# Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
## Individual Placement (Job) Description

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<th>Placement</th>
<th>F1 - Palliative Medicine (Weldmar Hospicecare)</th>
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| **The department** | As an F1 you will work in the Joseph Weld Hospice which is one of the three centres owned by the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust which covers the population of north, south and west Dorset. (approx. 250,000). The patient population are those with cancer and other progressive conditions where the shift is from active treatment to relieving of symptoms. There are 18 in-patient beds in Joseph Weld Hospice (14 Hospice beds and 4 respite care beds).

The medical team comprises of two Consultants, 1 Associate Specialist and 4 part-time speciality doctors. In addition there are also nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, family support team, and complementary therapists, who all work to provide a place of support and safety for patients at the end of life. |
| **The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | As most F1 Doctors in hospital posts, you will generally be ward based during the 'normal' working day and be expected to deliver the daily medical care of all the patients on the ward. As an F1 your role will include:
- Clerking new patients and documenting on our computer based records
- Taking part in the consultant ward rounds
- Daily reviews of the current in-patient population
- Carrying out ward based procedures e.g. venesection, and tasks e.g. TTO’s, discharge letters
- Identifying problems requiring senior referral/discussion
- Being an active member of the multidisciplinary team
- Prescribe medications appropriately + safely
- Manage time and clinical priorities effectively
- Communicate effectively with patients, relatives and colleagues
- Cope with the ethical and legal issues which occur during the management of patients at the end of life
- Certifying patients who have passed away and completing the paperwork

This job is a supernumerary post and so there are a lot of teaching opportunities from tutorials with the senior doctors to shadowing the community specialist palliative care nurses. Furthermore in this post you will be exposed to the end-stages of a patient’s life not often seen in an acute hospital. You will get to know the patients as a whole person rather than concentrating solely on their illness. |
| **Where the placement is based** | Joseph Weld Hospice  
Herringston Road  
Dorchester  
DT1 2SL |
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<th>Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement</th>
<th>Dr. Karen Steadman + Dr. Richard Sloan</th>
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<td><strong>Main duties of the placement</strong></td>
<td>As an F1 doctor you will be responsible with other staff for the ward care of patients and the maintenance of the patients record. The reason for admission may be symptom control, terminal care or respite care. The doctor will be responsible for such other specific clinical duties as allocated by consultants including performing other duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances.</td>
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| **Typical working pattern in this placement** | Typical working pattern in this post e.g. ward rounds, clinics, family/ discharge planning meetings  
Daily 0900-1700 Clerk new admissions, in-patient reviews  
Mon: 1000 MDT meeting, 1400 consultant ward round  
Tues: 1300 F1 teaching at DCH  
Wed: 1300 medical teaching at DCH  
Thurs: 0900 consultant ward round, palliative care teaching  
Fri: Ward cover  
Sat: Nil  
Sun: Nil  

*On call requirements: None* |
| **Employer information** | Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.  
The post will be based in Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, which is a medium-sized acute NHS Foundation Trust including an emergency department (trauma unit), and links with satellite units in five community hospitals.  
The hospital is the main provider of acute hospital services to a population of around 210,000, living within Weymouth and Portland, West Dorset, North Dorset and Purbeck. |

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