

**FOUNDATION YEAR 2
PALLIATIVE MEDICINE
WILLEN HOSPICE**

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JOB DESCRIPTION AND OUTLINE JOB PLAN

1. THE POST

1.1 Title:

Foundation Year 2, Palliative Medicine

1.2 Employing Organisation:

Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, based at Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes.

1.3 Accountable to:

The appointee will be accountable to the Consultant in Palliative Medicine

2. THE DEPARTMENT

Introduction

Willen Hospice is a registered charity that provides specialist palliative care for people whose illness no longer responds to curative treatment. The Hospice covers Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas of Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire, based at a quiet, lakeside area close to the city centre.

The hospice is 5 miles from Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, with which there are very strong links. Pathology, Imaging and Pharmacy services are provided by the Trust. Pathology and Imaging results are available via an integrated IT system.

Patients are admitted mainly for symptom control. We focus very much on supporting families and carers, as well as helping each individual patient deal with the symptoms and effects of their illness; and we are here every day of the year, 24 hours a day, without cost to patients or their families.

This enables us to care for over 650 people each year of all ages from eighteen upwards. We deliver the following services:

- 20 bedded in-patient unit
- Community Clinical Nurse Specialist Service (often known as “Macmillan Nurses”)
- Day Hospice
- Hospice at Home service
- Lymphoedema service
- Befriending service
- Carers support group
- Bereavement service

This post involves in-patient care only. The level of medical care is rated as Specialist Palliative Care.

There is a Consultant, Associate Specialist, 2 Staff Grade Hospice Physicians and the F2 post.

3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The objectives of this rotation are:

- Honing of communication skills, especially “breaking bad news”
- Physician symptom control
- Optimisation of quality of life of patient and carers
- To provide continuing medical care for the patients of Willen Hospice, participating fully as a member of the clinical team

The main duties and responsibilities are:

To assess patients on admission and provide daily management of patients in the Hospice to the agreed standards.

To communicate and work effectively with other members of the team, fully participating in Hospice activities and developments.

To provide symptom control, rehabilitative, supportive and terminal care to patients and families.

To participate in the appropriate discharge of patients, ensuring discharge letters are completed within the agreed timescale.

To function within the agreed policies and procedures of the Hospice with particular emphasis upon Clinical Governance, and participate within the Hospice accredited quality framework.

To perform practical procedures for in-patients and day hospice patients.

To ensure accurate records are maintained, utilising the clinical notes and Pal care.

To participate in research and clinical audit.

The time table is shown below:

Monday	0900 0930 1130 1400	Doctors and Senior Nurses meeting Ward work Doctors Educational meeting Doctors and nurses ward meeting followed by ward work
Tuesday	0900 0930 1400 1500	Doctors and Senior Nurses meeting Ward work WH MDT meeting Tutorial followed by ward work
Wednesday	0900 0930 1215 1400	Doctors and Senior Nurses meeting Ward work Medical Grand Round at MKHFT Doctors and nurses ward meeting followed by ward work
Thursday	0900 0930 1400	Doctors and Senior Nurses meeting Ward work Doctors and nurses ward meeting followed by ward work
Friday	0900 0930 1400	Doctors and Senior Nurses meeting Ward work Doctors and nurses ward meeting followed by ward work
Saturday/Sunday	0900-1700	One weekend per month on call

Generally, working hours are 0900 – 1700, Monday to Friday, plus one weekend per month. You will be closely supervised by the Hospice Medical Staff.

