### Placement

**F1 - Vascular Surgery 6 months including 5 weeks Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU).**

### The department

Vascular Surgery Department comprises of 4 consultants and 1 locum consultants. The treatment and services offered include angiography, AAA repair, carotid endarterectomy, treatment for peripheral vascular disease e.g. Ulcers, gangrene. The main ward is in E3 in Queen Alexandra Hospital.

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

All F1 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 irrespective of specialty. Whilst in the SAU attachment the F1 will be involved with the generic clerking of patients being admitted and the ongoing care of the patients in the unit.

The overall educational objectives of the F1 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

Queen Alexandra Hospital, E3 ward.

### Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement

Allocated on joining.

### Main duties of the placement

The F1 doctor is responsible with other staff for the ward care of patients and the maintenance of the patient’s medical record. They are expected to attend the structured teaching programmes provided by the department. The F1 doctor is also responsible to pre-assess patients due for surgery the next few days. They are also expected to present cases to vascular supervisors observe a few vascular investigations.

### Typical working pattern in this placement

Typical working pattern in this post e.g. ward rounds, pre-assessment.
Daily: Wards round 0900 & pre-assessment 1030

Wed: MDT meeting

If free, welcomed to attend vascular investigation tests, angiography or theatre sessions.

M&M meetings will be held every 2 months

On call requirements: 1 in 4-6 weeks on-call

**Employer information**

The Queen Alexandra Hospital site has gone through a major redevelopment to create a modern and ‘fit for purpose’ hospital, which was completed in 2009. The majority of the Trust's acute services are now provided at Queen Alexandra following the opening phase of the new state-of-the-art facilities. We provide a full range of acute secondary services to a population of over half a million people. Additional specialist services are provided to a wider catchment area extending as far as Dorset and Sussex.

The 'Emergency Department' at Queen Alexandra Hospital is one of the busiest in the UK treating in excess of 100,000 patients each year.

The 'Medical Assessment Unit' (MAU) and 'Surgical Assessment Unit' (SAU) provide rapid diagnostic assessment for patients admitted as emergencies. These can then be directed to the clinical areas most appropriate for their condition.

The Trust is also home to the Wessex Renal and Transplant Unit and it holds prestigious Cancer Beacon Status for the Head and Neck Cancer Services.

Hosting the largest Ministry of Defence Hospital Unit (MDHU) in the country, the Trust enjoys strong military connections and is proud of this association. This means that as a Trust, we have wider responsibilities than those of standard NHS organisations. Military staff now account for 3% of the total workforce and the Trust has responsibility to ensure the staff have exposure to the appropriate clinical experience required during their times of deployment throughout the world.

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