School of Medicine: Clinical Phase Placements Allocation Policy

Placement allocation for academic year 2020-21

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Clinical Phase Placements Allocation

Students should be prepared to spend time at any of the following locations throughout the Clinical Phase (to gain a rounded educational experience at both large teaching hospitals and other partnership trusts):

a. Queens Medical Centre
b. Nottingham City Hospital
c. Royal Derby Hospital
d. Boston Pilgrim Hospital
e. Chesterfield Royal Hospital
f. Grantham and District Hospital
g. King’s Mill Hospital
h. Lincoln County Hospital
i. Mansfield District Hospital
j. Various GP surgeries across the region.
k. Highbury Hospital and various other mental health teams across the region.

The School has the autonomy to allocate any student to any location for any attachment.

Preferences

Students will be given the opportunity to nominate a location preference for each attachment within the Clinical Phase (CP).

- This is not a ‘choice’ but an opportunity for students to engage with the placements process
- Due to limited places at each site, it is not feasible to guarantee that students will receive every preferred location
- Students should be expected to receive a fair and balanced allocation (to gain educational experience at both large teaching hospitals and other partnership trusts and help to build resilience)
- In CP3 for Medicine and Surgery attachments only, students should NOT attend the same site for CP3 as they did for CP1.

School Responsibility

The School has the responsibility of ensuring all students receive a fair and balanced allocation. The benchmark will be that a typical student (without special circumstances who lives in Nottingham) should normally be expected to spend a proportion of their clinical phases in the partnership trusts listed above.
Student Responsibility

Students have the responsibility to nominate preferences that will give them a fair and balanced experience across the Clinical Phase. The School has the autonomy to identify those students who have deemed not to have selected a fair and balanced allocation and modify appropriately.

If a student does not select any preferences or fails to complete the preference form before the deadline, the placements team will manually allocate a set of locations for that student ensuring that a broad variety of locations are allocated.

Special Circumstances

To comply with the regulations, students with approved Special Circumstances are still expected to experience a residential placement at a district hospital at some point in the course. The Medical School will work with the student to ensure support is in place to make this as easy as possible for the student.

All students who have been granted Special Circumstance approval will be allocated in accordance with the agreement between themselves and the School. Please refer to the Special Circumstances policy

However, students with Special Circumstances will not be allowed to stay at one location throughout their Clinical Phase. These students will be expected to gain experience at both large teaching hospitals and other partnership trusts to help build resilience.