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Introduction
All nursing programmes consist of 50% theory and 50% practice. The practice component is gained within 'placements'. The University of Surrey is very fortunate to have a broad range of excellent placements within Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire. This large geographical area is divided up to enable students to be allocated to one distinct area, enabling the student to become a member of that community of healthcare practitioners. These geographical divisions are called 'Localities'.

There are six geographical localities serving nursing programmes at the University of Surrey. Each locality has district general hospital placements, community based placements and Independent Sector placements. It is in these placements that Adult field and Child field students gain their practical experiences. Locality five and six only provide placements for the adult field of nursing students.

Please see page 9 for details on Mental Health nursing placements.

Locality One
Locality one is in the northern areas of West Sussex and eastern areas of Surrey and serves the Crawley and Horsham areas and surrounding, towns and villages. It consists of a strong community of healthcare practitioners, working together to provide a high standard of care to the people it serves and students soon become ‘one of the team’ with most deciding to stay and work there upon qualification. Locality one consists primarily of:

**Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH)** includes the East Surrey Hospital, which is around 28 miles from Guildford and located near Redhill and is the major acute hospital for East Surrey and North West Sussex. It provides 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week emergency services. For further information, please see: [www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk](http://www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk)

**West Sussex Primary Care Trust** runs community services serving the local population of West Sussex and provides services within GP surgeries, community nursing teams, Health Visitors, and inpatient services within small community hospitals within Crawley Hospital and Horsham Hospital. Students within locality one are placed within services in the northern end of West Sussex PCT and also within Surrey Community Health, as the locality border falls between these two community service providers. For further information, please see:

[www.westsussepxct.nhs.uk](http://www.westsussepxct.nhs.uk)
[www.transition.surreypct.nhs.uk/surrey-community-health-services](http://www.transition.surreypct.nhs.uk/surrey-community-health-services)
Locality Two

Locality two is located in the northern area of Surrey and serves Ashford and Chertsey and other towns and villages around that area. It provides a warm welcome to its students and they soon become one of the community and feel well supported. Locality two consists primarily of:

Ashford and St.Peter's NHS Trust, with Ashford Hospital located near Heathrow Airport and St.Peter's Hospital in Chertsey, around 12 miles from Guildford. Both these hospitals provide a wide range of services for their local populations, including a new dedicated Diabetes Resource Centre at St.Peters. For further information, please see: www.ashfordstpeters.nhs.uk

Surrey Community Health (Surrey Primary Care Trust) provides community based nursing for the local population, including GP surgeries, community nursing teams, Health Visitors, and inpatient services within small community hospitals. For further information please see: www.transition.surreypct.nhs.uk/surrey-community-health-services

Locality Three

Locality three is located in the north-western area of Surrey and serves the Frimley area as well as surrounding towns and villages. It prides itself in having a friendly atmosphere and welcoming staff who have a positive ‘can do’ attitude. Locality three consists primarily of:

Frimley Park NHS Foundation Trust Hospital is a fully integrated Ministry of Defence Hospital Unit (MDHU), 16 miles from Guildford, with 724 beds specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, General Surgery, General Medicine including Cystic Fibrosis, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Ear Nose and Throat, Urology, Accident and Emergency, Cardiology including cardiac catheterisation, Ophthalmology and Anaesthetics. For further information, please see: www.frimleypark.nhs.uk

Surrey Community Health (Surrey Primary Care Trust) provides community based nursing for the local population, including GP surgeries, community nursing teams, Health Visitors, and inpatient services within small community hospitals. For further information please see: www.transition.surreypct.nhs.uk/surrey-community-health-services

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust provides many primary care services through hard-working teams in the community throughout Hampshire. Students gain a range of experiences and are well supported by mentors in practice. For further information, please see: www.hchc.nhs.uk
Locality Four

Locality four is located in central and southern Surrey and serves Guildford and the towns and villages surrounding the University. Locality four consists primarily of:

*The Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust* has 527 beds and provides the local population with both elective and emergency surgery, and services for those with urgent, acute and long term medical conditions. It has 14 operating theatres, has specialist maxillo-facial services, as well as providing a tertiary centre for cancer services. For further information, please see: [www.royalsurrey.nhs.uk](http://www.royalsurrey.nhs.uk)

*Surrey Community Health (Surrey Primary Care Trust)* provides community based nursing for the local population, including GP surgeries, community nursing teams, Health Visitors, and inpatient services within local hospitals. For further information please see: [www.transition.surreypct.nhs.uk/surrey-community-health-services](http://www.transition.surreypct.nhs.uk/surrey-community-health-services)

Locality Five

Locality five is in West Sussex and serves Chichester and the towns and villages of the beautiful West Sussex coast and the central areas of West Sussex. It is known to be a friendly locality in which to be placed. Students are valued and made to feel part of the local community. Locality five consists primarily of:

