University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
Individual Placement (Job) Description

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**Bramshaw Women's Unit** is a 32 bedded ward that is predominately gynaecology. We care for ladies experiencing problems in all the specialities that gynaecology encompasses: surgical oncology, urogynaecology, general gynaecology, laparoscopic treatments and early pregnancy. Ladies experiencing difficulties during the first 20 weeks of their pregnancy may come to the Bramshaw unit. We also care for patients undergoing breast surgery and some general surgical procedures. Bramshaw accepts patients directly to the ward via their GPs or sometimes ambulance control; these patients are seen on the ward, avoiding the emergency department.

**The early pregnancy unit** take referrals from GPs and the emergency department by a process of booked appointments. 300 – 350 pregnant ladies each month are assessed in EPU either by a doctor or a sister and may be admitted to the main unit if required.

**The hysteroscopy and colposcopy unit** has clinics running on weekdays. Many "minor" procedures can now be carried out in these clinics as outpatient interventions.

**The day gynaecological unit** admits patients for minor surgery that day and providing they are fit enough, they are discharged home later the same day. Also a majority of major cases are admitted through this unit prior to theatre.

**The urodynamics department** provides extensive, specialised investigation and treatment of urogynaecological conditions.

Because of the sensitive nature of the work that is undertaken on the gynaecological unit we believe in providing a holistic approach to the care that we give, using teamwork and incorporating the support of other members of the multidisciplinary team.

Consultants and specialities:

- Miss Ying Cheong - Gynaecologist and fertility specialist
- Mr K Metcalf – Gynae-oncology
- Mr S Crawford- Gynae-oncology
- Mr R Hadwin- Gynae-oncology
| The type of work to expect and learning opportunities | Multidisciplinary team working  
Comprehensive educational program available within Obs and Gynae to F1s  
F1s are encouraged to undertake audit whilst in the department.  
Opportunity to complete the gynaecology components of the RCOG Women’s Health Module.  
Foundation program teaching consists of 2 lunchtime lectures per week on Tuesday and Thursday up until Christmas, and Tuesday lunchtime after Christmas. In addition, there are monthly half day teaching sessions from September to June on the second Wednesday of the month. All Foundation posts are required to release trainees to attend teaching except in rare circumstances. |
| Where the placement is based | University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust  
Princess Anne Hospital |
| Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement | The three F1s will be allocated to one of the following consultants: Mr Metcalf, Mr Monga or Mr Moors. |
| Main duties of the placement | The overall educational objectives of the F1 year are to provide the trainee with knowledge, skills and attitudes to be able to:  
- Take a history and examine a patient (ie gynaecology and early pregnancy problems)  
- 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 management of patients  
- Educate patients effectively  
- Become life-long learners and teachers  
On Bramshaw ward, consultant and registrar led ward rounds take place daily. Tasks will be identified on these rounds, prioritised and allocated to team members. These will include discharge summaries, making referrals, taking blood and documentation in hospital notes.  
F1s will also attend the Early Pregnancy Unit (EPU), supported by senior nurses, SHOs and registrars, and pre-clerking clinics. Newly admitted emergency patients are initially seen by the F1s. |
<p>| Typical working pattern | 3 week rolling on call rota 8am-7pm including weekend days. |</p>
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| Employer information | University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust provides services to some 1.3 million people living in Southampton and south Hampshire, plus specialist services such as neurosciences, cardiac services and children's intensive care to more than 3 million people in central southern England and the Channel Islands.  

The Trust is also a major centre for teaching and research in association with the University of Southampton and partners including the Medical Research Council and Wellcome Trust.  

UHSFT gained foundation trust status on 1 October 2011. The Trust was formerly known as Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust (SUHT)  

Every year our 7,500 staff:  

- treat around 112,000 inpatients and day patients, including about 50,000 emergency admissions;  
- see approximately 375,000 people at outpatient appointments; and  
- deal with around 110,000 cases in our emergency department |

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