### Placement

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

This is a 19-bedded specialist inpatient unit, where the doctor gains experience of palliative medicine in the context of an extensive multi-professional team.

The medical team make-up varies over time and is made clear in the doctor's job plan at the outset of the post, a consultant in palliative medicine will be the nominated clinical supervisor and liaise with the doctor's educational supervisor.

The unit serves a population of south eastern Hampshire and Portsmouth (two Trusts), including the practice area of the doctor's concurrent GP placement.

Admissions are for symptom management; "rescue" (breakdown of care at home); and specialist rehabilitation as well as terminal care. There is a 40% discharge rate and generally the doctor will see more than one patient in their attachment whom they have seen with their GP trainer or on whom they can follow up after discharge.

Ward rounds balance service and education and are conducted by experienced Specialty doctors and consultants.

Presenting cases is for the trainee's development and to promote experiential learning as well as the obvious need to ensure optimum patient care.

A weekly one-to-one tutorial with a consultant is conducted whenever possible.

There is an average of one to two medical education sessions per month and the FY2 doctor will take a turn in presenting a paper or topic.

### Where the placement is based

The Rowans Hospice, Purbrook (near Waterlooville in south eastern Hampshire).

### Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement

To be notified at start of placement

### Main duties of the placement

The Foundation (2) doctor works alongside Specialty Trainees (GPST) and Staff Grade specialty doctors to complete the inpatient ward work.

This includes review of patients, alone and in ward rounds with seniors including Consultants in Palliative Medicine.

The FY2 will usually conduct one admission assessment, with an experienced nurse, per day and will always present this to a senior.

Administrative tasks and a small amount of phlebotomy are shared among the ward doctors.

The FY2 will be supervised in completion of medical certificates of death etc and discharge letters.
All doctors are required to
- Prescribe safely
- Keep an accurate and relevant medical record according to the in-house standard of record-keeping
- 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
- know their limitations and seek advice and support from experience colleagues, of an appropriate profession (eg physiotherapist & nursing colleagues as well as doctors).

### Typical working pattern in this placement

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<td>Mon</td>
<td>Worked, along with *Thur and Fri, in General Practice</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tues</td>
<td>Handover, ward work, admission &amp; present admission to Staff Grade doctor</td>
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<td>Wed</td>
<td>Handover, ward work, admission &amp; hour with consultant including review of cases seen</td>
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<td>Thurs</td>
<td>*one swap in 4 months to work Thursday in order to attend a ward multi-disciplinary meeting</td>
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<td>Fri</td>
<td>no Friday or weekend work in palliative medicine</td>
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<td>Sat</td>
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*On call requirements: un-banded, no 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.