**Placement** | **F2 - Acute Paediatrics**
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**The department** | 13 paediatric consultants all with special interests including diabetes and endocrine, oncology and neurology. The consultants work together in teams of 2 or 3 and are on call during their ‘hot week’ when they cover the wards and the children assessment unit during the day. All paediatric pathology is represented. The paediatric department covers Portsmouth and is closely linked with Southampton for oncology, neurology and surgical specialities.

**The type of work to expect and learning opportunities** | An FY2 role in the paediatric post involves clerking in children who are admitted to the child assessment unit, devising an initial management plan and performing/organizing any investigations which are required. They are expected to perform venesection, cannulation and obtain urinary catheter/suprapubic catheter specimens once they are competent. They should be able to prescribe commonly used medications safely and with the use of the BNF. FY2 are expected to communicate any concerns to their seniors as well as present the children they have clerked to other members of the paediatric team clearly and concisely. They should be able to manage common paediatric conditions and emergencies with the guidance of their seniors. They should be involved in audits, teaching sessions, as well as attending resuscitation courses.

**Where the placement is based** | Paediatrics, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth

**Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement** | Allocated at start of placement

**Main duties of the placement** | During a ‘standard day’ FY2s (that are part of the SHO rota) are either based on the ward or in the child assessment unit. If they are working on the ward they are involved in organising the notes and preparing them for the ward round with the consultant, and ensuring that all of the up to date investigations are recorded in the notes. They work with the consultant during the ward round and complete any jobs accumulated from the round. They are involved in the handover to the late team in the afternoon. If the FY2 is on the child assessment unit they clerk patients that come in from GP/A&E and carry the on-call bleep accepting these referrals. They work closely with a registrar. There are also late and night shifts where an FY2s role is similar to a standard day. They may have an opportunity to attend outpatient clinics. Every morning FY2s are expected to attend formal teaching.

**Typical working pattern in this placement** | **Mon:**
AM: journal club, handover, ward round/CAU
PM: Handover, complete any remaining jobs

**Tues:**
830-9 SHO teaching
then as for Monday
**Wed:**
830-9 specialist teaching
then as for Monday

**Thurs:**
830-9 radiology teaching
then as for Monday

**Fri:**
830 hand over (change over of consultants)
then as for Monday
Grand round at 1-2.

**Sat:**
9-9 handover in the morning and evening

**Sun:**
9-9 as above

*On call requirements: late shifts 1-10, night shifts 9-9.*

**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.