

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	Diabetes & Endocrinology
Trust		Site
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust		Creaton ward NGH
Main Duties		
<p>This post is based on a 28 bedded ward taking patients with diabetic, endocrine and GIM presentations. It is the chosen step-down ward for DKA leaving ITU and has a high percentage of patients with severe diabetic complications. Many patients have multiple co-morbidities here and this is reflected in the number of juniors and middle grade doctors attached to the unit.</p> <p>As well as this post the ward is staffed with an FY1, a JCF and a GPvST so 4 junior doctors below ST3/IMT3 level. There are 3 middle grades (a HST, a SCF and an IMT3) who rotate through the ward, clinic and MedReg duties. There are two Consultants on the ward each day.</p> <p>This is a popular post attracting good calibre graduates and giving an excellent grounding in the management of diabetic and endocrine conditions as well as other GIM patients. As well as a great starting block for those planning a career in Medicine this post would provide a sound grounding for those who will leave this speciality for surgical, general practice and other career paths. It would be an ideal medical posting for someone considering vascular surgery. You will have the opportunity to accompany the Consultants and Diabetic nurses on the daily Inreach rounds to the Nye Bevan Acute wards. There are many general and specialist clinics to attend if interested. Many previous post holders have gone on to successful careers in Medical specialties including D & E itself.</p> <p>The F2 will share responsibilities with the other ward doctors to deliver care to the 28 medical beds. Work starts with review of sicker patients and those fit for discharge who need EDN. 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 assist in referrals to our Tertiary centre Leicester for complex endocrine patients.</p> <p>Any on-call responsibilities associated with this post will be integrated with other general medical on call rotas provided by FY2, IMT1, GPvTS, IMT2, and will not include any palliative care responsibilities as these are covered using a separate arrangement. This will be part of a 1 in 11 rota as per excel template attached to this document.</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	CWR, ward work	FY2 teaching	CWR, ward work	CWR, ward work	CWR, ward work
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. On Creaton the Clinical Supervisor will be a diabetologist/endocrinologist.

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.

Once a month there are both Diabetic Safety meetings and Case Review Meetings with excellent educational content. There are monthly Mortality and Morbidity meetings which you will take part in.

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.