

Specialised Foundation Programmes at Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Liverpool, Broadgreen and Aintree Sites)

### **Specialised Foundation Team**

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Our Specialised Foundation Programme (SFP) involves collaboration between clinicians and clinical academics at Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUHFT), Alder Hey Children's Hospital Foundation Trust, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and the academic departments at the University of Liverpool.

Twelve of our SFP posts are managed through the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen site and the remaining 12 are attached to Aintree University Hospital.

Each post involves a 4-month academic focused block during the second year of foundation training. During the academic placement there is a clinical commitment of one day per week in an allocated department within LUHFT with the remaining 4 days spent working on the academic project.

The remaining 5 placements of the foundation training are spent rotating through various clinical specialties ensuring a rounded foundation training experience.

During FY1 there is, currently, allocated study time to attend regional SFP teaching, gain necessary training in research methods and help plan the FY2 academic project.

There are **15 Bespoke Academic Research posts** based at LUHFT: Unlike a lot of other Specialised Foundation Programmes we provide flexibility around placement, permitting pursuit of personalised research interests. We have a wide network of academic colleagues in many specialties which allow us to facilitate a myriad of project topics.

There are **6 Academic Education posts** based at LUHFT: Foundation doctors choosing an Academic Education post will be required to undertake an educationally focused research project and will support the delivery of teaching to undergraduate and postgraduate learners including involvement in the Simulation Training team.

There are **3 Academic Paediatric Research posts** based at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool: Foundation doctors allocated to Academic Paediatric Research complete their FY1 clinical programme through the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospital. These posts are linked with a 4 month placement in clinical paediatrics at Alder Hey during the FY2 year in addition to the mandatory GP placement.

**Less than full time training.** We are happy to support SFPs who would like to work Less Than Full Time. Individualised plans around placement time allocations will be discussed on a bespoke basis.

## General information

Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is one of the largest teaching hospitals in the North West of England. LUHFT comprises the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Aintree University Hospital and Broadgreen Hospital.

As a major University Hospital, we work closely with the University of Liverpool. All SFP appointed doctors are affiliated to the University of Liverpool through an honorary contract, which allows access to the University facilities including the library.

**Royal Liverpool University Hospital** was opened in September 2022 and is based close to the city centre, providing emergency, general and specialist treatment to patients from across the North-West of England, North Wales and the Isle of Man.

The hospital forms the heart of the Liverpool Health Campus, part of Liverpool University's Knowledge Quarter. It incorporates a Biomedical Research Unit which is the only one of its kind nationally focusing on pancreatic disease. There is also a research centre for infectious and microbial disease which works closely with the world-renowned Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. Through our close collaboration with the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre we are also able to offer experience in haematology and oncology.

**University Hospital Aintree** provides both acute and elective secondary healthcare services to North Liverpool, South Sefton and surrounding areas. It is also the Major Trauma centre for Merseyside. UHA has robust academic links in many areas including diabetes and lifestyle medicine, maxillo-facial surgery, rheumatology and respiratory medicine.

**Alder Hey Children's Hospital** opened in October 2015 and has an outstanding new Research, Innovation and Education Institute alongside the hospital. Within the hospital there is a flourishing research environment with an emphasis on the career development of young researchers.

Additionally if applicants prefer to complete a research project with University of Liverpool academic staff in other areas e.g. Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Neurology and Neurosurgery or Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery we have robust links with our affiliated local Trusts of Liverpool Women's Hospital, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital and The Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery.