



### How the medical school will support our Placement Providers

- Provide a placement payment of **£320/student** which can be claimed at the end of the placement upon completion of an evaluation form.
- Provide a named tutor to contact for guidance and feedback.
- Ensure each student is checked with the Criminal Records Bureau prior to commencing placement.
- Provide attendance pro-forma in the back of each student's log book.

### What to do next

If you would like your organisation to be part of the programme or if you require any further information please contact:

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If you don't feel you can help on this occasion could you suggest other community service organisations that we could approach?  
If so we'd love to hear from you.

**Thank you!**

# Community Experience for Keele University Medical Students

An exciting opportunity for Keele medical students to work with a local charity or service to expand their awareness of community services



**Help train tomorrow's doctors!**

## Aims

We want our medical students to understand how the community supports people with health and social care needs. When they qualify we want them to:

- Understand their patient's experience.
- Be able to direct patients to community based sources of help.
- Value voluntary and other non-health agencies for the difference they make in patient's lives.
- Be able to advocate for community services which support patients.

## Objectives

The students will approach a community service or organisation and agree a programme of activities to:

- As far as possible experience what it is like to deliver and receive the service.
- Understand what the service does, its aims and achievements.
- Understand the needs of service users.
- Understand how the service fits in with other services and supports its clients.
- Provide useful work to support the organisation, staff or clients.
- Prepare a poster based on these objectives (to be presented at the Medical School at the end of the placement).
- Reflect on their experiences and write a reflective article.

## What we expect from our placement providers

- A named supervisor for the student(s).
- At least 8 half day contact sessions with the provider. Typically 3hrs on either Thursday AM\*, Thursday PM\* or Friday PM between October and March (\*AM: 9am-12 noon & PM\*: 2pm – 5pm).
- Completion of a record of attendance for each student.
- Early informal feedback to the Medical School on any issues or concerns.
- Formal feedback on the students' participation via completion of a short evaluation questionnaire at the end of the placement.

## What we expect from our students

- To behave professionally at all times. i.e. to be punctual, courteous, flexible and hardworking.
- To arrange and attend at least 8 half day contact sessions (total 24hrs minimum) with the organisation.
- To seek guidance and direction whenever appropriate.
- To seek out rationale, evidence and local data to fully describe the service and its context.
- To complete and submit 1,500 word max reflective article
- Prepare and present a poster on the placement provider to the Medical School.

