Foundation Programme Training
Stepping Hill Hospital

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Geographical Background

Stockport constitutes one of ten boroughs in Greater Manchester and its proximity to the Manchester Medical School has enabled the development of close working relationships with various University Departments. The general environment in Stockport and the surrounding countryside is a pleasant one, with the Cheshire Plain to the South West and the High Peak of Derbyshire to the South East. There are numerous pleasant residential areas and facilities for all types of education are good.

Need to get to Stockport from Manchester….. there is the 192 bus which runs frequently along the A6, day and night.
Retro in Stockport – The Plaza – Stockport’s cinema and variety theatre

For a What’s on Guide, follow http://stockportplaza.co.uk/whats-on

General Hospital Facilities

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, which was formed on 1 April 2000, serves a population of approximately 350,000 and its main site, Stepping Hill Hospital, is the District General Hospital for the area. The Trust has approx 858 beds and also manages 1 other hospital. The Trust became one of the first 10 in England to achieve Foundation status on 1 April 2004. More recently Stepping Hill Hospital was credited with Associated Teaching Hospital status. The Trust incorporates all of the major specialties and these services are provided via a Clinical Divisional structure, which is detailed below:

Critical Care Division
The Critical Care Division encompasses Theatres, Day Case, Endoscopy Unit, Intensive Care, Pain Clinic Services, Short Stay Unit and a High Dependency Unit.

Women and Children’s Division
The Women and Children’s Division comprises the specialties of Maternity Services, Gynaecology and Children’s Services
- Maternity comprises a comprehensive range of maternity services to the women of Stockport and the High Peak area of North Derbyshire and Gynaecological Surgery. The service works in partnership with General Practitioners and the PCT and there is a small base in Buxton providing Maternity services.
- Gynaecology comprises of infertility service; inpatients; outpatients; direct access hysteroscopy; colposcopy; and access to Day Case Unit and Short Stay Surgical.
- Children’s Services comprises services for children with disabilities; Child and Adolescent Mental Health; and medical services for children and young people. Children’s Services are based in the Tree House Children’s Centre.

Division of Clinical Support Services
The Division of Clinical Support Services provides Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Rehabilitation, Mental Health Therapy Services and Outpatients services. A number of outpatient clinics are supported by sessions taken by external consultants in Thoracic Surgery, Neurology and Oncology.
Division of Medicine
The Division of Medicine provides General Medical, Diabetology, Chest Medicine, Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Dermatology, Clinical Haematology, ECG / EEG, Rheumatology and comprehensive health services for older people, delivering Acute Care of the Elderly, Rehabilitation, Outpatient Services, Continuing Care and Respite Care and Emergency Medicine across Stepping Hill Hospital and Cherry Tree Hospitals.

Division of Surgery
The Surgical Division incorporates the Divisions of Trauma and Orthopaedics, Surgery, Urology and Ophthalmology. The Division also provides a comprehensive general surgical service as detailed below.
- The Trauma and Orthopaedic Division provides Orthopaedic, ENT and Audiology services.
- Urology provides services at both Stepping Hill Hospital and Tameside General Hospital. In-patient services are located at Stepping Hill. Dedicated purpose-built out-patient units at both Stepping Hill and Tameside provide clinic, cystoscopy, ultra-sound and urodynamic facilities enabling integrated clinics.
- Ophthalmology is currently exploring extended day case services and an action on cataracts bid.

Division of Diagnostic Services
- Division of Laboratory Medicine: The Division of Laboratory Medicine provides a clinical, diagnostic and data producing service to health care providers in the Stockport area and North Derbyshire through five departments: Haematology; Clinical Chemistry; Histopathology; Cytopathology; and Microbiology Infection Control. It also provides a mortuary service to the Stockport district.
- Division of Radiology: The Division of Radiology provides a comprehensive diagnostic and interventional service to the Trust and radiological services to the Trust, local GP and dental practices from bases at Stepping Hill and Cherry Tree Hospitals. The MR Scanning service is provided in a dedicated unit.

The Clinical Divisions are supported by a number of non-clinical services, including:

- **Facilities Division** – Risk Management, Controls Assurance, Security, Linen Services, Telecommunications, the Hospital Sterilisation and Disinfection Unit, Catering, Receipt and Distribution, General Office, Hospital Cashier, Administration Services, Car Parking Services, Security Services, Voluntary Services, Transport Services, Gardening Services, Residential Accommodation, Hotel Services Quality Control, Portering and Postal Services and Estates.

- **Central Management Services** - Human Resources, Information, Finance and Planning. Within the Human Resources Department is a Medical Personnel function, which provides a comprehensive service to all grades of Medical Staff.

A purpose built multidisciplinary Education Centre opened on the main hospital site in 1994 and accommodates the **Medical Education Department**, the Training and Development Centre and the Education Centre Library.
Induction of Medical Staff

The Trust holds an Induction Programme for all Foundation Year 1 Doctors. This comprises of a two day programme which, amongst others, includes:

- ANTT
- Pharmacy/Prescribing
- Sliding Scales of Insulin
- Anticoagulation
- DNAR
- EWS
- Blood Transfusion
- Introduction to Laboratory Medicine
- Hospital at Night
- Consent

We also offer a two week shadowing period which we encourage all those taking up post at the Trust to attend all or part of as it is a vital learning experience.

All Foundation Posts have educational approval from the Postgraduate Dean.

The Terms and Conditions of service are in accordance with the Medical and Dental Whitley Council (England and Wales).
General Information

Support Staff
The Trust supports the expanded role of the nurse, with nurse practitioners and trained support staff to undertake duties such as Phlebotomy and ECGs.

Education
The Trust has an active Medical Education Department, Clinical Skills Laboratory and a well stocked Education Centre Library.

There are regular meetings for all specialties where cases are discussed and there are also regular audit and topic teaching meetings. In particular Foundation Training Doctors will receive regular tutorials to keep them aware of ‘best management’.

The Medical Education Department produces an annual Junior Doctors' Handbook, Medical Education Newsletters and regular teaching programmes.

The Director of Medical Education, Foundation Programme Director, Foundation Year 2 Tutor and Medical Education staff are available to discuss any issues / concerns.

Foundation Teaching
There is a rolling programme of weekly meetings for Foundation Training Doctors. Topics covered include generic skills, career advice and special topics such as ECGs and case presentations. These sessions are protected and bleep free.

As well as a Clinical Supervisor (usually his / her Consultant) each Foundation Doctor has an Educational Supervisor whom they can approach for advice on careers and in particular to counsel the doctor on his / her performance. Each Foundation Doctor will be appraised by his / her supervisor formally during each section of the programme. There are many other opportunities for feedback, both formal and informal.

Accommodation and Catering
The Doctors Mess has recently been refurbished to a high standard.

Single accommodation is available, however married accommodation limited. There is a charge for accommodation.

The staff restaurant is open 7 days a week offering a selection of hot and cold meals.

Communication Systems
Division Meetings / Forums - these meetings are held regularly to discuss developments within a specialty and provide an opportunity for medical staff to raise any concerns in an informal setting.

Improving Junior Doctors Working Lives – these meetings are held frequently and are a chance for junior trainees to raise issues and concerns with the likes of Medical Staffing, Medical Education etc.
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