



JOB DESCRIPTION

POST

Foundation Year 1 doctor in **Rheumatology**

LOCATION

Hull Royal Infirmary

DURATION OF POST

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

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

The Rheumatology department is based at Hull Royal Infirmary. Inpatients are housed on ward 70 and outpatient clinics are conducted at multiple sites including the Infirmary, Castle Hill hospital, and Beverley Westwood hospital. There are three Rheumatology consultants who receive support from a locum consultant and various other staff, including registrars, staff grade doctor and specialist nurses, as well as two F1 doctors and two specialty trainees (ST1/2). The department is unique in Yorkshire in that the Consultants and registrars do both General Medicine and Rheumatology, with inpatients being largely general medical patients, and the bulk of the Rheumatology workload is outpatient-based. There is plenty of opportunity for learning with dedicated departmental teaching as well as a weekly Grand Round, and MDT radiology/orthopaedic/rheumatology meetings. In addition, we run a busy day unit service for infusion of biologic drugs and other procedures like joint injections etc.

DUTIES OF THE POST

Two F1 doctors are supported by two ST1/2 trainees and registrars/consultants – the primary responsibilities are on ward 70 taking care of general medical and rheumatology inpatients. On-call is done on the Acute Assessment Unit on rotation with other F1 doctors in the trust. Where the opportunity arises depending on service commitments, you may attend clinics at the Hull Royal Infirmary to gain outpatient experience in rheumatology. Similarly, there may be the opportunity to learn joint aspiration / injections on the medical day unit under supervision of the registrar.

WORKING ARRANGEMENTS/JOB PLAN

Daily duties on ward 70, with on calls on the AAU on the F1 rota. These are full shift rotas compliant with working time directives. There is a weekly rheumatology teaching session, and also weekly F1 teaching and a weekly Medicine Grand Round, all offering opportunity for learning.

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.