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PAEDIATRIC PLACEMENT

MANAGEMENT AND
TREATMENT OF PAEDIATRIC
PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC AND
ACUTE CONDITIONS

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PLACEMENT DETAILS

Duration: 1 week
3 days/week (8-12hr shifts)

Location: Variable in Sussex, Surrey and Kent
Please check your allocation

Completed in: Year 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

LO1: Gain an understanding of the key differences in the management of children in comparison to adults.

LO2: Identify how the paramedic can contribute to the effective care of children.

LO3: Gain an understanding of what resources may be available to support a child and the family of that child who has an acute or chronic health problem.

LO4: Gain an understanding of health and social services in the holistic care of children and the importance of safeguarding.

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WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

EXPOSURE TO PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE IN A SECURE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

“Understand the requirement to adapt practice to meet the needs of different groups and individuals”

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- HEALTH AND CARE PROFESSIONS COUNCIL (HCPC), STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY, 2014

This placement was created to allow you to benefit from an opportunity to develop and learn from specialists, paediatricians and nurses in the paediatric field.

We understand that assessing children can be daunting and therefore this paediatric placement has been integrated into the course to allow you the opportunity to experience the care and management specific to children, in a secure and supportive environment.

The primary aim of this placement is to help you to develop confidence when interacting with children and their families as part of the paramedic role. We hope you will be able to gain an understanding of paediatric illnesses and injuries, as well as developmental, psychological and social problems.

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WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

TO BE POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE!

"If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of service users, carers or others, you should speak to an appropriate member of staff at your education provider or practice placement provider promptly"

- HEALTH AND CARE PROFESSIONS COUNCIL (HCPC), STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, PERFORMANCE AND ETHICS, 2014

You will have the opportunity to observe the treatment and management of paediatric patients, under the direct supervision of a suitably qualified clinician.

The management of unwell children differs greatly from adults and comes with the addition of care and management for parents/guardians. Therefore it is imperative that you are attentive, present and engaged throughout your time there.

YOUR TO DO LIST:

- Contact placement to arrange shifts a minimum of 3 weeks in advance.
- Attend shift without fail and on time, except for extenuating circumstances.
- Maintain a professional attitude with enthusiasm and willingness to learn - remember, you represent ALL student paramedics!
- If attendance to a shift is affected by personal circumstances, follow normal absence reporting procedures ensuring the placement and your personal tutor are informed.

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HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO STUDENT PARAMEDICS?

EXPERIENCE AND CONFIDENCE IN PAEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT!

Paediatric assessment forms a large part of being a paramedic but can often present issues of skill decay depending on the calls you are dispatched to.

This placement gives invaluable insight, advice and feedback on how to improve your assessment and communication with a range of paediatric patients. This placement will also help you further advise and support parents/guardians in the pre-hospital environment when explaining what to expect at hospital.

This placement also gives you an insight into some of the alternative career pathways, aside from working on an ambulance.

PAD DOCUMENTS

Supervisors on any placement have no obligation to sign your PAD competencies. However, if you are seen by a supervisor to have met the competency in a safe and effective manner you can request;

A Summative sign off **if they have a Mentorship/Supervisor qualification.**



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TIPS

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS PLACEMENT

To gain as much as possible from this experience, it is recommended you engage in any observations that are offered as part of this placement and actively seek opportunities to broaden your knowledge and understanding.

There are no formal assessments or assignments for this, but it may be helpful to seek answers to the following questions:

- Any advice on how to best support families of unwell children?
- Tips for communicating with various age groups?
- How are patients received, triaged and managed?
- What services are there available for Paramedics to contact directly?
- How can Paramedics work collaboratively with staff to ensure best patient care?
- How and why do you safeguard paediatric patients?
- How are the services changing?

HINT

Why not complete a short reflection to allow you to consolidate your learning and highlight areas of interest? It will look great in your continuing professional development (CPD) folder!



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LINKS TO HCPC STANDARDS

[HCPC Guidance on conduct and ethics for students](#)

[HCPC Standards of conduct, performance and ethics](#)

[HCPC Standards of proficiency](#)