SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN NEUROSURGERY IN HEALTH EDUCATION
ENGLAND - WESSEX

This is an 8 year training programme in Neurosurgery at ST1 aimed at doctors who can demonstrate the essential competences to enter this level of training. The programme is designed to support training for a CCT in Neurosurgery. Details of essential competences and qualifications are detailed in the HEE person specification for ST1 Neurosurgery which is available from http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk.

It is anticipated that completion of this training programme, subject to satisfactory progression at the ARCP, will lead to a CCT or CESR (CP) in General Surgery.

The programme is based in hospitals in Health Education England – Wessex including:

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Health Education England – Wessex is responsible for the planning, development, education and training of the healthcare and public health workforce across Hampshire, Dorset, Isle of Wight and Salisbury. We also provide medical training for the States of Jersey and GP appraisal services for Jersey and Guernsey. We believe that the key to improving the health and healthcare of the 2.8 million people living in Wessex is investment in the skills and values of the 52,000 people working in the NHS and in primary care.

Within the field of postgraduate medical education and training, we manage across primary and secondary care for these health communities – totalling around 2,400 doctors in training at any one time across 12 Trusts and 160 GP practices. In addition, we support the workforce development for GP Practice Nurses and Public Health practitioners as well managing a bespoke GP appraisal service for established GP Practitioners to meet the requirements for revalidation in accordance with the statutory requirements set by the General Medical Council.

We manage training programmes for postgraduate medical training according to the statutory standards set by the General Medical Council (GMC) and have responsibility for establishing and maintaining quality management systems for all posts and programmes as required by the GMC.

The work of Health Education England – Wessex is guided by the principles embedded within the NHS constitution.
Rotation Information

- Training takes place entirely at Southampton General Hospital
- In ST1 there are usually 3 four month placements in NICU, neurology and neurosurgery and In ST2, 8 months in neurosurgery and another 4 months in another surgical discipline (currently general surgery or accident and emergency if required). Changes to the placements may be necessary to reflect the needs of trainees.
- ST3-8 years are equivalent to SPR grade and rotate at 6-12 monthly intervals around the 3 neurosurgical teams. Where possible trainees are allocated to a single consultant neurosurgeon.

Study and Training

The primary aim of all posts is the training programme developed and there is a region wide syllabus and minimum standards of education agreed by all Trusts within the rotation.

Health Education England – Wessex is committed to developing postgraduate training programmes as laid down by GMC, Colleges and Faculties and by COPMED - the Postgraduate Deans Network. At local level college/specialty tutors work with the Programme Director and Directors of Medical Education in supervising these programmes. Trainees will be expected to take part in these programmes (including audit) and to attend meetings with their nominated educational supervisor.

All posts within the training programme are recognised for postgraduate training by the General Medical Council (GMC) in accordance with their standards for training.

Study leave is granted in accordance with Health Education England – Wessex/Trust policy and are subject to the maintenance of the service.

All posts have a service element and the following covers the majority of duties. There will be minor variations in different hospitals but the list is aimed at covering the majority of duties:

1. Supervise, monitor and assist the House Officer (F2) in the day-to-day management of in-patients in posts with an attached F2.
2. Liaise between nurses, F1 and F2 Doctors, patients, relatives and senior medical staff.
3. Attend and participate in ward rounds as timetabled
4. Attend outpatient clinics.
5. Take part in rostered emergency work.
6. Dictate discharge summaries.
7. Study for higher examination and maintain continued professional development.
8. Attend weekly educational and multidisciplinary sessions.
9. Undertake audit at various times throughout the rotations.
10. Teach medical students as directed.
11. Co-operate with members of the personnel department when monitoring hours of work and other personnel issues.
12. Attend induction in each hospital or new department
13. Comply with all local policies including dress code, annual and study leave

**Trust Generic/Specialty Information**

- The Wessex neurological centre provides neurosurgical care for 3 million people in Wessex. The unit has a dedicated NICU, neurosurgical, neurological and paediatric wards.
- Fourteen consultant neurosurgeons are supported by 10 ST3 and above trainees and 5 ST1-2 trainees
- All major areas of neurosurgical practice are provided by the consultants working in 3 consultant teams.
- There are 3 operating lists per day, MDT meetings, OPD clinics and consultant ward rounds which trainees are expected to attend

**Curriculum**

The neurosurgical curriculum is detailed on the ISCP website at [http://www.iscp.ac.uk/](http://www.iscp.ac.uk/).

**Teaching**

- Weekly teaching programme is held every Friday afternoon.

**Main Conditions of Service**

The posts are whole-time and the appointments are subject to:
- The Terms and Conditions of Service for NHS Doctors and Dentists in Training (England).
- Satisfactory registration with the General Medical Council.
- Right to work in the UK.
- Criminal Records Check/POCA check carried out by the Trust Medical HR department.
- Pre-employment checks carried out by the Trust Medical HR department - [http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employment-checks](http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employment-checks)

**Educational supervisor**

The employer will confirm your supervisor on commencement.

**General information**

**Salary Scale / Basic Pay**
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