

PLACEMENT PROFILE

Information required in advance of placement

PLACEMENT PROVIDER NAME	Royal Blackburn Hospital
PLACEMENT PROVIDER TRUST?	East Lancashire Hospitals Trust
PLACEMENT PROVIDER LOCATION	Royal Blackburn Hospital Haslingden Road, Blackburn BB2 3HH
PLACEMENT PROVIDER WEBSITE, (IF AVAILABLE)	https://www.elht.nhs.uk/
PRACTICE AREA	Acute Medical Team
MAIN CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER	01254 733770
RECOMMEND PRE-READING BY STUDENT BEFORE BEGINNING THE PLACEMENT	NHS Improvement: SAFER patient flow bundle. https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/safer-patient-flow-bundle-implement/ RCOT: Reducing the pressure on hospitals. https://www.rcot.co.uk/sites/default/files/response-to-27-Appendix-1-reducing%20pressure%20in%20hospitals.pdf
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS, WHICH CAN BE TAKEN ON THIS PLACEMENT (If Several Placement Areas – Please Note On Separate Sheet)	2 at a time subject to educator availability.
SPECIFIC UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Uniform must be worn • Closed toe shoes must be worn in clinical areas at all times • Shoe colour to match uniform black or navy blue • Long hair is tied back and away from the face and secured with modest bands • Tasteful make-up that is complimentary to natural features • clean and trimmed nails • We maintain a bare 'below the elbow' policy in all clinical areas.

CHANGING/LOCKER FACILITIES	Lockers are available in the main therapy department and are locked using a £1 coin.
ADDITIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SCREENING NEEDED (YES/NO + DETAILS)	No
ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION (IF REQUIRED)	ELHT is able to offer some student accommodation but this is on a very limited basis due to limited accommodation on site. If accommodation is required please contact: accommodation.bookings@elht.nhs.uk enquire about availability.
NORMAL WORKING HOURS/LUNCH TIMES	Usual working hours are between 8:30 – 4:30
PARKING	Parking is available on a 'pay and display' basis or via short term permit. Permits can be arranged and paid for at the Learning and Development Centre at Royal Blackburn Hospital.
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	The Hospital has a bus stop at the main entrance. There is also a free shuttle bus service between the Blackburn and Burnley sites https://elht.nhs.uk/services/shuttle-bus .
NEAREST 'LOCAL SHOPS'	There is a small M&S food outlet ,a WHSmiths and a Costa coffee in the Royal Blackburn Hospital Entrance. There is also a canteen located on the 2 nd floor at Royal Blackburn hospital.
NEAREST CASH POINT	There is a cash machine located within the M&S food outlet in the Royal Blackburn Hospital Entrance.

On Arrival

PLACE TO REPORT TO ON DAY 1	Occupational Therapy Department Reception on level 1. Ask for your educator.
TIME TO REPORT ON DAY 1	8:30am
Practice Education Facilitator contact	Andrew Keavey Trust PEF 01254 733371

Sickness

PERSON TO REPORT SICKNESS TO	Any member of the team by calling
BY WHAT TIME	8.30am.
WILL PRACTICE EDUCATORS INFORM UNIVERSITY OF ABSENCE IF VISIT FROM TUTOR IS SCHEDULED THAT DAY?	No, This is the responsibility of the student.

Facilities and Resources

STAFF ROOM FACILITIES	Staff room available with fridge and microwave and kettle.
CANTEEN FACILITIES	Hospital canteen, WHSmith, M&S outlet and Costa coffee shop within hospital.
ANY ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT ON PLACEMENT	Whilst on placement you will have access to a 'Student Buddy' for support.
LEARNING FACILITIES ON PLACEMENT (INCLUDING ACCESS TO A COMPUTER)	Access to library. Computers in work area
DETAILS OF OPPORTUNITIES/TIME FOR STUDENT ACCESS TO LEARNING RESOURCES	In Service Training. Access to library. Several computers in each work area. NHS Library Details Learning Centre Library (Royal Blackburn Hospital) 01245 734 312 Opening Hours Mon – Thur 08.30 – 16.30 Friday 08.30 – 16.00 Email library.blackburn@elht.nhs.uk Intranet site – (Can only be accessed within the Trust)
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE ON PLACEMENT (INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MULTIPROFESSIONAL LEARNING)	Involvement with MDT and several 'spoke opportunities are available. You can discuss this locally with educator.
LEARNING OUTCOMES EXPECTED FROM PLACEMENT (PLEASE PROVIDE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE SUBJECT AREAS)	Outcomes based on the University objectives will be agreed with between the student and educator on arrival. These will be reviewed throughout the placement.

During your placement

Placement Experience Offered

A student on placement with us can expect to gain experience of the acute medical therapy setting on a variety of specialty wards. The team is an integrated OT and Physio team. Ward specialisms include respiratory, where you may focus on grading and pacing to enhance participation in meaningful activity. Elderly and dementia wards where you may help facilitate reminiscence therapy and facilitate reorientation activities with patients who have delirium. Gastroenterology wards where you may work with individuals who are alcohol dependent and have become occupationally deprived. Functional assessments are completed on all wards; results of activity analysis are shared with the MDT often supporting the need for further medical investigations. Functional assessments include personal care and kitchen assessments. In addition to ward work the team also provides a follow up visit service. During these visits you will have the opportunity to assess patients in their home environment and provide advice on falls prevention, arrange equipment provision, assess for minor adaptations and refer onto other community services if required. The team also provides therapy cover on the respiratory assessment unit (RAU). Therapists on RAU play an integral role in preventing hospital admissions and organising same day discharge from the acute setting. The teams are keen to maintain high standards of documentation therefore you may be involved in facilitation of a notes audit. We have in the past had access to a therapy dog that has worked with us on the wards. We hope to have the therapy dog with us again; during these sessions you will experience the often positive effect of human animal interaction.

Strengths of the Placement

The acute medical team is very friendly and welcoming. Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy are integrated therefore you will gain experience on how the professions work together. The Multidisciplinary team work closely together therefore you will observe the safe, personal and effective delivery of services to ensure patient flow and discharge from the acute setting. The team provides therapy on 16 medical wards and the respiratory assessment unit therefore there will be lots of opportunity to gain experience on different wards with different therapists. During your placement we will arrange for you to visit other teams who we work closely with, this will help you to understand the OT process in the acute medical setting and beyond. We will provide regular supervision and give you time to reflect on your learning throughout the placement.

Limitations of the placement

This placement setting by nature means that the work is often very fast paced. This means we see a lot of patients in a short space of time.

We don't use a specific model in this area however we do utilise numerous different approaches. Parking on the busy hospital site can sometimes be hectic; my advice would be to get here early if you can!