

# 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. From 2020 we will be offering only scheme A jobs (2-year 50% base speciality, 50% PHEM). These jobs are available to trainees in:

## Hospital Component

### Emergency Medicine

Based at North Bristol NHS Trust (Southmead Hospital) or University Hospitals Bristol (Bristol Royal Infirmary) with the pre-hospital component delivered by Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) working within South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. One post will be available in August 2020.

### Anaesthesia / Intensive Care

Based at Royal United Hospital in Bath, but it may be possible to rotate to one of Bristol hospitals if this felt appropriate by the relevant Head of School. The pre-hospital component will be based with Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

In August 2020 there will be two posts; which could be both Anaesthesia, or one Anaesthesia and one Intensive Care Medicine. The ICM component may need to be taken as an OOPe (contact PHEM TPD for further details).



## PHEM Component



### Great Western Air Ambulance

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity is based at a new purpose-built airbase in Almondsbury, North Bristol. The critical care team is available from 07:00 to 01:00 and covers an area from Tewksbury to North Somerset and Bath and the Forest of Dean. The region has 2.1 million people, mainly within the urban centres of Bristol, Cheltenham and Gloucester. GWAAC was tasked to 1892 incidents in 2018/19, delivering 227 pre-hospital emergency anaesthetics. The critical care team consists of Specialist Paramedics in Critical Care, Consultants and PHEM trainees. Approximately 31% of cases are cardiac arrests, 17% acute medical emergencies and 50% trauma. 7.5% of cases are paediatrics.



### Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance launched in 2000. It is based at Henstridge Airfield on the Dorset/Somerset border. Last year (2018/2019) it was tasked to 1,394 incidents, an increase of 17% on the previous year. Pre-hospital anaesthesia was administered to 106 patients, 138 units of blood were given to 41 patients to treat life-threatening bleeding and 15 time critical inter-hospital transfers were undertaken. The critical care team is available between 07:00 and 02:00. Incidents are generally attended to by air, unless weather conditions do not permit.



### Further Information

For further information on working in this fantastic region please contact – Dr Jules Blackham (TPD for PHEM) – [julesblackham@doctors.net.uk](mailto:julesblackham@doctors.net.uk)

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