**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust**

**General Medicine**

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| **Placement** | F1 and F2 posts in General Medicine |
| **The department** | The department of medicine consists of 26 consultants covering the general medical specialties: cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, respiratory medicine, acute medicine, geriatrics and stroke medicine. The F1 posts are in departments responsible for the ongoing care of medical patients. Four F2 posts are in cardiology where the trainees undertake general medical on call duties but their ward based work is pure cardiology. There are no F1 posts in cardiology. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | All F1/2 doctors are team based with a team each having a defined ward bed base during the ‘normal’ working day and will be expected to deliver the daily medical care of all the patients under their team. All foundation doctors take part in the unselected medical take which includes night shifts for the F2 doctors. The acute take is based in a purpose built joint medical and surgical acute admissions unit with an attached short stay unit.  The overall educational objectives of the F1 year are to provide the trainee with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be able to   * Take a history and examine a patient * Identify and synthesise problems * Prescribe safely * Keep an accurate and relevant medical record * Manage time and clinical priorities effectively * Communicate effectively with patients, relatives and colleagues * Use evidence, guidelines and audit to benefit patient care * Act in a professional manner at all times * Cope with ethical and legal issues which occur during the management of patients with general medical problems * Educate patients effectively * Become life-long learners and teachers.   The F2 posts aim to build on these skills and help prepare for more specialist training |
| **Where the placement is based** | The Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5PD |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | A dedicated faculty of educational supervisors provides high quality educational supervision throughout the trainees’ time at Ipswich. For each clinical post, the trainee will be appointed a clinical supervisor. |
| **Main duties of the placement** | The foundation doctor is responsible with other staff for the ward care of patients and the maintenance of the patient’s medical record. They form part of the firm structure with support and supervision from core medical trainees, SpR’s and consultants They are expected to attend the structured teaching programmes provided by the department. The doctor will be responsible for such other specific clinical duties as allocated by consultants including performing other duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances. |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | This varies by post but one typical pattern  Daily: 0900 receive handover & ward round  Mon: 1400 F1 & 1500 F2 teaching  Tues: 1230 Grand round  Wed: am ward cover pm clinic  Thurs: 1230 MMM/audit/dept. meeting  Fri: am clinic pm ward cover  Sat: on call rota  Sun: on call rota  *On call requirements:* F1: 1in 12 (no nights)  F2: 1 in 12 |
| **Employer information** | The Ipswich Hospital NHS trust is situated on the edge of Ipswich, County town of Suffolk. It has approximately 550 beds and covers a mixed urban and rural population of 360000 people. The hospital is close to beautiful countryside and the Suffolk Heritage Coast but has easy links to London (just over an hour by train). The hospital has a full range of diagnostic facilities and a well-resourced library and postgraduate centre. |

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