

## **Job Description from a FY2 Trainee's Point of View.**

### **Respiratory Medicine**

#### **Who will I work with?**

Currently there are 3 respiratory teams. The Consultants tend to lead a team for a month at a time. Each team will consist of a Consultant, SpR, and either 2 SHOs and 1 F1 or 1 SHO and 2 F1s.

The main respiratory ward is D6 but as always you will have outlying patients on other wards.

#### **What are the hours like?**

The typical rota will consist mainly of 9-5 days. On call commitments consist of approximately 1 weekend in 5, plus evenings on call and one set of nights in 4 months. On call can either be ward cover or AMU shifts.

The workload is quite manageable. Even in the winter months it is possible to approximately stick to your hours provided you and your team work efficiently. It is however clear that the winter months are much worse than the summer.

#### **What might a typical day involve?**

A typical day consists of a morning ward round followed by doing jobs in the afternoon. The 3 respiratory teams take it in turns to do the AMU "pick up". So some days you will start on D6 and do a ward round of your existing patients. On other days you will have a Consultant ward round which begins with a post take round of respiratory patients in AMU. These patients then remain under your care for the rest of their admission. The respiratory teams are also responsible for any patients which move to D6 from AMU even if they don't have a respiratory problem and for all MHDU discharges.

A ward round will typically take until lunchtime although this varies depending on the Consultant and number of patients. Most days the ward round will be led by either a Consultant or SpR.

Afternoons are spent doing the jobs identified on the ward round e.g. booking scans and writing HMRs. Often the phlebotomy service is lacking so a blood round may also be needed.

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Occasionally there are procedures such as pleural taps or chest drains to be inserted.

#### **What teaching/learning opportunities are there?**

There are specific respiratory teaching/meetings on Monday lunchtimes and Thursday mornings.

You will have the opportunity to get involved in procedures but they don't happen as often as you might think.