

## Student Placement information

### Welcome to the area: Emergency Assessment Unit, John Radcliffe Hospital

#### Contacting the placement

Please contact the placement at least two weeks before your placement is due to start.

#### Key named person to contact

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#### Information about your placement

EAU is a fast-paced emergency medicine unit with a wide variety of patients. We currently have 24 medical beds and our aim is to have a length of stay of 12-18 hours. Our main patient group is medical direct GP referrals, usually in the region of 60 patients per day. A lot of these patients can be acutely unwell and need fast assessment and treatment.

We have an assessment area and an ambulatory area where all our GP referrals are assessed. We also receive admissions from the Emergency Department that require a length of stay of more than four hours. These can include patients awaiting the Frailty Intervention Team, specialty input or mental health services.

#### Key learning opportunities in the area

- Patient admission, assessment and care planning
- Providing person-centred care with dignity
- Key nursing skills – physiological observations, ECG recording
- Enhanced assessment skills
- Recognising and responding to the deteriorating patient
- Identifying and management of Frail Elderly patients in Ambulatory Setting
- Wound management
- Complex discharge planning (including nursing home placement, community hospital referral, liaising about packages of care for patients)
- Key communication skills between patients, carers, other professionals; recognising barriers to communication and adapting your approach accordingly.
- Electronic care planning and documentation

A wide variety of medical conditions, including:

- Asthma/COPD
- NSTEMI/ACS patients
- Gastrointestinal bleeds
- Sepsis management
- Mental health including patients being held under MCA and section 2 of the MHA, whilst awaiting Inpatient mental health admission.

### **Spoke placements**

- Emergency Department
- Transfer Lounge
- Acute General Medicine
- Frailty Team
- Discharge Planners

### **Typical shift patterns**

- Day shift: 07:30-20:00
- Night shift: 19:30-08:00

### **Local education programmes in the area**

Students will be invited to attend all in house teaching sessions.

### **Useful reading for the placement**

- Mental health including the use of MCA/Sections/DOLS
- SBARR assessment tool
- Emergency medicine nursing books