

# Foundation Training Job Description

Grade	F2
Placement	Cardiology (NGH)
Department	<p>The Cardiac Unit offers a secondary care referral service for the population of Sheffield and a tertiary care referral service for the South Yorkshire group of hospitals. All aspects of emergency and elective adult Cardiology are represented including Interventional Cardiology, Electrophysiology, Adult Congenital Heart Disease and specialist Heart Failure management.</p> <p>This post involves care of mainly acute, but also some elective inpatients. There are daily Consultant led ward rounds on the Coronary Care Unit and Firth 7 high dependency bay and also regular ward rounds of the other wards. Experience will be gained with the management of common cardiac conditions such as Ischaemic Heart Disease, Arrhythmias, Valve disease and Heart Failure.</p> <p>Junior staff are encouraged to attend outpatient clinics and to observe Interventional, Imaging &amp; Surgical procedures. There is a comprehensive in-house teaching programme and a regular journal club meeting. Imaging, Electrophysiology and Interventional meetings are held each week, which all members of the Cardiac Department are welcome to attend. There are weekly General &amp; Sub-specialty Multi-disciplinary meetings and also regular audit/mortality &amp; morbidity meetings which provide additional opportunities to both contribute and learn.</p> <p>Undergraduate medical students are attached to the Cardiology Department throughout the year and F2 junior doctors are encouraged to assist with teaching these students on the wards.</p>

<p>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</p>	<p>The Department of Health, through its policy of Modernising Medical Careers, has set out the educational content of the two year foundation programme to be pursued by newly qualified doctors in the United Kingdom. A curriculum has been set out describing the key knowledge, skills and attitudes that must be achieved by junior doctors before they progress onto specialist training.</p> <p>The Postgraduate Dean has confirmed that these posts have the required education and staffing approval. All of the rotations will run in association with Deanery staff, who will support a structured appraisal and assessment process that will allow successful applicants to make the most use of available opportunities. Ten mandatory educational days are included in the Foundation Programme.</p> <p>The GMC emphasise that it is a duty of all doctors to be involved in the education and training of doctors at all levels, including undergraduate level.</p> <p>In more recent years emphasis has been placed on the need for doctors to be trained in educational approaches in order to prepare them for their role as an educator in the future. Foundation training is about gaining generic skills which can be applied across all specialties and throughout an entire career.</p> <p>The post will additionally provide experience in the management of a broad range of acute &amp; elective Cardiology conditions. The F2 will receive training in interpretation of Electrocardiography (including Exercise testing and Holter monitoring), Echocardiography and Cardiac Catheterisation studies and potentially gain experience in central access and the insertion of temporary cardiac pacemakers.</p>
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<p>Main duties of the placement</p>	<p><u>Day to day management of patients under consultant care.</u> F2 duties are centred on the Cardiology and also Acute Medical wards.</p> <p>F2's are responsible for : Clerking of patients on admission and the initial arrangements for the routine management of these patients including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History taking, examination and differential diagnosis.</li> <li>- Management of acute and chronically ill patients with appropriate diagnostic testing and reviewing the results</li> <li>- Assessment of all patients arriving for elective admission.</li> </ul> <p>: Arranging initial simple investigations and, following discussion with senior staff, organisation of more complex investigations.</p> <p>: Completion of death certification and/or the first part of the cremation certificate, where necessary.</p> <p>: Discharge planning including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensuring that patients are discharged with the appropriate drugs and seeing that the patients understand the use of these.</li> <li>- Completion of a brief discharge note for the patients' general practitioner at the time of the patients' discharge from hospital.</li> </ul> <p>: Any other duties commensurate with the grade which may be allocated from time to time.</p> <p>Foundation Doctors should be advised that they will also be required to perform duties in occasional emergencies and unforeseen circumstances at the request of the appropriate consultants, in consultation where practicable, with senior and junior colleagues.</p> <p>Additional commitments arising from such circumstances are exceptional and work of this kind should not be required for prolonged periods or on a regular basis.</p> <p><u>On-Call Duties</u> On call duties as required under the hospital at night system. F2's are expected to attend cardiac arrests and ward rounds held by consultants and registrars.</p> <p><u>General</u> F2's must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attend mandatory trust and deanery training sessions (including induction).</li> <li>- Maintain portfolio evidence of training in line with the foundation training programme.</li> </ul> <p>F2's are expected to cover colleagues on annual leave, study leave and on occasions of short-term sickness.</p>
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Typical working pattern in this placement	The rotations are 3 x 4 month rotations between various specialities.
Employer	Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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