**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust**

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| **Placement** | General Surgery, Colorectal |
| **The department** | F5/F6 |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | Ward based proceduresWound care Theatre experiencePre-op assessment  |
| **Where the placement is based** | West Suffolk Hospital |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Mr. Keeling |
| **Main duties of the placement** | Care of elective patients, emergency surgical admissions, pre-operative assessments |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | Typical working pattern in this post e.g. ward rounds, clinics, theatre sessionsDaily/weekly/monthly (if applicable) Mon: 7.45 – 5.30pm Tues: 7.45 – 5.30pm Wed: 7.45 – 5.30pm Thurs: 7.45 – 5.30pm Fri: 7.45 – 6.30pm Sat: Sun: Mon: Normal day Tues: Elective Surgery Wed: Day Surgery Thurs: Normal day Fri: Normal day Sat: Sun: On call requirements: Work in A&E, Weekend on call covering  |
| **Employer information** | West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds  |

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

**Appendix F–Individual placement description (Example)**

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| **Placement** | F1 General Surgery  |
| **The department** | The colorectal department has three Consultants and three busy firms. There is a busy intake of elective patients frequently for bowel cancer resections, stoma formations, inflammatory bowel, appendectomies and the wide spectrum of acute abdominal complaints referred electively from clinic or A&E. The department works closely with colorectal nurse specialists, dieticians and ITU, operating weekly elective and day surgery lists.  |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | All F1 Doctors in hospital posts will generally be ward based during the ‘normal’ working day and expected to deliver the daily medical care of all the patients on their ward irrespective of specialty. Ward based work includes managing peri-operative complications (atelectasis, ileus, infection, leaks etc.), optimizing patients for surgery (fluid resuscitation, blood work), and a team based approach to discharge through cooperation with physios for example. A&E based work involves first contact with acutely ill patients, clerking, examining and first stages of management. Overall educational objectives of the F1 year which can be met include… * 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.
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| **Where the placement is based** | West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, Wards F5/F6 |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Mr. Keeling  |
| **Main duties of the placement** | The F1 doctor is responsible with other staff for the ward care of patients and the maintenance of the patient’s medical record. Managing a busy ward list involves organization and time management, keeping seniors abreast of changes on the ward, monitoring patients for signs of deterioration, treating acute illness, and planning and preparing patients for surgery. Through recovery patient education and rehabilitation is required. There are also educational duties, from audit meetings to weekly tutorial sessions.  |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | *See above*Handovers each day are at 8.00 am doctors office, and 5pm doctors office. SpR handover also occurs at 6pm for on call. For switches between on call teams, handover occurs around 11am on Monday and Friday. Preop clinics run from 9.00am-1pm and 1pm – 5pm respectively |
| **Employer information** | West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds |