

**West Yorkshire Foundation School (WYFS)**

**Individual Placement Description – Acute Frailty**

<b>Grade</b>	Foundation Year 1
<b>Placement / Post Number</b>	<i>Acute Frailty / Acute medicine</i> YHD/RCD01/035/FP1/001 & 006
<b>Department</b>	<p><b>Directorate information:</b> This directorate offers excellent training in acute, elderly and general medicine with emergency cases admitted each day via the medical assessment unit. The acute medical team also operate a Same Day Emergency care service, which provides a number of ambulatory pathways aiming to reduce admissions and unnecessary ED attendances. The Long Term and Unscheduled Care directorate also operates a frailty service, on two base wards plus a twelve bedded Acute Frailty Unit which will soon include an SDEC area of its own. In addition we provide a stroke unit, Coronary Care Unit, HDU and ITU beds, a cardiology intervention service, endocrine and diabetes service and a gender service. All services are consultant led and supported by a wide variety of professionals including Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACPs), Specialist Nurses (cardiology, diabetes, respiratory medicine and palliative care) and therapists. The Medical day Unit provides planned day care for rheumatology and dermatology conditions as well as chemotherapy. The Robert Ogden center is also based on the hospital site and provides cancer care to the population of Harrogate with the support of visiting consultant oncologists from Leeds.</p> <p><b>Staffing in Medicine Directorate:</b> There are 10 FY1 and 7 FY2 posts, 7 fellow posts, 8 GPST posts and 15 ACP posts plus a cohort of SpRs and Speciality doctors who support consultants in various medical specialties. Visiting consultants from York and Leeds provide cover for renal medicine, vascular surgery, out-patient dialysis and oncology. The Trust is keen to expand our workforce and recently agreed to fund the 7 fellow posts plus 2 additional ACPs in order to support the service and doctors in training.</p>

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	<p><b>Department Information:</b></p> <p>This post offers excellent training in acute, elderly and general medicine with emergency cases admitted each day via the admissions unit.</p> <p>You will work with the acute frailty team, comprising a Consultant of the day, and variably an ST trainee and Advanced Clinical Practitioner. We are well supported by a multidisciplinary team. The acute frailty team also has a short stay ward, where there is a GPSTR based.</p> <p>The wider elderly care department consists of a frailty, needs-based service on two main base wards, as well as an orthogeriatrics and stroke service.</p> <p>You will be based on the admissions ward, and when not busy with acute frailty, you will make up part of the admissions ward team, supporting the inpatients and assisting the on call team with new admissions as time allows.</p> <p>During the day, the acute take has constant consultant supervision via the Acute Physicians.</p>
<p><b>Type of work to expect and learning opportunities</b></p>	<p>To work as part of a team in order to support and help provide a comprehensive medical service within the Trust.</p> <p><b>Educational Opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in the assessment and treatment of the acutely ill patient.</li> <li>• To understand the importance of comprehensive geriatric assessment.</li> <li>• To understand the workings of the multidisciplinary team caring for the elderly and each individual's role and responsibilities.</li> <li>• Department educational meeting – Monday lunchtimes.</li> <li>• X-ray meetings every Thursday lunchtime.</li> <li>• Regular meetings with educational &amp; clinical supervisor.</li> <li>• Tuesday lunchtime F1 weekly teaching programme</li> <li>• Hospital wide continuing professional development meetings, Education Centre</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting professional activities</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in and contribute towards the training programme of colleagues, students and other health care professionals e.g. ad hoc training and supervision, tutorials and lectures.</li> <li>• Keep up-to-date records to satisfy continuous professional development requirements.</li> <li>• Work within the clinical governance framework as agreed within the Trust.</li> <li>• Ensure regular meetings with educational supervisor &amp; timely completion of HORUS e-portfolio.</li> <li>• Attend generic skills training programme.</li> <li>• It is expected that the postholder will become involved in quality improvement projects</li> </ul>
<b>Where the placement is based</b>	Harrogate District Hospital
<b>Educational Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement</b>	To Be Confirmed
<b>Training Programme Director for the placement</b>	Dr Thomasina Livingstone
<b>Main duties of the placement</b>	<p><b>Clinical care:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To clerk and initiate investigation and management of acute admissions</li> <li>• To provide medical cover to the wards</li> <li>• To ensure their consultant's patients are reviewed daily</li> <li>• To complete a comprehensive electronic discharge letter</li> <li>• To attend consultant ward rounds</li> <li>• To attend and participate in departmental meetings</li> <li>• To attend outpatient clinics as specified by consultant</li> </ul> <p>FY1s are expected to be flexible in their working arrangements.</p> <p><b>Out of hours commitments</b> - Out of hours commitments and responsibilities: A 3 level on-call system is in operation out of hours for new admissions and ward responsibilities. Tier 1 (FY1 level doctors) provide cover during the day and weekends. Tier 2 (FY2 level doctors) is on call 1:14 and covers admissions (during day) and ward duties (night time only). Tier 3 (Registrar level doctors) are on-call 1:11</p> <p>During normal hours Mon-Fri all requests for medical admissions, and initial triage and management are dealt with by an acute medicine on call team, which includes a cohort of 6 ACPs and the acute medicine consultant.</p>

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<b>Typical working pattern in this placement</b>	See above
<b>Employer information</b>	<p><b>Additional information</b></p> <p>The Doctor will be entitled to Annual and Study leave in accordance with the Terms &amp; Conditions of Service. Dates of leave must be approved by the management team at least 6 weeks in advance. The Doctor may be required to deputise from time to time for absent colleagues, and exceptionally to perform additional duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances to ensure the safe running of the Department.</p> <p>This appointment shall be governed by the Terms and Conditions of Service for Hospital Medical and Dental Staff, as amended from time to time.</p> <p>The post holder is expected to adhere to Trust policies and procedures and relevant legislation including the requirements of any professional bodies attend mandatory training as identified by the Trust.</p> <p>The post holder must maintain the confidentiality of information about patients' staff and Trust business in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and Caldicott principles.</p> <p>In order to comply with the Health Act 2006 (Code of Practice for the Prevention and Control of Health Care Associated Infections) it is the responsibility of every member of staff to prevent and control the spread of infection following the Trust's infection control policies. These are available on the intranet in the document library under clinical policies and guidelines, infection control.</p> <p>The Trust has adopted an equal opportunities policy and all employees must be aware of their obligations to abide by the spirit and nature of the policy to avoid direct and indirect discrimination.</p> <p>You will have a duty to familiarise yourself with the relevant Policies and Procedures, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Health &amp; Safety Policies</li> <li>○ Risk Management Policies</li> <li>○ Infection Control Policies</li> <li>○ Data Protection and Confidentiality Policies</li> </ul>

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



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