

2025-27 Specialised Foundation Programme (SFP) – Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

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General Information:

There are 3 Specialised Foundation Programme (SFP) posts in Medical Education at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

As an SFP (Medical Education) doctor at Bolton you will spend one session per week on your academic activities. During the FY2 Acute Medicine post you will be allocated an additional session and will spend 2 sessions per week on your academic activities. You will have a clinical and educational supervisor with an additional academic supervisor (usually your ES). Dr Walker will be responsible overall for the Specialised Foundation Programme.

You will be required to undertake research, publication of papers and presentations at academic meetings. Whilst attaining all the usual foundation competencies, you will be expected to acquire extra experience and expertise in academic skills. This will include some responsibilities in organisation and delivery of teaching.

You will be expected (where possible) to attend 9 full days at the regional wide SFP teaching which is run over three academic semesters. These training days will locate geographically around the region. At the end of FY1 year you should attend the regional Showcase event during which you will be able to view and listen to FY2 doctors disseminate their academic work. At the end of FY2 you will be expected to submit an abstract and present your own work at this one day event via poster or oral presentation.

Although the attachment in which most time is allocated to SFP activity is in the FY2 year, you will be required to make contact with your SFP supervisor as soon as possible on arrival (if not before) and to maintain contact throughout FY1. You should have at least an annual report uploaded onto your e-portfolio by your SFP supervisor. Preparatory work can begin as soon as possible to make your stay more fruitful and by FY2 you should have ample opportunity to plan, deliver and present your own project related to education and training. Submission to National and International academic meetings for presentation would be desirable.

1 Posts:

The rotations include medical and surgical specialty attachments as well as a 4 month attachment in General Practice in F2.

2 Post descriptions:

At Bolton NHS Foundation Trust there are 3 specialised foundation posts in Medical Education (Track 6). These are overseen by the post-graduate medical education lead Joanne Warburto

3 Detailed post descriptions:

Education SFP Posts (Track 6)

	F1	F1	F1	F2	F2	F2
Track 6 (AFP)	General Surgery	Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery	Respiratory Medicine	Emergency Medicine	Acute Internal Medicine	General Practice
Additional Post Description	Colorectal Surgery				Weds AM community placement in Intermediate Care at Darley Court or Laburnum Lodge	
Post Location	Royal Bolton Hospital	Royal Bolton Hospital	Royal Bolton Hospital	Royal Bolton Hospital	Royal Bolton Hospital	GP Surgery within Bolton

- **Department: FY1 General Surgery**
Location: Royal Bolton Hospital

As an FY1 trainee in General & Colorectal Surgery at the Royal Bolton Hospital there will be many opportunities for training and development. Working as part of the team you will attend daily ward rounds, MDT meetings and the weekly specialty teaching. You will be encouraged to attend clinics, theatres and get involved in practical procedures.

Department: FY1 Trauma & Orthopaedics
Location: Royal Bolton Hospital

As an FY1 trainee in Trauma & Orthopaedics at the Royal Bolton Hospital there will be many opportunities for training and development. Working as part of the team you will attend daily ward rounds, MDT meetings and weekly department teaching. You will be encouraged to attend clinics, theatres and get involved in practical procedures.

- **Department: FY1 Respiratory Medicine**
Location: Royal Bolton Hospital

As an FY1 trainee in Respiratory there will be many opportunities for training and development. Working as part of the team you will attend daily ward rounds, MDT meetings and weekly department teaching. You will have the opportunity to develop acute skills, reinforce history taking, examination and develop some early decision making skills. The medical specialties get together once a week for a grand round teaching session.

- **Department: FY2 Emergency Medicine**
Location: Royal Bolton Hospital

As an FY2 trainee in Emergency Medicine there will be many opportunities for training and development. Working as part of the team you will attend the daily consultants ward rounds and MDT meetings. You will have the opportunity to observe the patients continuing care and management in other clinical areas as appropriate – such as Radiology, CCU, ICU or theatre. You will also be encouraged to attend the Emergency Department review clinic and participate in the activities of the department including medical student supervision and teaching. The FY2 trainee may also provide supervision and support to medical students on attachment to the department.

Main duties of the post - initial assessment and management of acute illness and injury in adults and children. This will involve seeing patients attending all areas of the department including the resuscitation room and the Childrens Emergency Department, making a clinical assessment and organizing necessary investigations and referral as determined by the patient's condition.

- **Department: FY2 Acute Medicine**
Location: Royal Bolton Hospital

As an FY2 trainee in Acute Medicine at the Royal Bolton Hospital there will be many opportunities for training and development. Working as part of the team you will attend daily ward rounds, MDT meetings and weekly department teaching. You will have the opportunity to develop acute skills, reinforce history taking, examination and develop some early decision making skills. The medical specialties get together once a week for a grand round teaching session.

- **Department: FY2 General Practice**
Location: TBC

Main duties of the post - Assessment and management of patients in surgery and at home, ordering of appropriate tests and following up those tests. Typical working pattern in this post - morning surgery, visits, admin, afternoon surgery.

