

Foundation Training Job Description

Grade	F1	
Placement	Medical Oncology	





Department

The F1 is ward based and is responsible for the care of all consultants patients on that ward. The work involves close contact with all staff and liaison with other departments including therapeutic and diagnostic radiotherapy, chemotherapy staff, palliative care teams, allied health workers (e.g. Occupational therapists, physiotherapists and dieticians) and social workers.

The duties include responsibility for the day to day care of inpatients, including routine clerking of patients on chemotherapy or receiving radiotherapy, or patients admitted for symptom management of disease or toxicity from treatment. A consultant led ward round takes place daily to review all emergency admissions from the previous 24 hours – which gives excellent educational opportunities. Attendance at consultant ward rounds is expected. You will be assigned a clinical supervisor during the placement and time is scheduled within the placement to attend outpatient clinic, radiotherapy and theatres sessions or MDTs.

Weekly lunch time oncology specific teaching is offered by the Specialty Registrars, and weekly attendance at PGME is encouraged.

The F1 doctor will participate in a 1:20 H@N rota – covering the RHH and WPH as part of a wider on-call team.

Weston Park Hospital

Weston Park Hospital is the base for the Oncological Service for South Yorkshire, North Nottinghamshire and North Derbyshire. It is one of the major Radiotherapy Centres in the country. There are approximately 4,500 inpatient admissions per year, 23,000 daycase chemotherapy attendances and over 7000 new patients registered annually. It is a self-contained hospital unit with 64 inpatient beds, including a dedicated teenage cancer unit.

There are also outpatient facilities, a radiotherapy department, theatre facilities and pharmacy with a reconstitution service for cytotoxic chemotherapy. There is an Academic Department of Clinical Oncology, with representatives in medical oncology, radiation oncology and, most recently, surgical oncology, the latter in association with the Department of Surgery at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

We provide consultant-led outreach out-patient services to the District General Hospitals across the region.

29x Consultants, 22x Specialty Registrars, 6x CT1, 1x GP VTS, 2x FY2, 1x FY1

There is a strong ethos for ongoing education and we have weekly teaching programme for all junior medical staff, including dedicated weekly FY1/FY2/CMT/GP teaching sessions, StR teaching sessions and PGME. All trainees are encouraged to participate in audit and research.





The type of work to expect and learning opportunities

The Department of Health, through its policy of Modernising Medical Careers, has set out the educational content of the two year foundation programme to be pursued by newly qualified doctors in the United Kingdom. A curriculum has been set out describing the key knowledge, skills and attitudes that must be achieved by junior doctors before they progress onto specialist training.

The Postgraduate Dean has confirmed that these posts have the required education and staffing approval. All of the rotations will run in association with Deanery staff, who will support a structured appraisal and assessment process that will allow successful applicants to make the most use of available opportunities. Ten mandatory educational days are included in the Foundation Programme.

The GMC emphasise that it is a duty of all doctors to be involved in the education and training of doctors at all levels, including undergraduate level.

In more recent years emphasis has been placed on the need for doctors to be trained in educational approaches in order to prepare them for their role as an educator in the future.

Foundation training is about gaining generic skills which can be applied across all specialties and throughout an entire career.





Main duties of the placement

Day to day management of patients under consultant care.

On call duties as required under the hospital at night system. F1 duties are mainly centered on the wards with occasional attendance in the operating theatres. F1s may be expected to attend out-patients clinics.

Attendance at cardiac arrests and ward rounds held by consultant and registrar.

Completion of death certification and/or the first part of the cremation certificate, when necessary.

F1s are responsible for the clerking of patients on admission and the initial arrangements for the routine management of these patients including:

- history taking, examination and differential diagnosis.
- management of acute and chronically ill patients with appropriate diagnostic testing and reviewing the results
- assessment of all patients arriving for elective admission, both in medicine and surgical specialities

Communicate effectively with other hospital staff, patients and relatives after training disclosure of bad news.

Arrange initial simple investigations and following discussion with senior staff organise more complex investigations.

F1s are responsible for the majority of prescribing albeit under supervision.

Discharge planning

- F1s are responsible for ensuring that patients are discharged with the appropriate drugs and seeing that the patients understand the use of these.
- F1s are required to complete a brief discharge note for the patients' general practitioner at the time of the patients' discharge from hospital.

Attendance at mandatory trust and deanery training sessions (including induction). The number of mandatory training days is 5 days.

Maintaining portfolio of evidence of training in line with the foundation training programme.

The cover of colleagues on annual leave and short-term sickness.

Any other duties commensurate with the grade which may be allocated from time to time.

Foundation Doctors should be advised that they will also be required to perform duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances at the request of the appropriate consultants in consultation, where practicable, with senior and junior colleagues.

Additional commitments arising from such circumstances are exceptional and work of this kind should not be required for prolonged periods or on a regular basis





Typical working pattern in this placement	The rotations are 3 x 4 month rotations between various specialities.
Employer	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

It is important to note that this description is a typical example of your placement and may be subject to change.

