

# Foundation Training Job Description

Grade	F1
Placement	Stroke Medicine
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>All stroke patients on the unit are under Dr. P K Datta, who is the stroke consultant and the non-stroke neurological patients are under Dr. Kent Consultant in Neurorehabilitation. The department has 28 beds. There are occasions when medical patients are transferred to the unit. These patients will be under the care of an elderly physician. Most patients are transferred from the hyper acute stroke unit at Pinderfields and the non-stroke neurological patients can be transferred from both within the trust as well as outside the trust. There are 4 foundation trainees on the ward: 2 posts are at FY1 level and 2 at FY2 level. There are no registrars on the unit. Hence it is expected that when the trainee feels that a problem is beyond their level of knowledge and expertise they are supposed to get in touch with the respective consultant.</p> <p><b>Aims of the post</b> The post offers opportunity to develop generic skills as required by the GMC and also specific skills if the trainee wishes to pursue a career in stroke / neurology.</p> <p><b>Acute management skills</b> The job entails managing acute medical emergencies as they arise from time to time on the ward as well as during on calls.</p> <p><b>MDT working</b> The post will offer insight into multi &amp; interdisciplinary working</p> <p><b>Neurological skills</b> The trainee will be able to improve their neurological examination skills and understand about stroke including classification, various modes of presentation and what to investigate when a patient presents with stroke. They will also learn to interpret CT scans of the head and also MRI scans. The trainee will have the opportunity to understand more about specific medications used in the setting of stroke.</p> <p><b>End of Life care</b> The post will offer unique opportunity to understand about end of life care and how such decisions are made and who to involve. They will also gain knowledge about the prescriptions of anticipatory medications to manage symptoms.</p> <p><b>Mental capacity &amp; DOLS</b> Capacity assessment &amp; DOLS is integral in many stroke patients and the trainee can see these assessments as well as participate helping them to become confident in this process.</p>

	<p><b>Teachings</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weekly grand rounds on the Friday</li> <li>2. Monthly departmental audit &amp; mortality morbidity meetings</li> <li>3. Weekly medical teachings on the Monday</li> <li>4. X ray meetings on a Tuesday and Grand rounds on the Friday.</li> </ol>
Where the placement is based	Dewsbury District Hospital
Educational and Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement	Prabal K Datta
Main duties of the placement	<p>The FY1 trainee will be expected to work with the other FY1 trainee and 2 other FY2 trainees under the supervision of the consultants. There is always support from the consultants who are available to discuss any problems even if they are not on the ward physically. They will attend ward rounds and following up investigations and any actions from the ward rounds. They will be expected to manage any acute emergencies as they arise from time to time. On the days when there is no ward round they are expected to prioritize their workload and see patient who need immediate attentions and check on investigations as well as order any necessary investigations that they feel is appropriate.</p> <p>They will be expected to work with other members of the MDT and respect their roles.</p> <p>The trainee will sometimes have to communicate with the family members in the absence of the consultant but it is expected that they will be with a consultant with most of the initial discussions to try and understand the art of communication and this will have to be documented by the trainee in the notes when the consultant is speaking to families.</p> <p>The trainee is expected to use the NEWS scores to prioritize their work whilst on the ward. Electronic discharge TTO's need to be made as soon as a decision for discharge is made to facilitate early discharge. Any referrals to other consultants both within and outside the trust will need to be followed up and the consultant updated.</p>
Typical working pattern in this placement	<p>There are 3 ward rounds for stroke patients on Mon / Wed/ Fri by Dr. Datta and one weekly stroke MDT meeting. There is a separate ward round by Dr. Kent for all non-stroke neurological patients once a week on a Tuesday. From time to time medical patients are admitted under one of the medical consultants and these patients also need to be managed supervised by the medical consultant. It is envisaged that most work when all trainees are around can be completed within the working hours of 9 – 5.</p> <p>There is an on call in acute medicine whilst in Dewsbury attracting appropriate remuneration.</p>
Employer	The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust

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