

## PLACEMENT PROFILE

### Information required in advance of placement

<b>PLACEMENT PROVIDER NAME</b>	Royal Blackburn Hospital
<b>PLACEMENT PROVIDER TRUST?</b>	East Lancashire Hospitals Trust
<b>PLACEMENT PROVIDER LOCATION</b>	Royal Blackburn Hospital Haslingden Road, Blackburn BB2 3HH
<b>PLACEMENT PROVIDER WEBSITE, (IF AVAILABLE)</b>	<a href="https://www.elht.nhs.uk/">https://www.elht.nhs.uk/</a>
<b>PRACTICE AREA</b>	Rheumatology Team
<b>MAIN CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	01254 732149
<b>RECOMMEND PRE-READING BY STUDENT BEFORE BEGINNING THE PLACEMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the difference between inflammatory arthritis (such as Rheumatoid Arthritis) and degenerative arthritis (such as Osteoarthritis)</li> <li>• Versus Arthritis UK &amp; National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS) useful information about various rheumatology conditions, services and treatments) - <a href="http://www.versusarthritis.org">www.versusarthritis.org</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.nras.org.uk">www.nras.org.uk</a></li> <li>• Basic hand anatomy e.g. joints and their structure</li> <li>• Rheumatology: Evidence-Based Practice for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists (2010) by Alison Hammond</li> </ul>
<b>MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS, WHICH CAN BE TAKEN ON THIS PLACEMENT</b> (If Several Placement Areas – Please Note On Separate Sheet)	1 at a time.
<b>SPECIFIC UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University Uniform must be worn</li> <li>• Closed toe shoes must be worn in clinical areas at all times</li> <li>• Shoe colour to match uniform black or navy blue</li> <li>• Long hair is tied back and away from the face and secured with modest bands</li> <li>• Tasteful make-up that is complimentary to natural features</li> <li>• clean and trimmed nails</li> <li>• We maintain a bare ‘below the elbow’ policy in all clinical areas.</li> </ul>

<b>CHANGING/LOCKER FACILITIES</b>	Lockers are available in the main therapy department and are locked using a £1 coin.
<b>ADDITIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SCREENING NEEDED (YES/NO + DETAILS)</b>	No
<b>ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION (IF REQUIRED)</b>	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: <a href="mailto:accommodation.bookings@elht.nhs.uk">accommodation.bookings@elht.nhs.uk</a> enquire about availability.
<b>NORMAL WORKING HOURS/LUNCH TIMES</b>	8.00am – 4.00pm (Mon-Fri)
<b>PARKING</b>	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.
<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>	The Hospital has a bus stop at the main entrance. There is also a free shuttle bus service between the Blackburn and Burnley sites <a href="https://elht.nhs.uk/services/shuttle-bus">https://elht.nhs.uk/services/shuttle-bus</a> .
<b>NEAREST 'LOCAL SHOPS'</b>	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 <sup>nd</sup> floor at Royal Blackburn hospital.
<b>NEAREST CASH POINT</b>	There is a cash machine located within the M&S food outlet in the Royal Blackburn Hospital Entrance.

### On Arrival

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

## Sickness

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

## Facilities and Resources

<b>STAFF ROOM FACILITIES</b>	Staff room available with fridge and microwave and kettle.
<b>CANTEEN FACILITIES</b>	Hospital canteen, WHSmith, M&S outlet and Costa coffee shop within hospital.
<b>ANY ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT ON PLACEMENT</b>	Whilst on placement you will have access to a 'Student Buddy' for support.
<b>LEARNING FACILITIES ON PLACEMENT (INCLUDING ACCESS TO A COMPUTER)</b>	Access to library. Computers in work area
<b>DETAILS OF OPPORTUNITIES/TIME FOR STUDENT ACCESS TO LEARNING RESOURCES</b>	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 <a href="mailto:library.blackburn@elht.nhs.uk">library.blackburn@elht.nhs.uk</a>  Intranet site – (Can only be accessed within the Trust)
<b>LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE ON PLACEMENT (INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MULTIPROFESSIONAL LEARNING)</b>	Involvement with MDT and several 'spoke opportunities are available. You can discuss this locally with educator.
<b>LEARNING OUTCOMES EXPECTED FROM PLACEMENT (PLEASE PROVIDE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE SUBJECT AREAS)</b>	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

- An opportunity to work within an OT team entirely dedicated to Rheumatology out-patients
- Experience of a wide range of connective tissue diseases
- An insight into the OT management of complex cases requiring the ability to problem Solve

### Strengths of the Placement

- Experience of working within a large MDT and opportunities to spend time in consultant clinics
- Education opportunities within the MDT with journal meetings and education sessions
- Opportunity to carry out splinting (static and soft splints)
- A chance to experience splinting combined with in-depth ADL's and self-management advice
- Possibility of attending patient education sessions

### Limitations of the placement

- Unpredictable workload due to cancellation and failing to attend appointments. Students will be required to be proactive at utilising self-management skills
- Unable to guarantee own caseload
- Difficulties to observe continuity of care of individual patients due to length of time between appointments
- Less opportunities to carry out / observe the complete OT process with individuals due to nature of appointments.