

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>
F2	Neurology	
Trust		Site
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust		Neurology department & medical wards NGH
Main Duties		
<p>This post will give a broad and thorough grounding in all aspects of Neurology. The post is ideal for a doctor considering Neurology as a career but also useful for a future in any medical specialty including Acute Medicine and for general practice.</p> <p>The Neurology department offers an outpatient service to the population of Northamptonshire and collaborates with the other medical teams in managing inpatient referrals requiring neurology expertise.</p> <p>In addition to general neurology clinics, there are sub-speciality clinics in epilepsy, migraine, multiple sclerosis, dystonia, neurophysiology and neurorehabilitation.</p> <p>The department has 2 consultant neurologists, 1 part-time neurorehabilitation consultant, 1 part-time neurology SpR and 5 neurology nurse specialists. With close supervision and adequate training you will be able to contribute to clinics and review of ward referrals.</p> <p>This post will allow the trainee to complete many of the Foundation Core procedures (DOPS), especially lumbar punctures, and the required workplace-based assessments can also be achieved. The post demands good multidisciplinary team working which will easily be developed during the attachment.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to teach or supervise 3rd year medical students undertaking the Special Senses Block from Leicester Medical school during the rotations.</p> <p>This post has on call duties on the SHO2 rota which covers stroke on call some weekends and twilight shifts as well as unselected medical take at night so you will also have varied out-of-hours experience. This is a 1 in 11 rota that follows this template:</p>		

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1					off	Stroke	Stroke
2	off		Stroke				
3	Stroke						
4				off	Take	Take	Take
5	off	off			Stroke		
6							
7					off	NYB/Take	NYB/Take
8		Stroke	off				
9				Stroke			
10	Take	Take	Take	Take	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	Clinic	FY2 teaching	Clinic	Ward referrals	Self development time
Lunchtime					
PM	Ward referrals with SpR	Lumbar puncture clinic	Specialist clinic	Clinic	Ward referrals

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. In Neurology the Clinical Supervisor will be a Neurologist ensuring the FY2 gets the most benefit from educational and career development opportunities.

Both clinics and referrals provide opportunity for in-depth case discussions.

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.

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.