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Dear Doctor,

On behalf of Lincoln County Hospital and the Foundation Programme Committee, I would like to welcome you to your F2 training year at our hospital. I would also like to apologise in advance for the fact that I will not be at your trust induction on the 3rd of August to welcome you in person but I will hopefully be able to see you all very shortly after that.

My role is to lead and oversee the delivery of your training for the year, and to integrate this with your day-to-day clinical practice. As a faculty we are responsible for ensuring that you have adequate clinical and educational supervision and for helping you achieve a good outcome at your ARCP in order to allow you to progress onto your further training.

I am in a fortunate position as an Acute Physician in that I will probably meet most, if not all, of you as you rotate through our department and carry out your medical on-call commitments. As such, I am always happy to informally discuss any issues you may have. I am also readily contactable by email and would aim to see you quickly thereafter to discuss any specific issues or difficulties that you might have, particularly if they can't be resolved within your department.

Hopefully it goes without saying that it is vital that you engage with your E portfolio from the outset of your programme. It is also your responsibility to contact your allocated clinical and educational supervisors from the outset to arrange your initial induction meeting and timetable further meetings. I would also encourage you to keep up with your portfolio contemporaneously to ensure the accuracy of your entries and timely reflection and ease of preparation for ARCP. Please feel free to discuss and undertake any aspirational courses or relevant exams as these can only help with your subsequent career choices and strengthen your application for those.

Your rotations are designed to give you a broad training in a large variety of clinical presentations and I would urge you to seize every opportunity to further your training on a daily basis. A lot of your day-to-day work will lend itself to supervised learning events and I would urge you to plan and complete these with your supervisors.

Finally there is a lot to see and enjoy outside of the hospital in Lincoln and Lincolnshire so make the most of your time here!

Yours sincerely,

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