**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust**

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| **Placement** | FY1 General Surgery |
| **The department** | The department of general surgery comprises of six consultants all of whom participate in acute general surgical emergencies. Their interests include upper GI intestinal surgery, inguinal and femoral hernias, colorectal surgery, breast and laparoscopic operations. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | During the normal working day the post is ward based and involves the daily care of surgical patients.  The surgical attachment also includes being on-call which involves clerking of GP referred patients in A&E.  The overall educational objectives of the F1 year 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 * 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. |
| **Where the placement is based** | West Suffolk Hospital; Wards F5 and F6. |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Mr. Vickery. |
| **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.  Ordering appropriate investigations, taking blood and performing other core skills. They are expected to attend the structured teaching programmes provided by the Education centre. |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | The Daily schedule varies according to shift. I have given two examples below:  A Normal day is:  *Daily:* 0800 Ward round  Mon: Ward based jobs 09-17.00  Tues: : Ward based jobs 09-17.00  Wed: : Ward based jobs 09-17.00  Thurs: : Ward based jobs 09-17.00  Fri: : Ward based jobs 09-17.00  Sat:  Sun:  A late elective shift:  Mon: Pre-assessment Unit 13.00-17.00, Ward based jobs 17.00 -22.00  Tues: PAU 13.00-17.00, Ward based jobs 17.00 -22.00  Wed: PAU 13.00-17.00, Ward based jobs 17.00 -22.00  Thurs: PAU 13.00-17.00, Ward based jobs 17.00 -22.00  Fri: PAU 13.00-17.00, Ward based jobs 17.00 -22.00  Sat:  Sun:  *On call requirements:*  Weekend on call 1 in 9 08.00 – 20.30  Late on call 1 in 6 13.00-20.30  On call 08.00 to 17.00 |