Hospital Pre-registration Placements in Northern Ireland (2013 -2014)

The hospital pre-registration placements are distributed between a number of hospitals throughout the Province. We have listed below where these placements are and have given a little information on each hospital to help you to make an informed decision about where you would like to be placed should you be successful at interview.

Pre-registration Interviews
How to apply
• Advert in Belfast Telegraph
• Advertised on the following webpage www.hscbusiness.hscni.net
• Adverts sent to each School of Pharmacy in the UK
  1. Complete the application form
  2. Include two references;
     a. 1 academic
     b. 1 work-related
  3. Complete the ‘prioritisation’ sheet for the pre-registration hospital and length of placement

The ‘prioritisation’ sheet
Hospital pharmacy departments are able to offer a 12-month or 6-month placement. You are provided with a list of hospitals who offer a pre-registration place in Northern Ireland. A short summary of their service and the content of the pre-registration training are outlined and details of the length of the placement provided by that hospital site are given i.e. 6 or 12 months

Please read through the information and then mark each hospital in order of priority (1 = first preference, 2= second preference etc.). Do not mark hospitals that you would not be prepared to work at but remember that the more options you choose, the better chance you will have of being offered a post.

Also, please mark if you would prefer a 12–month placement (if available), a 6-month placement or either. If you have marked the 6-month option, state which 6-month period you would prefer (starting August 2013 or February 2014) or state “no preference”.

Please bring your completed sheet to the interview.

* NB: Candidates will be advised regarding interview dates and times via the EMAIL address given on their application forms.
Your pre-registration placement

Community experience

a. 6 month trainees

If you are successful at interview and are offered a 6 month hospital pre-registration placement you will need to organise your second 6 months with a community pharmacy. Your hospital may be able to assist with finding a suitable pharmacy. A helpful contact is the Ulster Chemist Association in Belfast – not sure of the number- may have changed which holds a list of community pharmacists who offer pre-registration placements.

b. 12 month trainees

If you are successful at interview and are offered a 12 month hospital pre-registration placement your hospital will co-ordinate 2-4 weeks of experience in a local community pharmacy.

Study days during your pre-registration placement

During your pre-registration placement, various study days are offered at both a local and regional level. These include:

- Medicines information
- Quality Assurance
- Biological Agents
- Renal Therapy
- Probity

Pre-registration portfolio – see www.psni.org.uk for more details

Pre-registration Project

Your hospital will expect you to complete a project during your pre-registration placement. All hospital pre-registration students present the results of their project at the end of the year, usually in July, to a group of their peers and other pharmacists from secondary care. A prize of attending and presenting your project as a poster at the United Kingdom Clinical Pharmacy Association (UKCPA) winter symposium is awarded to the best project and presentation. Previous pre-registration projects (apart from the winner) have been entered as posters in various national pharmacy conferences across the British Isles e.g. UKCPA, UKMI and All Ireland Conference.
The Prioritisation Sheet

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Belfast City Hospital

Belfast City Hospital is a modern, 900-bed, tertiary referral, teaching hospital located on a 32-acre campus in the lively university area of South Belfast.

The hospital provides a range of key Northern Ireland regional services including Clinical and Medical Oncology, Adult Clinical Haematology, Renal Medicine and Transplantation, Adult Cystic Fibrosis, Medical Genetics, Gynaecology, Cardiac Procedure and Investigation, and Urology. The Cancer Centre, which replaced the outmoded facilities at Belvoir Park Hospital, opened on 17th March 2006.

The Hospital Pharmacy provides the full spectrum of pharmaceutical services including clinical pharmacy, medicines management, medicines governance, medicines information, procurement, distribution and aseptic preparation. The dispensary was refurbished in 2010 and included the installation of a dispensing robot.
The Satellite Pharmacy was designed and is run to the highest standards for the aseptic preparation of cytotoxic cancer chemotherapy, gene therapy and investigational medicinal products in support of the Northern Ireland Cancer Clinical Trials Unit.

Pre-registration pharmacy graduates are provided with training and experience in a broad range of hospital pharmacy specialities.

