

## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job Title:</b>	GPVTS post in Elderly Medicine Directorate
<b>Speciality:</b>	Geriatric and General Internal Medicine
<b>Duration of Post:</b>	Six months
<b>Base:</b>	Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust; including Wards L4, L7 and L8
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Educational and Clinical Supervisors – Doctors Thomson, Pyburn and Staniland with respect to each of the above named wards.
<b>Working Hours:</b>	9am-5pm Monday to Friday plus on-call commitment
<b>On-call:</b>	Partial shift system
<b>Duties of the post</b>	
<b>On Call</b>	
<b>Clinical Governance</b>	Trainees are encouraged to attend the Departmental Clinical Governance meeting which is held on alternate months. Areas covered include education and training, complaints, critical incidents, infection control and audit. These and others areas of clinical governance are also addressed at the weekly departmental continuing professional development meeting on a Tuesday lunchtime.
<b>Teaching</b>	Trainees are encouraged to attend the weekly departmental Continuing Professional Development meeting. During their six month attachment there is always an opportunity for them to present on at least one occasion.

From our experience all of our trainees have managed this. They are provided with feedback following their presentation. They also have an opportunity to attend and present at the weekly Grand Round meeting organised by the Trust.

The department has always had positive feedback from trainees with respect to their release for their own GPVTS training sessions on a Wednesday morning. The Clinical Director is unaware of any trainees who have had a recurrent and systematic problem with attending these sessions.

### **Educational Aspects of the Post**

#### **Purpose of the post:**

The overall aims will be:-

- Work on an acute medical ward caring principally for frail older adults with chronic conditions.
- Participation on the on-call rota for acute general internal medicine (this is an unselected rota).
- To address as many of the domains of the GP curriculum as possible and which are achievable with respect to such a post in Geriatric Medicine.

Area of the curriculum to be covered	Where this may be achieved during the post
To develop knowledge and clinic skills with respect to managing acutely unwell adults.	From work on the Acute Elderly Medicine Ward and from on-call experience.
To specifically address issues relating to conditions affecting older adult's i.e. chronic disease pathologies, frailty syndromes, falls, continence, dementia, delirium, immobility and nutrition.	From work on the Acute Elderly Medicine Ward and from on-call experience.
To develop an appreciation and understanding of the psychosocial problems affecting the acute care and discharge planning of frail older adults.	From work on the Acute Elderly Medicine Ward and from on-call experience.
Where practical and relevant to develop clinical skills which may be transferable to working in general practice, for example Phlebotomy, cannulation, PEG care, continence assessment and management, joint injection etc.	From work on the Acute Elderly Medicine Ward and from on-call experience.
Clinical audit	Clinical Governance meetings
Critical incident investigation and management.	Ward experience, educational supervision and Clinical Governance meetings.
Infection control	Online training, ANTT assessment, educational supervision and Clinical Governance meetings.
General professional behaviour e.g. note keeping, punctuality, communication skills.	Educational supervision.

**Educational content:**

Please see notes above. The trainees have ready access to formal departmental training sessions which compliment their GPVTS training sessions on a Wednesday. In addition to this, ward based assessments linked to the GP curriculum are conducted by Educational Supervisors and others during the attachment. Consultant and Specialist Registrar ward rounds also provide

additional educational opportunities and these run at least twice weekly over the six month period.

**The Appraisal and Educational Assessment:**

The trainee's Clinical Supervisors are also their Educational Supervisors. These are unchanged during the six month period. Appraisal is undertaken at three points during the trainees' attachment to the unit. If training problems are identified between these sessions, additional meetings are held and feedback provided to the trainee concerned.

**Example Timetable:**

	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Supervised ward round with Specialist Registrar in Geriatric Medicine	Ward work
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Consultant lead ward round	Departmental CPD meeting and ward work.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	GPVTS regular training session	Ward work or attendance at Consultant lead sub-speciality clinic
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Consultant lead ward round	Ward work or opportunity to attend outpatient clinic
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Ward work and medical student teaching	Ward round, patient safety meeting and ward work