### Placement | F2 - Trauma and Orthopaedics
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**The department** | Trauma and Orthopaedics Dorset County Hospital, 8 consultants with 3 teams of juniors.

**The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | At the start of the placement there is a three week period of lectures from 08.30 until 9.00 am after the trauma meeting. These are designed to cover all the important topics in trauma and orthopaedics. At the trauma meeting all admissions and significant cases seen in the previous 24 hours are discussed. This is an excellent learning opportunity and provides practice on answering questions on clinical management in preparation for specialty training interviews. Care of all in patients under the supervision of the middle grade and consultant. There are 2 weekly orthogeriatric ward rounds that may be attended. Ward work and theatre experience.

Skills training takes place on some Tuesday mornings, topics include: suturing, hand tying, safe use of local anaesthetics, plastering techniques, knee aspiration. There is also access to a laparoscopic simulator.

There are monthly morbidity and mortality / review of practice meetings with lectures on important orthopaedic and trauma topics.

Trainees are always welcome in the outpatient department. There are trauma/fracture clinics running every day and specialized clinics for Hand Surgery, Shoulder Surgery, and Knee Surgery etc. These all offer excellent training opportunities.

There is monthly radiology teaching organized by Dr Alner/Mr Walsh, this can be increased to alternate weeks if sufficient demand.

**Where the placement is based** | Dorset County Hospital

**Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placements** | Nick Fernandez, Nick Savva, Tim Crook

**Main duties of the placement** | Care of inpatients on trauma and orthopaedic unit. Assessment and initial management of musculoskeletal trauma including head injuries when on call. Assisting in theatre. Attending out patient clinics and operating lists for teaching/learning. Note when on call you cover Orthopaedics and ENT or General surgery and urology.

VTE assessment using vitalpacs system. Liaising with other members of the MDT – nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists etc and general practitioners for continuity of care.

Organizing and reviewing investigations for in patients and patients seen on call. Presenting cases at the daily trauma meeting.

Hand over of patients at the end of your shift. Providing hand over sheets for the weekend team.
### Typical working pattern in this placement

Typical working pattern in this post e.g. ward rounds, clinics, theatre sessions
Daily/weekly/monthly (if applicable)

Mon: 8am trauma meeting followed by ward round and ward work. Theatre/clinics am/pm when scheduled, on call evenings for ortho/general surgery when scheduled.
Tues: 8am trauma meeting followed by ward round and ward work. Theatre/clinics am/pm when scheduled, on call evenings for ortho/general surgery when scheduled.
Wed: 8am trauma meeting followed by ward round and ward work. Theatre/clinics am/pm when scheduled, on call evenings for ortho/general surgery when scheduled.
Thurs: 8am trauma meeting followed by ward round and ward work. Theatre/clinics am/pm when scheduled, on call evenings for ortho/general surgery when scheduled.
Fri: 8am trauma meeting followed by ward round and ward work. Theatre/clinics am/pm when scheduled, on call evenings for ortho/general surgery when scheduled.
Sat: off unless on call
Sun: off unless on call

**On call requirements:** Evening and weekends as scheduled, occasional ortho on call during week days.

### 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.