**Royal Group of Hospitals**

The Royal Group of Hospitals is the largest acute hospital group in Northern Ireland, one of the largest teaching hospitals in the United Kingdom and has a worldwide reputation. It was the first hospital in the world to use both the cardiac ambulance and the defibrillator. It is an acute tertiary referral hospital and houses most of the regional specialties available in Northern Ireland including Regional Intensive Care, Neurosciences and Neurosurgery, Cardiac Surgery, Regional Paediatrics etc. The Department is located in the new Royal Victoria Hospital. Clinical Pharmacy services are provided to Medicine, Paediatric Medicine, Paediatric Oncology and Haematology, Cardiology, HIV and STD, Regional Intensive Care, Accident and Emergency, Neonatology and Gynaecology and Obstetrics. A comprehensive training programme is provided in all aspects of hospital pharmacy. In September 2006 we installed the first robot to be used in Northern Ireland. We are partnered with our colleagues in the Mater Hospital in the Safer Patients Initiative.

**Mater Hospital**

The Mater Hospital is a 290-bedded acute general teaching hospital that has undergone significant expansion over the last 3 years. The pharmacy service has developed in line with this expansion. The dispensary was refurbished in 2011 and included the installation of a dispensing robot.

The pre-registration pharmacist will receive a comprehensive training programme in all aspects of the hospital pharmacy service including clinical pharmacy, distribution and aseptic services. Clinical pharmacy activity focuses on medicines management within the medical directorate including a pharmacist lead medication review service within the busy Accident and Emergency Department. Pharmacy has invested heavily in information technology to support our pharmacists and technical staff in all aspects of their work.
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

These placements are based in the Ulster Hospital but will include a rotation through the two other acute hospitals in the Trust, namely Lagan Valley Hospital and/or Downe Hospital.

Ulster Hospital
The Ulster Hospital operates across 3 sites – the Ulster Hospital, Ards Community Hospital and Bangor Community Hospital. The Ulster Hospital is a large acute teaching hospital with over 600 beds. It is situated in Belfast and is easily accessible by car or by bus from Belfast city centre. The hospital offers services for a wide range of medical and surgical patients.

A 6 or 12-month pre-registration training programme will be available, providing comprehensive training in dispensing, aseptic dispensing, chemotherapy, medicines information, procurement and integrated medicines management. The clinical pharmacy training programme is provided by experienced clinical pharmacists specialising in acute medicine, cardiology, care of the elderly, renal, haematology, oncology, surgery and mental health.

Experience in QC and production is provided by visiting other hospitals in Belfast. For candidates wishing to spend 12 months in hospital, experience in community pharmacy may also be arranged.

Lagan Valley Hospital
The Pharmacy Department in Lagan Valley Hospital located in Lisburn provides pharmacy services to over 100 acute beds, 40 psychiatry beds and also disability and community services.

Downe Hospital
The Pharmacy Department in the new Downe Hospital located in Downpatrick is a very modern purpose built Pharmacy providing pharmacy services to 64 acute beds and 132 psychiatry beds many of which are located in the nearby Downshire Hospital.

Both LVH and Downe Pharmacy Departments provide training in Dispensing, Stock Control and Clinical Pharmacy for part of the time during a pre-registration placement with the South Eastern HSC Trust. This allows the student to experience how a smaller Pharmacy Department operates and links closely with the larger Ulster site.
Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Antrim Hospital

Antrim Area Hospital is one of the major acute teaching hospitals in the province, having both a Cancer and a Renal Unit. The Pharmacy Department serves over 1100 beds including medical, surgical, paediatrics, and gynae, as well as neonatal and adult intensive care units. The department also has a quality control function and a local medicines information centre. Our aseptics and chemotherapy units provide aseptic dispensing of medications and a clinical pharmacy service. There is also a strong clinical pharmacy involvement at ward level with most wards operating one-stop dispensing as part of the Integrated Medicines Management service. Many pharmacists take part in pharmacist-run clinics eg warfarin, renal, rheumatology and menopause clinics. The trust also has an academic pharmacy practice unit with the School of Pharmacy at QUB and is active in practice research and the area of antibiotic therapy. The Department also provides a service to Holywell Hospital, a psychiatric unit with over 300 beds, as well as supplying numerous community facilities with pharmaceutical products.

