

## Frimley Park Hospital

### Our Specialties: Emergency Medicine

#### Emergency Medicine

The Emergency Department at Frimley Park Hospital is a busy department that sees approximately 120,000 new patients annually. Of these, approximately a quarter are Paediatric attendances under the age of 16 who are seen in the Paediatric Emergency Department. All junior doctors are given the opportunity to work in all areas of the Department to gain experience in Paediatrics, Minor Injuries, Resuscitation, as well as Majors. The Paediatric Emergency Department is a separate facility within the main department and is open 24 hours a day. It is staffed jointly by Paediatric and Emergency Doctors and overseen by a Consultant Acute Paediatrician and Emergency Medicine Consultants.

The Emergency Department is also a trauma unit which is a part of South West London and Surrey Trauma network. Frimley Park Hospital offers hyper-acute Stroke services, PPCI 24/7 and Emergency Vascular services.

The Emergency Department was opened in July 2012 and has dedicated minor injury and majors areas. The resuscitation room is one of the largest in Europe with 8 trolley spaces. There is an emergency nurse practitioner service to support the management of minor injuries. Our refurbished minor injuries unit was opened in August 2017.

Emergency staff work closely with the Medical Ambulatory Emergency Care Unit which open in February 2017.

Patients with a wide range of medical conditions are treated within the Emergency Department in addition to patients with major trauma and minor trauma. In common with other emergency departments we are treating an increasing number of elderly patients with non-specific presentations. In addition to the resuscitation room and the Paediatric Emergency department, there are well equipped major and minor area and a plaster room. There is also an Observation Unit with 11 beds and 6 chairs with excellent access to Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy and Elderly Care teams.

The Emergency Department is supported by 15 Emergency Medicine Consultants, all with a variety of specialist interests including trauma, education, mental health, ambulatory care, emergency ultrasound, toxicology and research. Our middlegrade tier continues to expand at currently we have 20 middlegrades, not all are full time. In general we usually have 4 higher trainees and 2 ACCS ST1/2 doctors at any given time. We are on a continuous drive to recruit to vacancies.

#### Local Teaching

Foundation and ST1/ST2 doctors receive weekly teaching on Thursday morning which is consultant delivered and covers a range of topics relevant to the ED.

Higher trainees/middlegrades – whole day teaching on the second Thursday of the month. This is consultant led and includes journal club, Trauma M&M, Radiology teaching and clinical topics based on the FRCM curriculum.

### **Other Educational Events/ Opportunities**

Shop floor and hands on teaching happens on every shift and our ED Consultants are very proactive towards this method of teaching.

### **Sub-Specialty Opportunities**

CT3 doctors have a 3 months placement to Paediatrics covering Paeds ED and other Acute Paediatric settings. Doctors on CESR support programme are seconded to Anaesthetics, ICU, Acute Medicine and Paediatrics.

### **Supervision**

Each Trainee and junior Doctor is allocated an Educational Supervisor for a year and a clinical supervisor for rotating placement. During initial meetings learning objectives and a developmental plan are set and agreed with further mid and end of placement meetings. Support and feedback are given for requested WPBA and SLEs either face to face and/or online.

Trainees are fully supported to attend regional training days, life support courses and courses recommended by RCEM.

### **Exam Support**

Doctors are encouraged to discuss their intention to sit exams and support is provided for practice and feedback. Full study leave is available for Exams relating to Emergency Medicine and other relevant Royal Colleges (MRCP/MRCS). ED consultants provide support and practice sessions for trainees towards FRCM exam preparation. Many of the ED Consultants are RCEM Examiners themselves.

### **The College Tutor**

My Name is Kate Swires-Hennessy and I am a Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Frimley Park Hospital. I have been College Tutor for Emergency Medicine at since

Autumn 2017 and prior to that I was the ACCS lead. I enjoy teaching and training and aim to help create the best learning environment for trainees working in Frimley ED.

My special interests are Mental Health and Education. I teach on multiple advanced life support courses and have an extended interest in both ACCS and Foundation teaching programmes locally.