

Foundation Job Description

Foundation School		
LNR		
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>
F2	Medicine	Cardiology
Trust		Site
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust		Dryden ward NGH
Main Duties		
<p>This post is based on a 26 bedded acute cardiology ward with four CCU beds and four side rooms. These are predominantly cardiology patients with all major cardiac illnesses including acute coronary syndromes cardiomyopathies, heart failure syndromes, cardiac arrhythmias and valve disease. The ward has rapid turnover and often high acuity and is capable of delivering HDU care for cardiac problems including CPAP. Many patients are undergoing procedures such as angiography, PCI, pacing etc and this speciality is one of the most Interventional in Medicine.</p> <p>It is therefore well staffed with high level senior support comprising a Consultant and SpR present every weekday and Consultant at weekends. In addition there is an IMT3, two IMT1, FY1, JCF as well as this post so 5 junior doctors below ST3/IMT3 level. At present 7 Consultants rotate through the weekly management of the ward.</p> <p>This is a very popular post attracting the highest calibre graduates and giving an excellent grounding in the management of acute and chronic cardiac conditions. With good time management you will have opportunities to observe and even participate in the whole range of cardiac interventions. You will be welcome to join cardiology clinics including the Valve clinic with exposure to many cardiac signs. You will gain significant experience in ECG reading that can support any future career choice. Many previous post holders have gone on to successful careers in Medical specialties including Cardiology itself.</p> <p>The F2 will share responsibilities with the other ward doctors to deliver care to the 26 medical beds. Work starts with review of sicker patients and those fit for discharge who need EDN and at 09.30 a Consultant led MDT board-round takes place of all patients with the extended health care and social services team. Your daily role will involve working as a team to assess all patients on the ward to promote their clinical progress. Senior support is readily available for case discussion. You will organise appropriate investigations, request necessary referrals and complete necessary documentation such as EDNs. You will also make necessary electronic referrals to the Tertiary referral centres (Oxford, Harefield, Coventry) as needed.</p> <p>This post has on call duties on the Haem/Onc/Renal rota so you will also have varied out-of-hours experience on the Haematology and Oncology ward Talbot Butler and the renal ward Finedon. This is a 1 in 11 rota that follows this template:</p>		

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1					off	Ward cover	Wards
2	off						
3							
4				off			
5	off	off					
6							
7					off	On take	On take
8			off				
9							
10					off		
11							

Duty	Name	Pattern	Start	Finish	Duration
A	NWD	NWD	09:00	17:00	08:00
B	Night	Full Shift	21:00	09:30	12:00
C	On Take	Full Shift	08:30	21:30	13:00

Example Timetable

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

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM	EDNs, CBR, CWR	FY2 teaching	EDNs, CBR, CWR	MDT 0830 0930 CBR	EDNs, CBR, CWR
Lunchtime					
PM	Ward work	Ward work	Ward work	Ward work	Ward work

Educational Activities:

All FY2 will have a trained and experienced Educational Supervisor that stays with them for the whole of their FY2 year and a Clinical Supervisor for each of their 4/12 attachments. The Clinical Supervisor on Dryden will be a Cardiologist

The mandatory F2 teaching occurs weekly on Tuesday mornings and is protected time off the ward and bleep free. The FY2 teaching programme covers a wide range of the curriculum over the three rotations.

There are cardiology MDT each Tuesday and Thursday mornings with virtual surgical input on the latter. You are encouraged to work 08.30 – 16.30 these days to attend. There are monthly M & M.

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. 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.