

Aspiring Medic Work Experience Programme

Kings Mill Hospital, Sherwood Forest Hospital

The Programme includes:

- Induction
- A week's programme of activities
- Presentations by the candidates
- Graduation
- Evaluation

The "Aspiring Medics" placement has been running for 3 years and attracts young people aged 16+ who are studying Science AS or A levels and considering a degree in medicine. Next year the age is being raised to 17 so that applicants can visit the radiology department.

Accredited by Industrial Cadets, an organisation inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales, the placement is the first work experience programme to be accredited at Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The accreditation acts as both a kite mark to recognise high quality placements and also a framework for developing provision following best practice.

The students spend time with qualified doctors, medical students, nurses, radiographers, laboratory staff and volunteers. Participants are given the opportunity to observe staff in a variety of areas including Pharmacy, Fracture Clinic, Endoscopy Unit, Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic and Ophthalmology. They also try their hand at basic clinical skills such as plastering and cannulation.

The programme has been co-ordinated by Dr Geary, Consultant Radiologist, Mr Desai, Orthopaedic Consultant and Ms Collins, Medical Education Administrator.

At the end of the week, the students give a presentation on their experiences to the group and the best presentation receives a prize.

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