

Foundation Job Description

Foundation School		Programme No. (e.g. L006 OR T102) <i>Can be found on the Trent/LNR Allocation Spreadsheet</i>	
Trent		TL004, TL005, TL007, TL008, TL010, TL011, TL012, TL013, TL021, TL024, TL026	
Grade	Specialty: <i>If General (Internal) Medicine OR General Surgery, please provide a sub-specialty</i>	Sub-specialty (If appropriate) <i>If General (Internal) Medicine OR General Surgery, please provide a sub-specialty</i>	
F1	General Surgery	General / Vascular / Urology	
Site:		Trust:	
Pilgrim Hospital		ULHT	
Main Duties:			
<p>This post will be based in the General Surgical Department at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston. The department has 10 consultants in General Surgery and 4 Consultants in Urology.</p> <p>The department is well supported by Middle grade registrars (10 in General Surgery, 4 in Vascular Surgery and 3 in Urology). The department offers a friendly supportive atmosphere and is happy to be flexible to tailor the clinical sessions according to trainee's needs.</p> <p>The General Surgery department provides the opportunity to gain experience in and exposure to laparoscopic general and colorectal surgical procedures. The trainee will be encouraged to attend the theatre sessions and clinics where there will be ample opportunity to achieve the skills expected at their level. Pilgrim endoscopy unit is a center for national bowel screening programme.</p> <p>Pilgrim vascular unit provides the regional vascular surgical service for the whole county of Lincolnshire. The unit is supported by interventional radiologists and provides endovascular services in addition to routine vascular surgical procedures. The vascular lab provides the opportunity to learn the basics of ultrasound, cannulation, and insertion of PICC lines.</p> <p>The foundation trainee will be able to satisfy the requirements of the Foundation Curriculum and will be supported by the middle grades and consultants working in the unit. The placement offers direct supervision of clinical practice and workplace based assessments, alongside a clearly delineated role to permit the trainee to meet their Intended Learning Objectives for the foundation program.</p> <p>The department has adequate training resource with the staff very willing to help and supervise the foundation doctors. The department deals with most aspects of General, vascular surgery and urology for a district general hospital and works in conjunction with the respective departments at Lincoln County Hospital.</p> <p>The placement involves two foundation doctors who will join the general/vascular and breast team and 1 who will join the urology team being supervised at all times.</p> <p>There are ample educational opportunities which are well supported by our educational center and library. They do have free access to various educational resources.</p>			

Mainly based on wards and covering on-calls, the foundation doctors are assigned to various teams and expected to follow their timetable. They will be expected to work up patients and present, take part in daily ward round and looking after patients on the wards, high dependency units and ITUs. As part of the programme they will also spend time in theatres and this demand will be tailored to each trainee's need and career choice.

The on call handover will take place at 08.00 am and 20:00hrs every day so that the foundation doctors can know the relevant details of patients to help them during the ward round and through the day/ night.

The Department has teaching sessions on Wednesday morning dedicated to Foundation trainees and provides them with the opportunity to present a case/topics, and to participate in the discussion of journal articles. Participation in audit and the opportunity to undertake small research project will be encouraged and will be supported if appropriate.

Example Timetable

For example: W/R (Outpatients), MDT, Meetings, X-Ray Conference etc.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM	Ward work	Ward work	Ward/teaching	Ward work	Ward work
Lunchtime		FY1 Teaching 12:00 - 14:10			
PM	Ward Work	Ward Work	Ward Work	Ward Work	Ward Work

Educational Activities:

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Participation in audit and the opportunity to undertake small research project will be encouraged and will be supported if appropriate. The department has a dedicated clinical teaching fellow to facilitate undergraduate teaching. Those who are interested to take part in teaching undergraduate medical students will have the opportunity to do so. This will be encouraged and supported by the surgical teaching faculty in the department.

Other Comments (if appropriate):

General areas - The foundation trainee will learn generic skills in history taking, physical examination and assessing surgical patients. They will be involved in organising appropriate investigations, pre assessment clinics and referring on to other specialists. They will learn how to manage difficult consultations. Specialist areas, the trainee will be able to gain experience of - in different fields of general, breast, vascular and urological surgical specialties. The department is flexible in providing experience and exposure in various subspecialties depending up on the trainee's needs. This includes experience in breaking bad news, breast reconstruction clinics, exposure to vascular labs etc.

Disclaimer: Please note that the placement information provided is subject to change.