**East Anglia Foundation School**

**Individual Placement Description**

**West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust**

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| **Placement** | FY2 General Integrated Medicine and Stroke unit |
| **The department** | The Dept of Stroke unit comprises 2 consultants in Stroke and Elderly medicine, 1 SpR, 1 stroke specialist doctor, 5 junior Doctors (1 CT1, 2 FY2, and 2 FY1) and 3 stroke nurse specialist. The Stroke service provides a 24 hour 7 day a week inpatient specialist stroke service on G8 ward. 24 hour Thrombolysis service with 9-5 week day thrombolysis provides by stroke team with OOH thrombolysis by using telemedicine.  There is a 10 bedded Acute Stroke unit in G8 with access to 24 hour monitoring, acute management etc. There are also 6 beds available for management of acute medical admissions of all ages. All stroke patients coming to the hospital are directly admitted to the stroke unit from A&E, many of them within 1 hour of coming to hospital i.e. acute strokes are admitted directly to stroke unit in G8 ward.  There is a well-established TIA service with provisions of assessing high risk TIA daily on weekday with a TIA clinic of low risk TIA once a week. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | All FY2 Doctors in hospital posts will generally be ward based during the ‘normal’ working day and expected to deliver the daily medical care of all the patients on their ward including Ward round with Consultant and SpR and also review of patients on an individual basis. Daily medical care also involved in managing the acute strokes admitted directly to stroke unit.  OOH and on call involve assessing and managing all the medical admission referred from A&E and GP; supervised by SpR who are resident and available with onsite EAU consultants between 9 am to 9pm and daily twice a day PTWR by consultants.  Learning opportunities:   * Weekly departmental Radiology meeting * FY2 Core Teaching on every Thursday * CMT teaching every Tuesday * Stroke Radiology meeting every Thursday * Journal club every Friday * Teaching during consultant WR * Quarterly departmental clinical governance meeting * Monthly COE/stroke teaching on Tuesday * Monthly M&M meeting * Monthly ward based Audit * Weekly MDT meeting   The overall educational objectives of the F2 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, Ward G8 |
| **Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Dr Abul Azim |
| **Main duties of the placement** | **Clinical:**   * The admission and treatment of emergency admissions * Clerking (i.e. full history and examination) and day to day management of the inpatients * Arrangement of investigations such as blood tests, X-rays and ECGs * Investigation and management of GP referral patients under the care of the department * Practical procedures e.g. Insertion of venflons, catheters, nasogastric tubes etc. * Documentation of patient’s progress in the hospital notes * Obtaining consent for procedures * Carrying cardiac arrest bleep and acting as member of resuscitation team * Daily medical care of all the patients on the Ward G8 and medical outliers   **Communication:**   * Close liaison with other members of the team and Consultant concerning the care of patients * Communication with patients, relatives, nurses, GPs and other colleagues. * Handover of patient information between shifts * Referral of patients to other teams * The referral of patients to other hospital * Discharge notification and writing up EPRO summary * Death notification   **Education/Audit/Governance:**   * Attendance at departmental meetings and educational seminars * Supervision of medical students * Participation in audit programmes * Attendance at F2 core teaching sessions * Taking responsibility for own learning |
| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | 1. Normal Day (Mon – Fri) : 9.00 am to 5 pm [daily ward round including at least twice a week consultant WR , Mon – Radiology meeting at 12.30 pm, Tue – CMT teaching at 1.00 pm, Wed – PGME lecture at 12.30 pm, Thurs – F2 teaching at 12.30 and ward G8 radiology meeting at 1.30 pm and Fri – Journal Club at 12.30 pm.] 2. Day on call (weekday) : 8.30 am to 9.00 pm 3. Weekends on call : 8.30 am to 9.00 pm 4. Night shift: 8.30 pm to 9.00 am.   **On call requirements: Yes** |
| **Employer information** |  |