**Essex, Beds and Herts Foundation School Individual Placement** Individual Placement Description – West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust

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| **Placement** | F2 Community Paediatrics / General Paediatrics |
| **The department** | * Hertfordshire Community Children’s Services, Peace Children’s Centre, Watford * Paediatric Department, Watford General Hospital |
| **Location(s)** | West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Watford General Hospital Peace Children’s Centre. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | F2 post holder will > 50% of their normal working hours (9 – 5pm) in Community Paediatrics (Peace Children’s Centre) and the rest (mainly out of hours cover in a 1 in 8 cycle) at the Acute Paediatrics Ward / Neonatal Unit, Watford General Hospital. A Registrar/Consultant will support you at all times.  **Community Paediatrics**: This part of the placement will offer exposure to the assessment of children with developmental delays, child protection medicals, audiology, speech and language clinics, and autism clinics. At least 51% of your time will be spent in the community. There will be opportunities to attend multi-agency assessments, special educational needs assessments, special school health clinics, and initial and review health assessment of looked after children.  There will also be opportunities to shadow outreach nurses, social workers etc. Some visits may not be easily accessible by public transport and therefore having a car would be an advantage.  **General Paediatrics**: The mainstay of this is admitting acutely unwell children via the Children’s Emergency Department and managing their care on the ward. You will learn to assess a sick child and perform procedures such as venipuncture, intravenous cannulation and lumbar puncture. A multidisciplinary approach means that we try to highlight the biopsychosocial nature of paediatric practice.  **Neonates**: This part of the placement will entail attending deliveries, neonatal resuscitation, care of the normal newborn and management of the premature and sick baby.  Other learning opportunities available are:   * A weekly multi-disciplinary round * Weekly Paediatric teaching * Weekly Psychosocial meeting * Weekly X-ray meeting * Monthly Clinical Governance session * Ability to attend general and specialist outpatient clinics * ‘Journal Club’ * Resuscitation training   There is also an expectation that you will complete the administrative tasks that are required. |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Dr Anthony Cohn (hospital)  Dr Viji Rudran (community) |
| **Main duties of the placement** | * Clerking children in DEC, Neonatal, Postnatal Wards * NIPE Examinations * Ensuring safe admission, eg: prescribing safely * Regular review of admitted patients * Communicating with children, families and the team * Listening to the concerns of all team members * Ensuring discharge summaries/TTOs completed in timely manner |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | Full shift  EWTD compliant |
| **Employer information** | West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust provides acute healthcare services to a core catchment population of approximately half a million people living in west Hertfordshire and the surrounding area. The Trust also provides a range of more specialist services to a wider population, serving residents of North London, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and East Hertfordshire..  With around 4,300 staff and 350 volunteers at our three hospitals in Watford, St Albans and Hemel Hempstead, we are one of the largest employers locally.  The Trust manages three hospitals:   * [Hemel Hempstead Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp) * [St Albans City Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp) * [Watford General Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp)   **Hemel Hempstead Hospital**  The clinical services offered at Hemel Hempstead include:   * antenatal and community midwifery; * outpatients; * step down beds; * urgent care centre; * medical care, including endoscopy and cardiac lung function testing; * clinical support, including X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound and non-urgent pathology.   **St Albans City Hospital**  St Albans is our elective care centre. The clinical services offered include:   * antenatal and community midwifery; * outpatients; * Minor injuries unit; * elective and day surgery; * sexual health; * clinical support, including X-ray, ultrasound, mammography and blood and specimen collection.   **Watford Hospital**  Watford is at the heart of our acute emergency services.  The clinical services offered include:   * women’s and children’s services, including a consultant delivery unit, midwife birthing unit, antenatal and postnatal clinics; * emergency care, including accident and emergency, acute admissions unit ambulatory care unit, acute wards, intensive care unit, and emergency surgery; * planned care, including outpatients and complex surgery; * medical care, including endoscopy, cardiology and chemotherapy; * sexual health; * clinical support, including X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound and urgent and non-urgent pathology   Together with our staff, patients, volunteers and health and social care partners, we strive to provide consistently good, safe care in a friendly, listening and informative way, as and when people need and want it and always with dignity and respect. |
| **Travel between sites and/or community placements** | The Trust will reimburse travel expenses for trainees who may be required to travel between hospital sites and/or community placements.  Some visits may not be easily accessible by public transport and therefore having a car would be an advantage. |

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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