

LNR & Trent Foundation Schools F2 Swaps Policy 2018

1. We recognise that a Foundation doctor's personal circumstances or career ambitions may change after their initial Foundation Programme application. We are therefore happy to facilitate swaps of all or part of the allocated F2 year, where possible, according to the following policy. Please note that to be fair to all we have a strict timeline and late applications will not be considered.

Key points

- a) It is only possible to swap F2 posts and you must formally apply for a swap during the application window in your F1 year. Private swaps and swaps arranged outside of the application window are not permitted.
- b) You can either swap a whole year rotation, one or more of the 4-month posts making up your F2 year or the order of your allocated F2 rotation. All swaps must lead to the whole of your F2 year still being with one employing trust – this means that swaps of community posts such as GP or Psychiatry must be within the posts linked to the same employing trust as your other F2 posts. The Foundation School Programmes Team can advise if you are unsure which community posts are linked to each employing trust.
- c) We will consider a swap that results in both of your foundation years being in a DGH or in a teaching hospital as long as the overall programme is balanced.
- d) We consider balanced 2 year programmes to have the following elements:
 - You must complete a community placement, for example in GP, Psychiatry or Public Health
 - You must not repeat a specialty (such as medicine or surgery) twice within a year of training
 - You should not repeat the same medical or surgical sub-specialty across F1 and F2
- e) Swaps between foundation schools are not possible via this process. A separate Inter-Foundation School Transfer process governs moves between schools, details of this can be found on the UKFPO website.
- f) You cannot swap into or out of the Academic Programme, but you can swap academic posts or the order of standard or academic posts. You cannot swap a leadership post for a research post or vice versa.
- g) We will provide a list of all F2 programmes and the trainees allocated to them on the VLE to assist you but it is your responsibility to apply for the swap.
- h) Swaps into vacant posts are allowed as long as they meet the above criteria. Any vacant posts will be indicated on the VLE. In the event of two or more doctors requesting to swap into the same vacant post the SJT/EPM scores generated as part of the FP application process will be used for ranking.
- i) Three way swaps are allowed. All parties to a swap need to submit an application form.
- j) All applications will be considered by a panel, who will ensure that the swap does not disadvantage any foundation doctor or result in an unbalanced rotation.

2. Timeline

- a) Policy, form, and placement details available on VLE -31st October 2017
- b) Submission deadline – 31st January 2018
- c) The panel will meet and consider all applications by 27th Feb 2018
- d) Foundation doctors to be informed of decision by 31st March 2018
- e) Please submit the form by email, electronic signatures are acceptable.

All forms should be emailed to foundationprogrammes.em@hee.nhs.uk

3. Exceptional circumstances

Applications outside the policy will only be considered in cases where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated, this does not include personal or lifestyle choices and is usually limited to health related issues. Formal Occupational health advice is taken into consideration by the Director of Foundation before making any changes to allocations on a case by case basis.

4. Appeals Process

A Foundation Doctor will have the right to lodge an appeal wherever he or she is able to demonstrate that the actions of the Foundation Schools have not followed the swaps procedure as outlined above.

If you wish to lodge an appeal you should follow these steps:

- a) Present your appeal in writing to foundationprogrammes.em@hee.nhs.uk This should be done within 7 days of being notified of the decision that is being appealed.
- b) Appeals will be reviewed by the Director of Foundation Training.
- c) You will be notified of the decision of the Director of Foundation Training in writing, the decision of which is final.
- d) If you wish to withdraw an appeal, this may be done in writing to foundationprogrammes.em@hee.nhs.uk at any stage of the process.