

Foundation Training Job Description

Grade	F2
Placement	Intensive Care Medicine (NGH)
Department	<p>Incorporating POSU, HDU and ITU.</p> <p>The POSU is part of the new (2008) Critical Care Department (CCD) and is co located with HDU.</p> <p>There are currently 4 POSU beds. The unit admits patients from a variety of surgical specialties including upper and lower GI, hepatobiliary, orthopaedic and trauma, vascular and plastics. The unit is staffed by a multi-disciplinary team, under the leadership of the Critical Care management team. The patients are cared for by nurses with a training background in critical care.</p> <p>The patients require level 2 care, which usually includes invasive cardiovascular monitoring, management of acute fluid shifts and post-operative pain. Protocols are available for use of vasoactive drugs and other treatments seen in POSU.</p> <p>F2 doctor duties include the admission, management and discharge of patients in liaison with the surgical and anaesthetic consultants. Immediate help is available from the Critical Care consultant on duty in the adjacent HDU or the senior ICU StR out of hours. The F2 doctor is also an integral part of the critical care team, attending the HDU/POSU handovers at 8am (and also 8pm when on call) and helping with patient management within HDU as well as POSU.</p> <p>Training is provided in HDU, ITU and anaesthesia, with specific placements within each of these areas during the placement. F2 doctors are encouraged to attend the regular teaching programme within both the critical care and anaesthetic departments. There are also daily microbiology ward rounds and a weekly x-ray meeting, which provide excellent opportunities for learning.</p> <p>Educational supervision is provided by one of the Critical Care consultants.</p>
Educational and Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr S Michael (RHH), Dr A Raithatha (NGH)

<p>The type of work to expect and learning opportunities</p>	<p>The training potential of this module is excellent. F2 doctors will take responsibility for their own learning and will be expected to take advantage of training opportunities presented during their day-to-day work.</p> <p>Training periods will be allocated by rota. During these clinical sessions focus will be made on achieving clinical competency in the areas set down in the Curriculum for the FY2 and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway management • Breathing problems • Circulation problems • Treating pain • Infection control • The principles of medical ethics, practices of obtaining valid consent for procedures and the ethics of when to treat, when to withdraw treatment. <p>The F2 doctor will be attached to consultant anaesthetists who will train them in airway management, endotracheal intubation, management of major fluid and blood loss and methods of post-operative pain management. It may be possible to gain some experience in the insertion of arterial and central venous catheters.</p> <p>Intensive Care Unit attachments are described above.</p>
<p>Main duties of the placement</p>	<p>When in POSU the F2 doctors are responsible for the immediate care of patients on the Unit. The direct responsibility for the care will remain with the admitting Surgical Consultant and the F2 doctor will be expected to maintain a level of communication with the admitting surgical team, primarily through the Specialty Registrar, who will advise and co-ordinate an ongoing management plan.</p> <p>The F2 doctors will attend the 8am hand over ward round, held on their unit.</p> <p>At this time patients who are ready for discharge will be identified, and a plan for the daily admissions to the unit will be made.</p> <p>The F2 doctor will be responsible for undertaking a full daily assessment of the patients on their unit and making appropriate records in the notes and instigating appropriate therapy. They will be working under the supervision of the Critical Care consultants who will be available for advice.</p> <p>It is anticipated that routine duties on POSU will not occupy the entire working day. The F2 doctor will be expected to report to the Critical Care consultant within their unit and be expected to work with other members of the Critical Care team in assessing and managing acutely ill patients.</p>
<p>Typical working pattern in this placement</p>	<p>The F2 doctor will work a full shift pattern with prospective cover. An average of 48 hours of clinical duty per week, these will be divided into service days, service nights and training days. It is expected that the F2 doctor will work flexibly with colleagues to ensure that the rota runs smoothly whilst accommodating both study and annual leave.</p>
<p>Employer</p>	<p>Sheffield 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.