**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust**

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| **Placement** | Emergency Medicine FY2 |
| **The department** | Accident and Emergency at West Suffolk Hospital has four resuscitation bays, and separate areas for major, minor and “see and treat” category patients. It typically sees between 150-200 patients a day. It is staffed by a rotation of six consultants, five middle grade doctors, and junior doctors composed of GPVTS, CT, ST and FY2 doctors. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | A mixture of attendance at resuscitation calls, to assessing “majors” patients (e.g. acute dyspnoea, chest pain, road traffic accidents), “minors” patients (e.g. abdominal pain, foreign body to eyes), and “see and treat” patients (e.g. lacerations, bony injuries, sprains). You will see these patients, formulate a management plan and discuss them with seniors. This allows you to reflect on your assessment and management skills but also gain support where the diagnosis is not as clear.  The overall educational objectives of the F2 year are to provide the trainee with/develop further 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.   Learning opportunities include a 1 day A&E emergency radiology course at Northwick Park London, a 3 day induction at the start, and regular Thursday A&E teaching and periodic radiology department teaching. |
| **Where the placement is based** | West Suffolk Foundation Trust Hospital, A&E |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Dr Steffen Schickerling |
| **Main duties of the placement** | Clinical assessment as above, referral to/liaison with appropriate hospital teams, or production of discharge letters to GP. |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | A rolling ten week rota that is made up of ten hour shifts including day (8am -6pm), (10am to 8pm), midday (12pm-10pm), late (2pm – 12am), evening (6pm-3am), night (10pm to 8am), and rest days. You work approximately 14 nights in 4 months, and a mixture of the rest where the rota moves progressively to later shifts. |
| **Employer information** |  |

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