

Foundation Placement Description

Foundation School (Delete as appropriate)		Programme No. (eg. L006 OR T102)*:			
Trent		T006			
Year (Delete as appropriate)	Specialty:			Subspecialty (If appropriate):	
F1	Neurosurgery				
Site:			Trust:		
QMC			Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust		
Main duties:					
<p>In this exciting post you will join a team of junior doctors providing ward medical cover for adult neurosurgery patients in the East Midlands regional neurosciences centre. This post provides exposure to the ward-based management of adult patients requiring the full range of general and subspecialist neurosurgery, both emergency and planned. This will include cranial trauma, brain tumours, pituitary tumours, complex spine, degenerate spine, functional neurosurgery, skull base, hydrocephalus and vascular work. The postholder forms part of a team including FY1, FY2, ST 1-3 trainees and trust grade appointees collectively. The work of the unit is centred around a morning ward round, and tasks and duties subsequently carried out include clinical review, admission clerking, day-to-day management, investigation and discharge planning. It is a busy but rewarding job, with a chance to see first-hand neurosurgical management, with its challenges, dilemmas and rewards. There are opportunities to come to theatre for those interested, and many of our previous trainees have carried out minor operations under supervision. There is also an audit program, a teaching program, and various MDT meetings which add to the overall experience. The post would be suitable for those pursuing many careers, including acute hospital or trauma specialties as well as ENT and ophthalmology, and of course those interested in neurosurgery.</p>					
Example Timetable					
For example: W/R (Outpatients), MDT, Meetings, X-Ray Conference etc					
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM	ward round	ward round	ward round	ward round	ward round
Lunchtime					
PM	clinical duties	clinical duties	clinical duties	clinical duties	clinical duties
Educational Activities:					
<p>Developing insight into common neurosurgical disorders, their presentations, clinical and operative managements in a multidisciplinary work environment. The posting will have opportunity to gather experience in neurosurgical theaters at appropriate level. Participation in ongoing, contemporaneous departmental audit is mandatory. Trainees who are interested to further their portfolio in neurosciences are actively helped to participate in ongoing departmental projects that generate peer reviewed national and international presentations or publications. Weekly neurosurgical teaching session. Periodic audit and M&M meetings. There are good opportunities for work based assessments to cover all FY1 generic requirements. Trainees are released to attend mandatory F1 teaching and study leave is facilitated. There are also opportunities to participate in quality improvement and patient safety activities.</p> <p>Generic Learning outcomes you should be able to achieve in this job:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Behaviour & Trust: Act professionally; deliver patient centred care and maintain trust; behave in accordance with ethical & legal requirements; keeps practice up to date through learning and teaching; demonstrate engagement in career planning. 2. Communication, team working and Leadership: Communicate clearly in a variety of settings; work effectively as a team member; demonstrate leadership skills. 3. Clinical Care: Recognise, assess and initiate manage the acutely ill patient; recognise, assesses and manage patients with long term conditions; obtain history, perform clinical examination, formulate differential diagnosis and management plans; request relevant investigations and act upon results; prescribe safely; perform procedures safely; trained to and manage cardiac and respiratory arrests; demonstrate understanding of the principles of health promotion and illness prevention; manage palliative and end of life care. 4. Safety and Quality: Recognise and work within limits of personal competence; make patient safety a priority in clinical practice; contribute to quality improvement. 					
Other Comments (if appropriate):					

*can be found on the Trent/LNR Allocations Spreadsheet

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