

# Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust

## Emergency Medicine Directorate

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Unusually for a district general we run two completely separate emergency departments. The adult emergency department is on the Southport site and the children's emergency department is on the Ormskirk site. They are approximately seven miles apart thereby fulfilling RCEM's recommendation of visual and auditory separation. The decision was a political one; clinically there are advantages and disadvantages. From a trainee point of view we can at least guarantee that when you are in Ormskirk you will be doing PEM.

Southport sees approximately 55,000 new attendances per annum. The case mix, like many ED's has become more and more weighted to majors presentations with a 70/30 split of majors to minors. We are a trauma receiving unit and part of the Cheshire and Mersey trauma network. We operate a hyper-acute stroke unit and thrombolysed in ED. We are part of the Lancashire telestroke network.

Southport has a large frail elderly population and we have developed a "front-door" frailty service with an enhanced ED and Observation Ward therapy service. We have presented this work at a number of national conferences. We are actively involved in ambulatory emergency care and work collaboratively with our acute physician colleagues. There is ample opportunity for trainees to become involved in the evolution of these services.

Ormskirk sees approximately 25,000 new attendances per annum. The unit has a strong stable and experienced nursing and permanent middle grade tier. We have well established review clinics and protocols for ketamine and a novel solution to emergency orthopaedics with extensive use of the virtual clinic model. The unit has a strong track record in research and trainees would be welcome to become involved in the active research projects.

Consultants work across both sites. Currently we have Dr Dave Snow (CD/AMD urgent care – frailty, AEC, Human factors), Dr Mike Aisbitt (Trust trauma lead, trust simulation lead, PEM, human factors), Dr Alan Owens (trust alcohol lead, ambulatory emergency care, frailty), Dr Clare Thompson (PEM, simulation) Dr Stefania Pintus (Research, USS). Dr Sharryn Gardner is PEM only (research interest). We have two associate specialists (Dr Jo Robson (adult and PEM) and Dr Usha Natarajan (PEM) and we have an additional 8 speciality doctors. We have two long term locum consultants.

We pride ourselves on a strong team ethic and the team is welcoming and friendly.