

# 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 Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex and other training partners.

Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (AACKSS) 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. AACKSS has a long history of training doctors in the field of Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine and since August 2017 has formally supported 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 AACKSS 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 undertake complex transfers and attend medical and paediatric cases.

In 2021 AACKSS were activated for a total of 3179 missions and treated a total of 1911 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.

Training and supervision is provided by an experienced and enthusiastic group of senior clinicians with strong emphasis on clinical governance, research and innovation. Mentorship is also delivered by our previous PHEM trainees who continue to work within the service.

### **The training and training partners**

Training is provided from our bespoke base in Redhill in Surrey that opened in 2018. Crews operate from both aircraft 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. We also provide a retrieval service across the region.

In addition to AACKSS various external organisations (for example South East Coast Ambulance Service) will support training across the curriculum. Most notably we offer our trainees the opportunity 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.

From August 2023 we will offer 2 training posts following scheme C (we offer these posts with staggered starts with 1 post will starting in August the other in February). The post is currently paid at Band 1A. Candidates who wish to undertake less than full time working will be supported fully.

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