

PHEM Training in the South West



PHEM training has been available in the South West since 2012 and offers some of the busiest PHEM training services in the country. We are offering one PHEM training post in August 2023.

- A Scheme A job (50% PHEM, 50% EM) based between Great Western Air Ambulance and the Emergency Departments at the two Bristol hospital. This post is only available to Emergency Medicine Trainees.

(The scheme scheme C job (100% PHEM) Based with Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance will be returning in 2024, as they already have a PHEM trainee with them in 2023.)

Hospital Placements

The job is based at the two teaching hospitals in Bristol, spending 12 months (6 months WTE) in each Emergency department.



Bristol Royal Infirmary is a busy city centre Emergency department with tertiary provision for cardiac arrest management, cardiology, cardiothoracic and cancer services.



Southmead hospital is a regional major trauma centre, based on the northern side of the city. It has tertiary provision for stroke, vascular, neurosurgery, renal, burns and plastics.

PHEM Component

Great Western Air Ambulance



Great Western Air Ambulance Charity is based at a new purpose-built airbase in Almondsbury, North Bristol and is one of the busiest Pre-Hospital Critical Care services in the UK. The Critical Care Team is available from 07:00 to 01:00 and covers an area ranging from Tewkesbury to North Somerset and from the Forest of Dean to Swindon. We cover a population of over 2.1 million people, mainly within the urban centres of Bristol, Cheltenham, and Gloucester. GWAAC was tasked to 1985 incidents in 2021, delivering 158 pre-hospital emergency anaesthetics and 48 blood

transfusions. The Critical Care Team consists of Specialist Paramedics in Critical Care, an Advanced Paramedic Practitioner, Consultants and PHEM trainees. The Consultants within the team are drawn from a range of specialties including Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care, Anaesthesia, Cardiology and Neonatology. Approximately 29% of our cases are cardiac arrests, 19% acute medical emergencies and 52% trauma. 10% of cases are paediatrics. We attend a mix of rural and inner city / urban taskings, providing diverse experience and exposure. Clinical Governance days are held monthly, and we have a strong team ethos based on teaching, training and learning – with several members of the team participating as examiners for the DipIMC / FIMC.

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