; insulin pump therapy; and one of the largest specialist foot services in the region (podiatry and joint diabetic foot clinics), working in partnership with the Black Country Vascular Hub. Endocrinology services cover organ-specific, calcium and metabolic disorders; dynamic function testing; as well as reproductive endocrine disorders both during and outside pregnancy.
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	You will be managing patients with general medical and acute diabetes and endocrine conditions on a specialty ward, but you will be very well supported by more experienced doctors and daily consultant ward rounds. You will be exposed to a wide range of patients and during your time you will gain valuable experience in the management of patients with the following conditions: diabetic ketoacidosis, hypo- and hyperglycaemia, as well as the management of diabetic foot infections, the investigation and care of endocrine emergencies, as well as common medical conditions. There is the opportunity to attend outpatient clinics in diabetes and endocrinology under consultant supervision, and you will attend weekly endocrine MDT meetings. There is the opportunity to teach medical students, present at MDT and audit meetings. There is a 3-hour weekly protected teaching programme as well as informal bedside teaching and regular journal club. Please click on this link which gives a broad overview for working in the Diabetes and Endocrinology Department: https://vimeo.com/969692067/58e4b24a25?share=copy
Where the placement is based	THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
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	In this post, the main duty is the supervised day-to-day management of inpatients in the Diabetes and Endocrine Ward.

	You will do this alongside 2 IMT and 2 ST doctors, with the support of the wider multidisciplinary team. There are daily ward rounds led by Consultants and SpRs. The whole team works closely together and the friendly atmosphere on the ward is an excellent environment for you to learn. You will be part of the acute medical on-call duty rota, under supervision.
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.