



## JOB DESCRIPTION

### POST

Foundation Year 1 doctor in **Acute General Surgery**

### LOCATION

Hull Royal Infirmary 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

### DURATION OF POST

4 months in General Surgery, 2 months in Acute General Surgery

### DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

The Acute General Surgery Unit is based at Hull Royal, on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. At present the unit has 58 beds. The Gastro-intestinal elective surgery is based at Castle Hill Hospital. All diagnostic facilities are available at both sites. The intension is to cater for all acute general surgical admissions at the Hull Royal site. The patients requiring specialist input or the stay longer then 72 hours are best transferred to Castle Hill Hospital. This arrangement is by referral of the patient on a senior level.

There are 3 Acute General Surgeons with one on-call SpR, 2 CT1, one F2. The Acute General Surgeons provide cover for the acute admissions between the hours of 0800 – 1800 hours. Out of hours and weekend cover is provided by Gastro-Intestinal Surgeons.

There are great opportunities for the trainees to take history and examination of acute admissions and familiarise themselves with the management plan. The ward management is supervised and open access to the consultant is the policy of the department. The F1's are required to attend a intra department teaching session every Wednesday. This is in addition to Thursday teaching organised by the postgraduate centre.

F1's are encouraged to take part in department audit programs and asked to take turns to present in the monthly Morbidity and Mortality meetings. Following that they are awarded a confirmatory certificate.

There are 9 Foundation Year 1 doctors based in the Acute General Surgical Unit. The Surgical rotation is shared with Castle Hill Hospital Surgical Unit. The post holder usually spends half of

their surgical attachment in each site, care in turn for acute and elective surgical patients. Protected bleep-free training / teaching is provided weekly.

## DUTIES OF THE POST

These posts provide excellent experience in a busy Acute General Surgical Unit. Post-holders will be expected to provide day to day care, with other team members, for all patients admitted in Acute General surgery Unit. They will also be expected to attend twice weekly X-Ray meetings and to provide surgical assistance in theatre if required.

FY1's are encouraged to receive General Practitioner referrals as a learning tool to improve communication with colleagues. There is a daily handover meeting at 0800 hours supervised by the Consultant Surgeons. There are twice daily teaching ward rounds.

## WORKING ARRANGEMENTS/JOB PLAN

The rota is a full shift pattern, with duties covering vascular surgery during out of hours. Night shifts are split into blocks of three and four nights. Annual Leave is built in to the rota, which is published in advance. Educational activities such as generic skills and life support training are planned into the rota, and in addition there is weekly Surgical protected teaching / training.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- To build upon undergraduate education.
- To gain experience and familiarity in dealing with a wide variety of Acute General Surgical conditions.
- To develop the skills of history taking, physical examination, appropriate investigation and rational prescribing.
- To master several basic techniques.
- To improve communication skills with patients, relatives and colleagues.
- To develop skills in managing time and conflicting priorities.