

Foundation Training Job Description

Grade	F1
Placement	Palliative Medicine
The type of work to expect and learning opportunities	<p>This post is an ideal opportunity to gain valuable experience in the assessment and care of adults with a wide range of malignant and non-malignant conditions and would be particularly suitable for a trainee with an interest in general medicine, care of the elderly, general practice or palliative medicine. You will work as part of the multi-disciplinary team in order to generate problem lists for patients and plan appropriate investigation and management. The burden of chronic disease and multiple co-morbidities common in patients referred to palliative care services means there will be ample opportunity to hone skills involved in caring for this common cohort, especially with regard to clinical pharmacology and therapeutics. You will develop skills in the safe prescription of opioid and non-opioid analgesics, as well as gaining an understanding of the use of drugs outside the terms of the license.</p> <p>Of admissions to the hospice, around half will die and the remainder will go home or to another care provider. This is an opportunity to develop skills necessary to recognise and care for the dying patient, provide symptom control, and communicate impeccably with the patient and their family, including the breaking of bad news. You will become familiar with patient care in the last days of life, and use of relevant documentation to support this care. After death, you will issue death certificates and complete cremation forms as necessary, and liaise with the coroner as appropriate. You will be actively involved in the discharge of patients from the hospice, including liaison with other professional involved in the patient's care. You will have an understanding of the issues surrounding DNACPR and palliative care patients, and will be involved with discussion within the multidisciplinary team, and the patient and their family. You will participate in discussions within in the team and with families when decisions are made in the best interests of patients who have lost capacity for making decisions themselves.</p> <p>Specialist Palliative Care in Barnsley Barnsley Hospice opened in 1994 as a Day Hospice and the ten bedded Inpatient Unit was completed in 2001. It provides specialist palliative care to people with advanced progressive disease, including cancer, COPD, end stage organ failure and neurodegenerative disease such as MS, MND and Parkinson's disease. It is an independent hospice, receiving part funding from NHS Barnsley and works in close partnership with other palliative care providers in the hospital and community settings. The Limes (Support and Therapy Centre) provides regular and drop-in services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pain and symptom management are offered alongside diversional activities. The Apex Rooms opened in April 2005, providing extensive education and conference facilities, including a library with internet access.</p>

	<p>There are three consultants working part-time, who provide input across the metropolitan district. The hospice is staffed on a day to day basis by specialty doctors in palliative medicine and hospice practitioners who are usually GPs with a special interest in palliative medicine. They are supported by a vocational trainee in general practice as well as the foundation doctor.</p> <p>Community palliative care is carried out by a team of eight Macmillan specialist nurses and allied health professionals based at Birdwell Clinic. The Palliative Care Team in Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust consists of five specialist palliative care nurses. Hospital and community receive input from the consultants in palliative medicine.</p>
Where the placement is based	Barnsley Hospice, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Educational and Clinical Supervisor(s) for the placement	Dr Clare Farrington
Main duties of the placement	<p>The post will be based mainly at Barnsley Hospice under the supervision of senior colleagues, with opportunities to be involved with other aspects of the specialist palliative care service.</p> <p>The postholder will work with medical and nursing staff primarily on the Inpatient Unit. Roles will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission of patients to the inpatient unit under the close supervision of the specialty doctor/hospice practitioner • Organisation of appropriate investigations • Daily review of patients under the supervision of the specialty doctor/hospice practitioner • Participation in ward rounds and multi-disciplinary meetings • Record keeping • Participation in discharge planning and liaison with other health professionals as necessary • Participation in discussions around DNACPR decisions • Caring for dying patients and their families • Certification of death and communication with the coroner where necessary • Support and teaching of medical students • Planning and execution of an audit project or service evaluation <p>The on-call commitment attached to this post is in acute medicine at Barnsley Hospital(BHNFT). This will give the postholder more opportunity to develop practical skills such as cannulation and venepuncture and experience work on acute hospital teams.</p>
Typical working pattern in this placement	<p>9am to 5pm working day, Monday to Friday based at Barnsley Hospice in a multi-disciplinary Specialist Palliative Care team.</p> <p>Out of hours work takes place at Barnsley Hospice as part of the medical on-call rota..</p>
Employer	Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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