**Essex, Beds and Herts Foundation School Individual Placement** Individual Placement Description - West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust

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| **Placement** | **F2 Emergency Medicine** |
| **Department** | A&E Department  The A&E department comprises 8 consultants and 6 middle grades with 2-3 consultants covering the shop floor at any point. There are also between 8-10 nurses and 1 or 2 ENPs. The department is generally F2 and Nurse led. |
| **Location** | West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust  Watford General Hospital |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | * Clerking in new patients and formulating management plans * ordering and interpreting imaging * Making appropriate referrals to other specialties * Practical procedures such as fracture dislocations/relocations; suturing; wound cleaning * Participating in crash calls in resuscitation * Participating in stroke thrombolysis calls in resuscitation * Participating in trauma calls in resuscitation * Spending a period of approx 1 week in children’s emergency department |
| **Supervisor(s)** | Mr David Gaunt  Mr Howard Borkett-Jones  Dr Michelle Jacobs  Dr Rachel Hoey  Dr Sandip Patel  Dr Shajeel Khan  Dr Ruth Davis  Dr Rajesh Vasiraju  Dr Nida Suri |
| **Main duties of the placement** | As above. F2 doctors are to clerk new patients, arrange scans, formulate management plans, make appropriate referrals and also take part in emergency calls in resuscitation. There is plenty of consultant support available.  F2 doctors also spend a week in AAU clerking medical referrals and a further week in the children’s emergency department. |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | Shift work: the shift patterns are as follows:   * 0800 – 2000 * 0800 – 2000 (with a morning handover between 0800 – 0830) * 1400 – 0000 * 0800 – 1800 |
| **Employer information** | West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust provides acute healthcare services to a core catchment population of approximately half a million people living in west Hertfordshire and the surrounding area. The Trust also provides a range of more specialist services to a wider population, serving residents of North London, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and East Hertfordshire. With around 4,300 staff and 350 volunteers at our three hospitals in Watford, St Albans and Hemel Hempstead, we are one of the largest employers locally.  The Trust manages three hospitals:   * [Hemel Hempstead Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp) * [St Albans City Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp) * [Watford General Hospital](http://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/our_hospitals.asp)   **Hemel Hempstead Hospital**  The clinical services offered at Hemel Hempstead include:   * antenatal and community midwifery; * outpatients; * step down beds; * urgent care centre; * medical care, including endoscopy and cardiac lung function testing; * clinical support, including X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound and non-urgent pathology.   **St Albans City Hospital**  St Albans is our elective care centre. The clinical services offered include:   * antenatal and community midwifery; * outpatients; * Minor injuries unit; * elective and day surgery; * sexual health; * clinical support, including X-ray, ultrasound, mammography and blood and specimen collection.   **Watford Hospital**  Watford is at the heart of our acute emergency services.  The clinical services offered include:   * women’s and children’s services, including a consultant delivery unit, midwife birthing unit, antenatal and postnatal clinics; * emergency care, including accident and emergency, acute admissions unit ambulatory care unit, acute wards, intensive care unit, and emergency surgery; * planned care, including outpatients and complex surgery; * medical care, including endoscopy, cardiology and chemotherapy; * sexual health; * clinical support, including X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound and urgent and non-urgent pathology   Together with our staff, patients, volunteers and health and social care partners, we strive to provide consistently good, safe care in a friendly, listening and informative way, as and when people need and want it and always with dignity and respect. |
| **Travel between sites and/or community placements** | The Trust will reimburse travel expenses for trainees who may be required to travel between hospital sites and/or community placements.  Some visits may not be easily accessible by public transport and therefore having a car would be an advantage. |

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

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