*Western Sussex Hospitals Trust* is based on three sites: Worthing Hospital and Southlands based in Shoreham and St.Richard's Hospital based in Chichester. Students from the University of Surrey are predominantly placed at St.Richard's Hospital in Chichester for their acute hospital placements. Chichester is the county town and is approximately 35 miles from Guildford. For further information, please see: [www.rwst.nhs.uk](http://www.rwst.nhs.uk)

*Sussex Community NHS Trust* provides placements in the Western half of West Sussex (available to students in both Locality one and five). West Sussex is a diverse county, well known for its stately homes and castles (Arundel Castle and Bramber Castle). Over half the county is protected countryside and its southern border covers a large strip of coast with pebble and sandy beaches. The community services include numerous GP practices, community nursing and Health Visitor teams, Midhurst Community Hospital, Bognor Regis War Memorial Hospital, Arundel Community Hospital and Macmillan Palliative Care Services. For further information, please see: [www.westsussexpct.nhs.uk](http://www.westsussexpct.nhs.uk)
Locality Six (Adult Field Only)

Locality six is in the northern area of Hampshire, serving Basingstoke and the nearby towns and villages. It is a friendly locality in which to be placed, having only a small number of adult field students allocated there each September. Students are valued and feel like members of the local community. Locality six consists primarily of:

Basingstoke and North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust Hospital is situated in Basingstoke and serves a growing population of towns and villages in North and Mid-Hampshire and West Berkshire. The hospital is just 30 miles from Guildford and has around 450 beds. It provides planned and emergency medical and surgical services to the local population as well as some specialist services for rare and complex illnesses such as liver cancer and prostate cancer and houses the regional haemophilia service. For further information, please see: www.northhampshire.nhs.uk

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Mental Health Nursing Students

The placements are primarily within two Mental Health NHS Trusts:

- Surrey and Borders Partnership MH Trust serving localities one to four with students allocated to locality one and four accessing placements across both of these localities, and student allocated to locality three and four accessing placements across both of these localities.

- Sussex Partnership MH Trust provides the placements for locality five students.

Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health) provide mental health and learning disability services for 1.3 million people within Surrey and North East Hampshire; including children, young people, adults, and older persons. They also provide a range of specialist services such as Specialist Psychological Services, Eating Disorder Services, Drug and Alcohol Services, Forensic Services, Continence Service, and Prison Inreach Mental Health Services. They welcome students to the Trust and provide them with experiences that equip them for working within a modern NHS. For further information, please see: www.sabp.nhs.uk

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Trust) provides mental health, substance misuse and learning disability services to 1.5 million people throughout Sussex. Students from the University of Surrey are placed within West Sussex and attend locality events within Chichester. For further information, please see: www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk
Further Information

For further information about localities and accommodation opportunities within each of the localities provided to the students’ at the start of the programme and within local induction to the practice environments. The accommodation provision varies between the localities and usually comprises students organising privately rented flat-sharing or house-sharing via local agents.

All students can be accommodated within University campus accommodation for the commencement of their programme but it is expected that students will move into their geographical locality when their placements start, approximately five months after the start of the programme. This enables the student to travel to and from placements with ease and minimum cost, and better enables students to get to placements for the start times of shifts (can be as early as 7am) and back home when they finish (can be after 9pm), and attend for night duty which is a requirement of the programme.

The theory component of the programme is taught within the University campus in Guildford for all students, irrespective of locality, for the duration of the three year programme.

Process for Student Allocation to Locality

Once you have completed and returned the locality allocation form provided by the recruitment team, your needs will be considered. Please note the deadline for return of this form. The locality allocation form will be sent to you by the recruitment team in your Welcome pack. You will receive this approximately 6 weeks before you start the course.

There are limited placements within each locality and so each new cohort of students must be divided up between localities to ensure a high quality practice experience for all.

A priority system exists when allocating students to localities, to ensure the needs of those students with specific geographical requirements are met, as much as is possible within the limited capacity in each location.

The priority system identifies the following:

• Sponsored students are placed within the locality where the sponsoring Trust has placements
• Students with dependents are placed in the locality nearest to their home address, as far as capacity allows
• Students living in their own homes (or the parental home) at the start of the programme are placed in a locality as near to their home address as possible, as far as capacity allows
• Students who opt to live in University accommodation for the start of the programme are allocated according to home address to the nearest possible locality, as far as capacity allows

It must be noted that placements within the locality may still be some distance from the student’s home address and travelling to placements within the full geographical area of the allocated locality will be required in order to meet the practice component of the nursing programme.

There are sometimes opportunities to change a student's allocated locality but this depends upon capacity at the preferred locality. The first year leader will explain the process for this at the start of the programme.
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