

The Young Visitors Programme is an initiative to offer short taster placements in the different areas of GOSH to students applying for future careers in medical, nursing, or allied health professions at university. This programme is suitable for those who are 16-19 years old (i.e., sixth form students post GCSE) and runs throughout the year, offering 1-to-5-day placements in the speciality of the student's choice, dependent upon availability of places and supervising staff. The purpose of the programme is to give an idea of what it is like to work in the NHS by shadowing clinical and nursing staff, students are always supervised during this placement.

We receive a high demand for places and cannot accommodate every request we receive. Places for work experience will be distributed between local schools with whom we have partnerships, candidates known to GOSH staff and applicants contacting us directly. Please be aware there will be occasions when we must close to applications early during popular periods once sufficient numbers have been received. It is therefore advisable that you submit your application during the timeframe given to avoid disappointment.

Completed applications **must** be submitted via this online platform. We will not be accepting paper copies and strongly suggest you do not post these to us.

Once an application is submitted you will receive an acknowledgement of the submission, please note this **does not** mean you have been accepted for a placement. Likewise, incomplete application forms will not be assessed or considered; therefore, we kindly ask you to ensure you have fully completed your application. You will receive further correspondence from us on the notification date stated, we will not be able to respond to emails or phone calls, requesting updates on applications.

The duration of the placements offered through our service are normally structured around one week experience. Some specialities feel it is sufficient to offer either 1 or 2 days only. The placement duration is predetermined by the departments and is non-negotiable. Placement requests for alternative configuration/duration placements e.g., weekly slots, evenings, weekends, long-term placements, etc, cannot be accommodated. If a Bank Holiday falls within your allocated placement, you should not attend on that day.

The Trust places considerable importance on the need for attention to Health and Safety at Work. Students have the responsibility to acquaint themselves with the safety rules of the workplace, to follow these rules and make use of facilities and equipment provided for your safety. It is essential that all accidents, however minor are reported. The Trust will also expect you to observe other rules and regulations governing the workplace which are drawn to your attention. Please note that there is a no smoking policy covering the whole Trust and that there are security arrangements applicable to all locations?

The Trust are unable to reimburse or pay for meals or travel expenses.

We are a hospital looking after children with complex healthcare needs. It is likely that you will find this challenging, and it may also be upsetting. If you are upset by anything you have seen, please let your supervisor know or ask us in PGME if this is more comfortable. Looking after yourself well is an important part of working in healthcare, so do not be embarrassed to ask for help. You should always feel free to step away from situations that you find upsetting but do please let your supervisor know where you are going.

Next Steps:

- Complete online application
- Attach letter from school on headed paper
- Attach completed parental consent form