



JOB DESCRIPTION

POST

Foundation Year 1 in **Orthopaedics**

LOCATION

Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby

DURATION OF POST

4 months (as part of a 1 year rotational post)

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

The Orthopaedic service in Grimsby is provided from the main Hospital site. There is a separate designated Orthopaedic Out-Patient and Fracture Clinic area with Plaster Room, adjacent to the Accident and Emergency Department, the orthopaedic out patient/fracture clinic facilities are currently being relocated into a larger purpose designed facility.

We have one elective ward with 27 elective beds and 6 Chairs and one Trauma ward with 27 trauma beds, situated on the same floor level as the theatre suite. There are eight theatres, two of which are designated for orthopaedics work, both of which have a MAT ultra clean air facility. Additionally a dedicated Day Case Unit opened in April 2003.

The service is supported by dedicated nursing staff, who provide seamless support within out-patient and in-patient settings.

Pre-assessment covers all elective patients and also provides dedicated follow up and outreach service. A specialist nurse role is in place to co-ordinate all trauma activity to ensure patients are optimised for theatre.

The department also enjoys excellent physiotherapy, occupational therapy and radiology support with on site CT scan and MRI scan.

There are 6 consultants and various other middle grade and junior staff.

DUTIES OF THE POST

The duties of the post include examining and writing up out-patient and in-patient emergency cases with responsibility for special investigation and obtaining blood and other samples and transfusions. There is also, however, a morning phlebotomy service in operation. The duties also include assisting and performing minor and some other operations under supervision, with emergency duties. There is also active encouragement for producing clinical papers.

The postholder's primary responsibility is the day-to-day care of ward patients under the care of the Consultants in his/her team. The incumbent will receive instruction in procedures and help with management from senior colleagues. He/she will be expected to know the patients in detail and to present them on ward rounds.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

To build upon undergraduate education

To gain experience and familiarity in dealing with a wide variety of medical conditions

To develop the skills of history taking, physical examination, appropriate investigation and rational prescribing

To master several basic medical techniques

To improve communication skills with patients, relatives and colleagues

To develop skills in managing time and conflicting priorities