

West Midlands North Foundation School

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

Placement	FY2 - Chemical Pathology
The department	The Black Country Pathology Service is one of the most up-to-date pathology laboratories in the West Midlands and provides a comprehensive range of clinical services and diagnostic investigations.
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	Trainees will have the opportunity to gain experience in the management of patients with lipid disorders and weight management. They will also have an opportunity to gain laboratory experience and interpretation of biochemistry results and participation in performing dynamic function tests. Attending weekly data interpretation meetings. Attending weekly Metabolic & Endocrine meetings/Journal Club/tutorials, in addition to 3 hours protected teaching sessions. Trainees will also undertake an audit project.
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	Clinic Work: Four outpatients per week. (Clerking new patients and organising investigations). Day cases: one session per week for dynamic function tests. Attendance at the monthly MDT and weekly data interpretation meeting. Inpatients: Ad hoc attendance at the bedside. Opportunities to understand and experience laboratory side of medicine.
Typical working pattern in this placement	Doctors on this rota work the medicine extra cover on call rota, 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.