**West Midlands North Foundation School**

Individual Placement Description – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

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| **Placement** | FY2 - General Surgery (Upper GI/Colorectal) |
| **The department** | The General Surgery department at DGFT incorporates Colorectal and Upper GI surgical departments with acute surgical take. The colorectal department covers all aspects of the management of colorectal and inflammatory bowel diseases. Upper GI is based around the management of benign disease with a emphasis on laparoscopic interventions. The department has 8 consultants, with a full middle grade rota to support junior staff. The unit is further supported by 1 physician associate and 2 advanced nurse practitioners during the day with a full hospital at night support in place to support out of hours care. The opportunity to be involved with Vascular and Breast Surgical care is also available. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | The Sub Specialty for this post is Colorectal and Upper GI. Informal bedside teaching from senior doctors (consultants, SpRs and ST grades).  Opportunities are:   * teach medical students, * attend theatres (day theatre and main theatres), * weekly x-ray meeting, * Departmental Journal club/teaching and Colorectal and Upper GI MDT * Take and active part in audit and research at local regional and national levels.   Trainees will participate in the care of HDU level patients. As well as have the opportunity to see other pathologies in Breast and Vascular Surgery.  There is a weekly 3 hour protected teaching programme in place. |
| **Where the placement is based** | Russells Hall Hospital |
| **Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Named supervisors are appointed in line with the GMC requirements for Clinical and Educational Supervision and will be allocated at the time of appointment |
| **Main duties of the placement** | * Attending daily ward rounds * Clinical procedures such as cannulation, * Catheter placement, ECG, * NG Tube insertion, * Ordering investigations, * Reviewing sick patients, * Chasing results and tests. |

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| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | Full shift with on call commitment, together with an individual Work Schedule being issued. |
| **Employer information** | Based in the heart of the Black Country, The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is the main provider of hospital and adult community services to the populations of Dudley, significant parts of the Sandwell borough and smaller, but growing, communities in South Staffordshire and Wyre Forest.  The first hospital trust in the area to be awarded coveted Foundation Trust status in 2008, we provide a wide range of medical, surgical and rehabilitation services.  Currently the Trust serves a population of around 450,000 people from three hospital sites at Russells Hall Hospital, Guest Outpatient Centre in Dudley and Corbett Outpatient Centre in Stourbridge. The Trust provides the full range of secondary care services and some specialist services for the wider populations of the Black Country and West Midlands region. The Trust also provides specialist adult community based care in patients’ homes and in more than 40 centres in the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council community.  Our hospitals are among some of the most technologically advanced in the country, where state-of-the-art equipment and modern, purpose-built buildings combine to create the highest standards of patient care.  In a year we…   * deliver 4,700 babies * see around 500,000 outpatients * treat almost 100,000 patients in our emergency department * maintain our 13,000 Public Members   The hospital has a state of the art Education Centre, Simulation Facility and excellent library facilities. It also has an Undergraduate Teaching Academy taking over 500 medical students from Birmingham University each year. |

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