

## **Specialised Foundation Programme** **Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust**

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### **General Information:**

The Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust serves the communities of Salford, Bury, Rochdale and Oldham. The Trust operates from the following 4 sites and provides a range of elective, emergency and specialist services.

Salford Royal Hospital  
Fairfield General Hospital  
Rochdale Infirmary  
Royal Oldham Hospital

The Northern Care Alliance (NCA) is internationally recognised as a bastion for doctors with academic ambitions, offering unparalleled support in research, education, and medical leadership. With strong links to world-class universities, cutting-edge research opportunities, and a thriving culture of innovation, the NCA nurtures clinicians to become leaders in their fields and champions excellence at every stage. It's the perfect place to grow, lead, and make a lasting impact.

There are 6 Specialised Foundation Programme Posts (SFP) at the Northern Care Alliance at Salford Care Organisation (SCO) and 3 SFP posts at Bury, Rochdale and Oldham (BRO). Our aim is to introduce Foundation doctors to training in the field of either research, leadership or medical education to inspire and encourage individuals to undertake further academic training in their later career. We want your academic training to be as broad as your foundation training and SFP trainees are supported to get the most out of their projects and linked to the appropriate networks within the Trust to achieve their desired goals.

### **Features of the programme include:**

1. As a specialised foundation trainee (SFT) at Northern Care Alliance, you will have a 4-month rotation protected for the academic aspect of your training throughout in your FY2 year.
2. In advance of this dedicated rotation, trainees will be supported during FY1 to identify both an Academic supervisor and a project in any of research/leadership/medical education to complete.
3. You will be required to undertake research in this field, pursue 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 basic principles of medical education/generic teaching and academic skills.
4. The SFT will be expected to actively participate in organisation, development and delivery of the Foundation Teaching Programme at NCA which may include contributing to teaching sessions with a particular focus on what they have gained from their SFP post and the research they undertook. This will help to provide adequate preparation for the regional 'SFP Academic Showcase' at the end of the FY2 year.

5. Trainees with a medical education focus to their block will be supported to complete a funded Edge Hill University module in Workplace Based Medical Education, Teaching & Learning in clinical practice. Trainees with a leadership focus can similarly pursue completion of a funded module on Medical Leadership, again at Edge Hill University.

Further information about the PG cert courses at Edge Hill university is available from the website [www.edgehill.ac.uk](http://www.edgehill.ac.uk)

If you have further questions about the SFP at the NCA, please contact [foundationdoctors@nca.nhs.uk](mailto:foundationdoctors@nca.nhs.uk) or [peter.kilgour@nca.nhs.uk](mailto:peter.kilgour@nca.nhs.uk) for more information.