Causeway Hospital

Causeway Hospital is located on the outskirts of Coleraine. It has 325 beds with specialities including A&E, ICU, General Medicine, Cardiology, Surgery, Psychiatry (including old age), Paediatrics, Maternity, Gynaecology, Dermatology, Eldercare Rehabilitation, Orthogeriatrics and Palliative Care. Community care facilities also exist such as Social Work, Community Nursing and Occupational Therapy.

The Pharmacy Department at Causeway Hospital provides training in dispensing, stock management, procurement and clinical pharmacy with pharmacists providing clinical services to each speciality within the hospital. Pre-registration pharmacists will also be able to visit the Sterile Services Unit (HSDU) at Causeway Hospital, the Robinson Hospital located in Ballymoney which has Palliative Care, Orthogeriatrics and GP beds, and the Dalriada Hospital located in Ballycastle which has the Regional MS Respite Unit, Orthogeriatrics and GP beds.
Western Health and Social Care Trust

Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Altnagelvin is a large acute teaching hospital with 540 beds and is situated on the outskirts of Londonderry, the second city of the province. The hospital includes the widest range of acute secondary care services outside Belfast, including general hospital services and specialist services such as trauma, orthopaedics and ophthalmology. The hospital is also a Cancer Unit. A Renal Unit opened in 2005. A new Pharmacy Department providing state of the art premises including robotics was opened in March 2007.

You will receive structured training in dispensing, aseptic dispensing, chemotherapy, medicines information, quality assurance, radiopharmacy and procurement. You will also undertake a formal clinical pharmacy training programme provided by experienced clinical pharmacists specialising in various areas including respiratory medicine, cardiology, elderly, haematology, oncology, pediatrics and intensive care.

Pharmacy also provides services to Gransha Hospital (psychiatry), Lakeview Hospital (learning disability) and Waterside Hospital (elderly care) as well as numerous community facilities. You will have an opportunity to visit these sites.

Accommodation is available on-site if you require it. Creche facilities are provided for staff on-site at very competitive rates. Numerous leisure activities are available within the city and the many attractions of Donegal can be reached within 30 minutes.

Southwest Hospital/Tyrone County Hospital
The Southwest Hospital and Tyrone County Hospital provide a full range of health and personal social services in the south west of Northern Ireland. They cover a largely rural community in a picturesque setting.

In total there are over 200 beds covering Medicine, CCU, Stroke Unit, Surgery, HDU, ICU, Gynae, Maternity, Neonatal Unit, Paediatrics, Renal Unit and psychiatry. You will have training on both sites in dispensing, medicines information, clinical pharmacy, and procurement. Training in aseptics and QC will be provided in the Pharmacy in Altnagelvin Hospital.

The new South West Hospital will open in June 2012 and will provide state of the art Pharmacy facilities. The pre-registration graduate will be based there.
Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Craiganon Hospital

Craigavon Hospital is a large acute teaching hospital with over 500 beds. It is situated 25 miles outside Belfast. Some of our staff travel from Belfast each day and so a lift is always available! It offers a wide range of medical and surgical services and also is a cancer unit. The Pharmacy department provides a service to the other hospitals in the Southern Trust as well as to GPs and health centres. We provide training in dispensing, aseptics, medicines information, clinical pharmacy, QC, production and procurement. We have a number of dedicated clinical pharmacy posts including anticoagulation clinics, admissions pharmacist, surgical and cancer pharmacists. You will visit the other hospitals in the Trust including South Tyrone Hospital (Dungannon) and Lurgan Hospital (elderly Care) and Daisy Hill (renal centre).

Daisy Hill Hospital

Daisy Hill Hospital is a modern 270 bed general hospital which provides an extensive range of inpatient and outpatient, day cases and investigative treatments. The hospital has a 22 station renal dialysis unit with plans for further stations. We are situated in Newry city, which enjoys excellent road and rail connections to both Belfast and Dublin.

We provide training in dispensing, stock management, procurement and clinical pharmacy. Pharmacists provide clinical services to each specialty in the hospital, including the Renal Unit. You will visit and obtain additional training in Craigavon Hospital (Aseptic services, Medicines Information, QC, Production and pharmacy-led clinics). If you find that you need to unwind after a busy day in the dispensary, the County Down coastline and the Mourne Mountains are only a very short drive away!