

# Foundation Job Description

Foundation School		
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Grade (F1 or F2)	Specialty <i>If General (Internal) Medicine OR General Surgery, please provide a sub-specialty</i>	Sub-specialty (if appropriate) <i>If General (Internal) Medicine OR General Surgery, please provide a sub-specialty</i>
F1	Surgery	General
Trust		Site
Northampton General Hospital		Surgical Wards NGH
Main Duties		
<p>This post is single site and ward-based, in a busy and dynamic unit, working in a team of 10 General surgery F1s supported by a rolling rota of CTs/F2s, registrars and a rolling weekly rota of General Surgery consultants. We have adopted a team based structure within general surgery, which enables easier escalation and support for the FY1's. Daily duties focus on the care of surgical patients on 3 principal surgical wards.</p> <p>The Department of Surgery has ten GI Surgeons and five consultant Urologists. We provide specialist services including Laparoscopic Oncological Colorectal surgery, Laparoscopic Repair of Complex Hernias, benign Upper GI surgery and inflammatory bowel disease surgery including ileo-anal pouch surgery. The urologists provide further specialist services including laparoscopic nephrectomy, percutaneous nephrolithotomy, brachytherapy and holmium laser enucleation of the prostate.</p> <p>The vascular services at NGH and KGH were reconfigured in 2012 to form the Northamptonshire Vascular Service, with NGH as the centre providing elective arterial surgery and 24/7 emergency vascular surgery and emergency interventional vascular radiology procedures for the patients of Northamptonshire.</p> <p>Inpatients consist of both elective and emergency patients, the majority of whom are elderly with complex comorbidities. We have a large amount of admissions and discharges every day, with Emergency lists running all day. Each FY will have a single named consultant clinical supervisor. The FY1 will be responsible for ward care, assisting in theatre, assisting in outpatients, on calls. Responsibilities include acceptance, assessment and initial treatment of acute general surgery patients.</p> <p>The working day begins with collation of the patient list and review of all outstanding investigation results before a daily consultant led ward round. The responsibilities then involve performing tasks generated from the ward round including but not exclusive to completing EDN's, requesting required investigations and seeking consultant review as needed with other medical specialties. You will react to emergency situations as they might arise and access support from senior colleagues when necessary. You will also be responsible for preparing patients for emergency operations as required and may need to clerk in emergency patients. At the end of the day there is a planned board round with the surgical registrar to update on patient progress. This meeting will often take place in the theatre suite. Theatre attendance is encouraged when ward duties allow and interested trainees can gain a lot of basic surgical skills as a result. The post will allow the trainee to accomplish most the F1 core procedures and completing the required work place based assessments is easily achievable.</p> <p>You will participate in a full shift 1 in 13 rota covering Urology, Vascular and General Surgery emergencies. On-call in the surgical department is run on a rota basis and can involve different patterns at different times. Following a normal day at work you might be on-call from 5pm – 8.30pm looking after all surgical patients throughout the hospital. Handover to the night team surgical F1 occurs at 8pm who is then responsible for care of all surgical patients until 9.30pm, and then for the care of all patients including medical outliers on 5 surgical wards as part of the hospital Night team. Additionally, you will help with clerking the new acute surgical patients. Day time weekend on call (8am-8:30pm) begins with a consultant</p>		

ward round of all surgical patients with ongoing responsibility for completing any jobs that arise. You will also help with the admission clerking of new surgical patients and attend theatre as needed. During this post you should be able to complete most of the required core procedures for the foundation programme and achieve all the appropriate work place based assessments with ease.

### Example Timetable

For example: W/R (Outpatients), MDT, Meetings, X-Ray Conference etc.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM	Consultant ward round Ward work	Consultant ward round Ward work	Consultant ward round Ward work	Consultant ward round Ward work	Consultant ward round Ward work
Lunchtime					
PM	Ward work Review meeting SpR	Ward work Review meeting SpR	Ward work Review meeting SpR	FY1 teaching	Ward work Surgical teaching

### Educational Activities:

All FY1 will have a trained and experienced Educational Supervisor that stays with them for the whole of their FY1 year and a Clinical Supervisor for each of their 4/12 attachments.

The consultant post take ward rounds give opportunity for feedback and teaching and the post easily allows completion of the required portfolio assessments. The mandatory F1 teaching occurs weekly on Thursday afternoons and is protected time off the ward and bleep free. The FY1 teaching programme covers a wide range of the curriculum over the three rotations.

The surgical directorate has a weekly afternoon education event plus monthly M&M meetings, monthly X-ray meeting and a journal club/case presentation/topic teaching with opportunity to present and complete your required teaching SLE.

All junior doctors will have the opportunity to complete supervised Quality Improvement projects of their own choosing. They will be supported in this by their Educational and Clinical Supervisors and the well equipped QIP department.

The medical education department comprises of medical education, simulation resuscitation and quality improvement academia. All junior doctors with a passion for education and/or quality improvement can work with the medical education team as faculty and support the delivery of education programmes for medical students and quality and safety programmes. All our faculty can attend an in house Train the Trainer course free of charge and are also offered a peer to peer review on their teaching sessions from one of the expert medical education senior management team.

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Our STEP - Student Tutoring & Education Programme – is available for all medical students on placement at NGH. STEP is a programme aimed at providing additional formalised learning opportunities for medical students in order to enhance the educational experience already gained during their placements.

As part of STEP, teaching sessions are held once weekly in small groups (2-3 students).

We encourage all FY doctors to become tutors on STEP and lead sessions.

### Other Comments (if appropriate):

Our group is made up of Northampton General Hospital (NGH) NHS Trust and Kettering General Hospital (KGH) NHS Foundation Trust and was formed in 2020.

We deliver acute services from two main sites: Northampton General Hospital and Kettering General Hospital. We also provide care at several satellite locations including in Corby, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Danetre and GP facilities.

Both our hospitals are acute hospitals providing 24-hour emergency care. We offer a full range of district general hospital care as well as some specialist services: NGH provides specialist cancer, vascular and stroke care for the county and KGH provides emergency cardiac care for the county. In total we have around 1,390 beds with 600 at KGH and 790 at NGH. We serve a population of approximately 900,000 people across the county and employ over 9,000 staff, making us one of the largest employers in Northamptonshire.

All our divisions are committed to doing things better with more efficiency as we update, modernise and advance. We have strong partnerships with University of Leicester and University of Northampton and are supported by the East Midlands Clinical Research Network.

Our excellence values are, respect, compassion, integrity, courage and accountability.

**Disclaimer: Please note that the placement information provided is subject to change.**