

Job Descriptions from a FY2 Trainee's Point of View.

Cardiology

Who will I work with?

You'll be one of 10 SHO's in the department. Five were FY2's when I was there, the others were CMT. You'll work mainly with the other SHO's and the cardiology SpR's. There are lots of nurse practitioners around who together with the ward nurses are very knowledgeable and can help you lots. The nurse practitioners can clerk and consent most patients for angiograms which is also very helpful!

What are the hours like?

When you're on the wards, you start at 830am with a ward meeting at 845am most days after you've got the patient lists together etc. You finish at 5pm unless on ward cover which finishes at 8pm.

Your CCU/CHDU week is Mon-Fri 8am til 8pm. It's a long week but a really good learning opportunity.

Cardiac short stay is 8am until 5pm. You're basically a clerking, consenting and HMR machine!

Nights are split 4/3 and are 8pm until after the ward round at 8am. These are sometimes pretty good as night shifts go and you may even get some rest!

Before weekend nights you get the Thursday off and come back the Thursday after finishing the Monday morning.

What might a typical day involve?

Ward round generally with SpR, sometimes by yourself, rarely with the consultant! Wards are split into 4 teams across E2, E3 and E4 depending on consultant. If there's not too many on A/L there might be two SHO's on one team. It can be busy but generally much quieter than other ward based jobs. Also responsible for clerking/consenting transfers from other hospitals/new admissions.

Other than clerking etc on short stay you're solely responsible for the cardioversions every Friday afternoon.

What teaching/learning opportunities are there?

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Every Friday morning joint cardiology/surgical/paedcs meeting where cases are presented by the SHO's – you will be roped into doing this!

Thurs lunchtime echo meeting.

Once weekly SHO teaching by the SpR's – was a Thursday for us but I believe this day is changing.