

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 734495
RECOMMEND PRE-READING BY STUDENT BEFORE BEGINNING THE PLACEMENT	<p>Enhanced recovery program (Suggestion - https://mft.nhs.uk/mri/patients-visitors/enhanced-recovery-programme/)</p> <p>Occupational Therapy and amputees (Suggestion – Occupational Therapy with people who have had lower limb amputations – Evidence based guidelines. College of occupational therapists – specialist section – Trauma and Orthopaedics https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/resources/patient-information/therapies/rehabilitation-after-your-leg-amputation.pdf)</p>
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS, WHICH CAN BE TAKEN ON THIS PLACEMENT (If Several Placement Areas – Please Note On Separate Sheet)	1 at a time.
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.
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 MMU 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

There are 4 specialties that the student can experience within the surgery team.

1. Vascular – patients with a variety of vascular conditions affecting function. These include new amputee patients with whom OT work with pre/post amputation, interventions include assessment, functional ADL practice, wheelchair provision, property visits, follow up visits.

2. Head & neck / urology – Patients can include those who have stepped down from critical care and have tracheostomy's in situ.

3. General surgery - Elective/Emergency – being involved in patients' holistic recovery working towards safe, personal and effective discharge from hospital in line with the enhanced recovery program.

4. Critical care – whilst there is not currently a role on the critical care unit, there will be opportunity to observe critical care practice with the physiotherapists

The student will be able to observe/complete the OT process with patients who have recently experienced minor or major surgery, in a fast paced acute setting. Patients' that are seen by OT may have been stepped down from critical care to continue to recover and improve functional ability with client-centered goals.

During this placement there will also be opportunity to observe surgery taking place and able to follow the patient's journey of recovery whilst in the acute hospital setting, through to discharge.

Strengths of the Placement

Integrated team – physiotherapy, OT and generic therapy assistants.

Regional center for vascular surgery – working with patients from out of the local area

Opportunity to work with amputees with wheelchair assessment and prescription

Opportunity increase knowledge and experience within this field and develop specialist skills

Robust student support within the team with structured supervision

Limitations of the placement

2 full time posts covered by 4 members of staff – would have to expect different OT staff supporting them

Very busy, fast paced environment – staff can be very busy

Fast patient flow – patients not in the acute setting very long