



JOB DESCRIPTION

POST

Foundation Year 1 in Paediatrics

LOCATION

Scunthorpe General Hospital

DURATION OF POST

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

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

The hospital unit is busy service giving wide experience in acute general paediatrics, surgery, ENT, dermatology, orthopaedic and dental children. There are ten Special Care baby cots with intensive care facilities for two and a half cots and one high dependency cot.

Out-Patients work is shared between Consultants, but is also supported by junior staff as a useful area to develop paediatrics experience. There are special clinics organised for children with chest problems, diabetes, cardiology, neurological problems and handicap. Visiting Consultants support clinics in paediatric cardiology, endocrinology, genetic advice and dysmorphism, cystic fibrosis, paediatrics neurology and surgery.

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