**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

All information to be completed by the Foundation School.

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| **Placement** | F1/F2 Neurosurgery. |
| **The department** | This is a tertiary referral centre that deals with both adult and paediatric neurosurgery. The department works closely with the neuro-intensivists and neuro-radiologists, and it also has thriving academic interests. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | This Neurosurgical job offers a wide-variety of training opportunities in a supportive and multidisciplinary team environment. Shift patterns include normal daytime work, on-call, weekend, neurointensive care unit, and night shifts. There will be several FY and ST1 doctors working together on the same rota to cover elective and emergency admissions, and plenty of opportunity to partake in procedures under supervision and with the appropriate training and competency, such as lumbar puncture, sampling of cerebrospinal fluid from external ventricular drains, removal of subdural drains, administration of intrathecal antibiotics and so on. There may also be opportunities to assist in theatre, particularly during night shifts.  The overall educational objectives of the FY years 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. |
| **Where the placement is based** | Addenbrooke’s hospital (core neurosurgical wards: A3, A4, A5 and D6 + paediatrics) |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Mr Matthew Garnett |
| **Main duties of the placement** | The FY doctor is responsible with other staff for the ward and emergency care of patients and the maintenance of the patient’s medical record. The doctor will be responsible for other specific clinical duties as allocated by consultants and specialist registrars including performing other duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances. |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | Normal working day: 0800h to 1800h (doctors are “ward-based”; handover at 0800h then ward-round with the Sister in-charge of your allocated ward; separate ward-rounds with the respective “teams” occur at various points during the day).  On-call “Long” day: 0800h to 2030h  (handover between 2000h and 2030h).  Weekend “Long” day: 0800h to 2030h (handover between 2000h and 2030h).  Weekend “Short” day: 0830h to 1230h.  NCCU Weekend (neuro-intensive unit): 0800h to 1630h.  Nights: 2000h to 0800h |