**Placement** | F2 - Old Age Psychiatry
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The department | Kings Park Hospital/Alderney Hospital.

The Department of Old Age Psychiatry consists of 8 Consultant Psychiatrists based within Community Mental Health Teams providing mental health services to people aged 65 and older in Bournemouth, Poole and East Dorset.

**The type of work to expect and learning opportunities**

The two F2 doctors in hospital posts will be ward based and expected to deliver the daily medical care and management of patients with cognitive impairment/dementia presenting with challenging behaviour. During the attachment the F1 will be involved in the clerking of patients being admitted and the ongoing care of the patients within the unit.

The overall educational objectives are to provide the trainees with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to deal with patients presenting with psychological or behavioral problems associated with dementia. They would be expected to:

- Take a collateral history from relatives and from a patient if appropriate, undertake a mental state examination and to examine a patient
- Identify problems and carry out appropriate investigations when necessary
- Prescribe safely, particularly psychotropic drugs
- Communicate effectively with this patient group, relatives and colleagues
- Keep an accurate and relevant medical record electronically
- Manage time and clinical priorities effectively
- Use evidence based treatment and/or guidelines when treating patients
- Understand some legal and ethical issues in relation to the management of patients with dementia
- Opportunity to become involved in clinical audits and to attend outpatient clinic as agreed in clinical supervision

**Where the placement is based**

One F2 post based at Kings Park Hospital: Springbourne Ward (female unit), Meyrick Ward (male unit) & ITU ward (male unit)

One F2 post based at Alderney Hospital: St Brelades Ward and ITU ward (female unit)

**Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement**

Dr Claire Simpson & Dr Richard Law Min (Kings Park Hospital)
Dr Sunil Sinha & Dr Peter Kanisius (Alderney Hospital)

**Main duties of the placement**

The two F2 doctors are responsible for the admissions and day to day care of inpatients and are expected to attend the scheduled ward rounds as part of the multi disciplinary team. They will also be expected to complete discharge summaries within five days of patients’ discharge. They are encouraged to
attend the weekly structured teaching programme offered at St Ann’s Hospital. There will be opportunities to attend outpatient clinics with Consultants or more senior colleagues and to be involved in clinical audits. The F2 doctors are expected to provide cross cover for each other during period of leave.

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On call requirements: None

| Employer information | Dorset Healthcare University Foundation Trust One post will be based at Kings Park Hospital, Bournemouth One post will be based at Alderney Hospital, Poole |

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