

# Work experience opportunities in primary care

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When considering a career in healthcare, including medicine, it is essential to gain an understanding of what such careers involve. There are many GP practices across the north east who offer work experience opportunities.

This will offer you the opportunity to gain an insight into the role of a GP as well as other staff such as nurses or allied health professionals.

You will learn how each GP clinic is run to cater for a variety of patients and illnesses. We have produced some information on finding work experience opportunities in primary care and have also compiled a list of GP practices in the area who will consider taking students.

If the cost of travelling to a practice away from home is an issue, we have a small number of £20 travel bursaries that can be applied for. Please contact [gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk) [7] for more details.

You should make initial contact with a practice using the contact details listed. If they provisionally agree to accommodate you, you will need to complete the application form [8], [9] and arrange to get confirmation from your tutor that you have both the aptitude and the commitment to consider a career in medicine. This form will then need to be sent to the practice.

After reviewing your application form, if the practice is able to accommodate you, you will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement [10] which should be returned to the practice.

The length of a placement is for you to discuss with the practice, but between two and three days should provide you with adequate experience to reflect on.

You should plan to complete the evaluation of work experience [11] document at the end of your placement. This will encourage you to reflect on your experiences in preparation for a medical school application.

## Information for schools and 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges

Please use the information above to point prospective students in the direction of a general practice who would be able to offer them suitable work experience.

Should you wish a GP in training to come into your institution and talk about a career in medicine then we have a cohort of such doctors available. Please contact [gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk) [12] to arrange.

### Information for general practices

Together with the RCGP northern faculty, we would like to thank those practices which have agreed to be listed on this site as willing to accept prospective medical students for a work experience placement.

We believe that being able to access such experience independent of personal contacts will go some way to widening access to medicine, and that by offering this in primary care it will add to the work being done to encourage young doctors to consider a career in general practice.

By agreeing to be on this list you are not obliged to accept everyone who applies. Students are expected to complete an application form which includes a section for their tutor to sign confirming aptitude and commitment. It might also be appropriate for the practice to set an annual limit you could accept to avoid the risk of overburdening systems.

The list of practices can be viewed here [13] or on our interactive map [14]. If you no longer wish to be included on this list, if your contact details change, or if you would like to be added, please contact [gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk) [12]

This information will be useful to you but the process is not intended to be proscriptive and please feel free to deliver whatever form of work experience you agree with the individual.

If you need further information, including letting us know if contact details don't appear to be correct, please email [gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:gprecruitment.ne@hee.nhs.uk) [12]

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[1] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work>

[2] <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/>

[3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

[4] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/news-blogs-events>

[5] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/about>

[6] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/covid-19>

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[9] <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Work%20experience%20application%20form.docx>

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[13] <https://healtheducationengland.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/Comms/Digital/EV0XCSjNnWJIuDesOsPjs-0BV1vqpx2mc8I1SakfmYb2fQ?e=UCGoIj>

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