

Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine Sub-specialty Training - Kent, Surrey and Sussex

Sub-Specialty Training in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine is offered by Health Education England working across Kent Surrey and Sussex in conjunction with Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust and other training partners.

Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust (KSS AAT) is one of the most well established and busiest providers of physician lead pre-hospital care in the UK. The service prides itself on strong governance and a constant desire to innovate in the field of pre-hospital care. KSS AAT has a long history of training doctors in the field of Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine and from August 2017 is due to formally offer sub-specialty training.



The Region

Trainees in the region will benefit from exposure to cases in a mix of urban, rural and coastal environments serving a population of approximately 5 million people. In addition, our region encompasses some of the UK busiest transport networks, airports, ports and rail systems.

Clinical exposure

A PHEM trainee at KSS AAT would be exposed to a wide variety of clinical scenarios. Clinical exposure is focused on high acuity trauma though all trainees are trained and expected to attend medical and paediatric cases.



In 2014 KSS AAT were activated for a total of 2522 missions and treated a total of 1901 patients. Based on the annual clinical case load we anticipate trainees performing approximately 35 RSIs within the training period.

PHEM trainees in the KSS Region will be trained in the administration of pre-hospital blood and plasma and have the benefit of exposure to working within 3 separate Major Trauma Networks.

Trainees in PHEM at KSS AAT will be trained and supervised by an experienced and enthusiastic group of senior clinicians with strong emphasis on clinical governance, research and innovation.

The training and training partners

Training is provided across two bases (one in Kent and one in Surrey) from both aircrafts and response cars. This post also offers the exciting opportunity to develop an understanding of night operations by both a helicopter platform and response car.

In addition to KSS AAT various external organisations (for example South East Coast Ambulance Service) will support training across the curriculum. Most notably we expect our trainees to gain excellent exposure to paediatric and neonatal transfer medicine whilst undertaking observer shifts with the Children's Acute Transfer Service working out of Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

It is envisaged that initially there will be only one formal PHEM trainee, however the scheme will hopefully be subject to expansion in the future. The post is currently paid at Band 1A. The trainee will follow the scheme C (full time PHEM for 12 months) though again this may be subject to change in the future.

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