

Educational Content and Aims for an Innovative Post in General Practice/Paediatrics at the West Cumbria Vocational Training Scheme

Bases

GP in West Cumbria using approved GP Trainer
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Background/rationale

There are 4 full time Consultants, 3 Staff Grades and 4 STs increasing to 5 junior doctors in August 2006. We also have one Paediatric Nurse Practitioner and one in training in Paediatrics in West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven, where the post will be based.

We have a strong ethos about training and hence every day there is educational activity from X-ray meeting, Grand rounds, journal club and ½ day of protective teaching.

With improvement in health care, nutrition and immunization, Doctors are less exposed to paediatric conditions and hence such a post will give the trainee a better exposure to paediatric conditions combined with GP training.

Educational outcomes specific to the post:

- Able to recognise sick child
- Able to communicate with child and parents
- Able to obtain good history
- Able to request investigation and interpret the Lab results within patient's context.
- Acquire good management skills in Paediatrics
- Able to teach medical student and nurses
- Involve in clinical governance such as Audit and appraisal
- Develop good presentation skills and basic knowledge of Audit
- Learn about the NSF for children
- Know of various local supportive groups
- Learn basic child protection

Post summary

Our department is a consultant lead service with hands on. This will provide a good opportunity to work with children, learning how to deal with acute emergencies and develop a good management plan.

This also will give some exposure to paediatric subspecialties such as orthopaedics, ophthalmology and many others.

During all this, there is still active teaching taking place in all clinical situations.

Main duties and responsibilities of GPR

- Able to deal with acute emergencies with support
- Accept referral from GPs, A & E and various other agencies
- Seeing patients and develop and assessment and management plan, subsequently able to discuss it with middle grade or consultant
- Will have the support to do at least one audit and one presentation during the 6 months
- Attend outpatient clinics; expect at least 5 in 6 months
- Able to develop panCumbria guidelines and present them
- Have good communication skills with others such as GPs, Health Visitors and Nurses
- Do clear and good discharge summary
- Talk and learn opportunity

Arrangements for monitoring, support and appraisal of GPR for both aspects of the post

There will be appraisal meetings at the start of the post, 3 months and 6 months, with clear learning agreement, learning objectives and close liaising with the GP Trainee.

Out of Hours Commitment

OOH sessions in general practice as defined by deanery requirements and the WBPA.

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Educational supervision meetings as define by the WBPA. Beginning, middle and end point meetings with clinical supervisors in both specialties. Assessment schedule and learning log as define by the WBPA.