## Placement Description

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<th>F2 - General Practice</th>
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<td>The department</td>
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<td>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</td>
<td>You don’t know what a GP does until you see it yourself! GP practices are not mini-hospitals. Few patients seen in primary care are referred to secondary care; most are managed in the community. This is the ideal opportunity to see how most of the healthcare system in the UK works. You will gain the opportunity to work in an approved GP practice where you will work closely with a named GP supervisor to develop your skills in primary care. You will see anything, but not everything in 4 months!</td>
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<td>Where the placement is based</td>
<td>Practices throughout Portsmouth and South East Hampshire</td>
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<td>Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement</td>
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| Main duties of the placement | ● Developing your communication skills  
● Management of acute minor and major illness in the community  
● Learn about chronic disease management  
● See patients in their own homes  
● Managing risk and uncertainty  
● Liaison with the primary and secondary healthcare teams |
| Typical working pattern in this placement | There is no ‘typical’ day in GP…  
…but you can expect to see a mixture of urgent and routine appointments together with supervised home visits each day. You will have an hour protected time for a tutorial with your supervisor each week. |
| 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.