

Foundation Training Job Description

Grade	F2
Placement	Scarborough
Department	Palliative Care
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build upon undergraduate education and FY1 experience • To gain experience and familiarity in dealing with a wide variety of medical conditions - St Catherine's has a national reputation in the provision of palliative care for people with advanced neurological diseases and heart failure as well as patients with a cancer diagnosis. • To develop the skills of history taking, physical examination, appropriate investigation and rational prescribing. • To develop competency in areas of symptom control eg. management of pain and nausea/vomiting as well as care of patients and their families at the end of life . • To improve communication skills with patients, relatives and colleagues. • To develop skills in managing time and conflicting priorities.
Where the placement is based	St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough
Educational and Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement	TBC

<p>Main duties of the placement</p>	<p>Although more senior cover is always available onsite, the FY2 doctor has an important role working as part of a specialist palliative care MDT. Admitting new patients to the inpatient unit and presenting to senior clinicians before negotiating a future care plan. Providing follow-up care to patients and their families. Assessment of patient symptoms, arranging ongoing care including further investigations and referral to other specialists as indicated. Prescribing for current symptoms including the administration of medications by syringe driver. Death/cremation certificate completion. An excellent appointment to learn medical skills and to practice therapeutic consultation skills. Opportunity to do a clinical audit will be offered, either individually or with another member of the MDT.</p>
<p>Typical working pattern in this placement</p>	<p>Attendance at nursing staff handover (9am daily) Consultant-led ward round once a week, with separate MDT meeting once a week. Ward work at other times. Time to complete audit within working week. Thursday lunchtime educational session for hospice doctors – usually 2 consultants present. FY2 doctors will typically make one presentation at this meeting during their 4 months.</p> <p>The post holder will also participate in the out of hours full shift rota for AAU up to 2130 hours.</p>
<p>Employer</p>	<p>York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>

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