**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**Bedford Hospital NHS Trust**

All information to be completed by the Foundation School.

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| **Placement** | FY2 Palliative Medicne |
| **The department** | St Johns Hospice has 2 consultants, one specialist trainee, one F2 and one GP trainee. It is the provider of Specialist palliative care to North and Mid Bedfordshire and part of Cambridgeshire. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | The F2 is ward based with duties relating to the 15 bedded inpatient unit. The Day treatment unit offers opportunities for practical procedures such as paracentesis.  The overall educational objectives of the FY2 placement 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, particularly opioids * Manage symptoms associated with cancer * Manage symptoms experienced at end of life * Understand framework supporting end of life care in wider health community * Understand roles of the multi-professional team in palliative care * Keep accurate and relevant documentation (including producing police statements) * Manage time and clinical priorities effectively, responding to clinical need and national quality indicators * Communicate effectively with patients, relatives and colleagues, particularly in sensitive areas of breaking bad news and handling uncertainty * 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 * Educate patients effectively * Become life-long learners and teachers * Work as part of a multidisciplinary team |
| **Where the placement is based** | **St Johns Hospice, Moggerhanger** |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Dr P McNamara & Dr A Matthews |
| **Main duties of the placement** | The F2 doctor is responsible with other staff for the ward care of patients and the maintenance of the patient’s medical record. They will have an opportunity to work with the consultants as they do out-patient and domiciliary work. The F2 is expected to admit new patients and agree a management plan with a senior doctor. The F2, together with the GP trainee, is responsible for presenting the patients at the MDT meeting and for dictating the discharge summaries. They are encouraged to take advantage of palliative care teaching organised at St Johns, with more informal teaching occurring within the consultant WRs and feedback. Registrar ward based teaching covers symptom management and opioid prescribing. |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | The FY2 works with the GP trainee to provide ward cover between 8am – 7pm on week days with a band 1c on-call system for weekends (one in 5) plus one week night in five weeks.  Typically  Wk 1 = 08-16 shift Mon-Fri  Wk 2 = 11 – 19.00 Mon-Fri  Monday am – consultant WR  pm Ward duties  Tues SPR WR and day treatment cover, SPR teaching  Wed am- MDT  pm F2 teaching  Thursday Ward cover  Friday am Consultant WR  Over the four months the F2 is expected to do DVs with consultants and spend time with different teams to gain an understanding of their roles |
|  | The employer for this post is Bedford Hospital NHS Trust.  The post will be based in St Johns Hospice – Sue ryder, Moggerhanger. The hospice has 15 in-patient beds and also provides day treatments. |
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