

Wessex PHEM Training Programme



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The South Central region of Wessex is excited to announce two posts for training in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine. Wessex has a long tradition of high quality pre-hospital care with its origins within BASICS and during the latter years a high performing HEMS team operating across vehicle and aircraft platforms.

The region boasts very high quality medical training in Emergency Medicine and Anaesthesia to which these posts will be linked and based at the regions major trauma center, the University Hospital Southampton. The region predominately covers the counties of Hampshire and Isle of Wight (IOW) which provides a unique island based logistical challenge for critically injured or ill patients.

Set in a stunning area of the country, the Wessex region would be an excellent choice for applicants to develop their skills in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine and would be supported by an expert consultant team.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

Based at Thruxton airfield the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance is proud to open its doors to enthusiastic applicants. With a night capable aircraft, car service and full immersion simulation suite the scheme is able to provide training in both technical and non-technical aspects of the PHEM curriculum.

Current workload more than supports PHEM trainees that will be stretched by some of the most challenging cases in the country due to the logistical challenges the region provides. Currently the aircraft operates from 0700-0200 with a similar shift pattern for the car service. Secondary transfers are common from the IOW where the service provides a rapid PCI transport service.

Recent case mix experience predicts a 60% trauma workload with the rest being medical or transfer work. Trainees will be quickly made to feel welcome and part of an extremely close and hard working team who are always looking to push the limits of Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine.

Training programme

The blended training programme (scheme A) will cover the full PHEM curriculum with a balance of trauma and medical cases rotating between blocks of pre-hospital and base specialty work.

Following selection, trainees will participate in the national PHEM induction followed by local induction and will be well supported throughout their training with regular base training and M+M meetings. Within the Wessex region there are opportunities to access surgical skills training.

Successful candidates will have ample opportunity to gain valuable exposure to all non-technical aspects of training as well participate in audit, governance and research work due to the unique relationship between the air ambulance charity and UHS which also allows trainees to follow their patients through the MTC to discharge.

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