Introduction

The Operating Department Practice (ODP) programme consists of approximately 40 per cent theory and 60 per cent practice. The practice component is gained within a local hospital Trust where you will benefit from consistent support from registered practitioners qualified to be student mentors. The University of Surrey is fortunate to have very strong links with hospitals within Surrey, London, Berkshire, Middlesex and Sussex.

You will be prepared in advance of your placement to ensure that you are familiar with the role that you will perform. In practice you will move between the surgical, anaesthetic and recovery areas within the theatre suite. You will also go on short visits to different departments to allow you to develop a holistic view of the care of patients.
Ashford and St.Peter’s NHS Foundation Trust

Ashford Hospital is located near Heathrow Airport and St.Peter’s Hospital is located in Chertsey, 12 miles from Guildford.

They are the largest provider of acute hospital services in Surrey, serving a population of more than 380,000 people in the boroughs of Runnymede, Spelthorne, Woking and parts of Elmbridge, Hounslow, Surrey Heath and beyond.

They have a total of 16 operating theatres across the two sites performing over 40,000 operations a year with a wide range of surgery including: general and vascular, urology, gynaecology, orthopaedics, trauma, maxillofacial, ophthalmology, ENT, chronic pain, and a 24 hour trauma and emergency service.

For further information, please see: www.ashfordstpeters.nhs.uk

Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

This trust provides hospital services to a large and diverse population of over 400,000 people for residents of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and outer London.

The Trust delivers medical, surgical and outpatient services from its two main sites, Heatherwood Hospital in Ascot and Wexham Park Hospital, 1.5 miles to the north of Slough.

Wexham Park Hospital has 521 beds with a full range of services including general medicine and its sub-specialities, paediatrics, general surgery, vascular surgery, urology, orthopaedics, obstetrics and gynaecology, otolaryngology, oral surgery and a sub-regional plastic surgery unit. Facilities also include a new theatre complex with nine general theatres and one obstetric theatre. Cutting edge surgery is also performed in urology with a ‘da Vinci’ robot.

Heatherwood has a six theatre complex that undertakes predominantly elective surgery. It is opposite the famous Ascot Racecourse and there is a free shuttle bus service between the two sites.

For further information please see: www.heatherwoodandwexham.nhs.uk
Frimley Park NHS Foundation Trust Hospital

This 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.

The Trust has undergone a major theatre and radiology department redevelopment, including a state-of-the-art interventional radiology suite. In 2010, Frimley upgraded six operating theatres providing a new specialist theatre for state-of-the-art image-guided procedures and allowing a significant expansion to pathology services.

For further information please see:
www.frimleypark.nhs.uk

The Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

This 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 maxillofacial services, as well as providing a tertiary centre for cancer services.

The Royal Surrey has a very strong reputation for minimally invasive surgery and laparoscopic surgery is used widely across the surgical specialties. The Trust is a national leader in surgical training and laparoscopic surgery and MATTU (Minimal Access Therapy Training Unit) is one of the most advanced training centres for this type of surgery. It has also been designated as a national training centre for laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

For further information, please see:
www.royalsurrey.nhs.uk
Western Sussex Hospitals Trust

Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust serves a population of around 450,000 people who live in a catchment area covering most of West Sussex.

ODP training at this Trust is primarily based on two sites: Worthing Hospital and St. Richard's Hospital based in Chichester.

Chichester is the county town and is approximately 35 miles from Guildford. Worthing is on the south coast about 30 miles south of Guildford.

Worthing and St Richard's Hospital combined has over 900 beds and provides a full range of general acute services including, maternity, outpatients, A&E and intensive care.

For further information, please see:
www.westernsussexhospitals.nhs.uk

Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH)

This includes the East Surrey Hospital, which is 28 miles from Guildford and located near Redhill and is the major acute hospital for East Surrey and North West Sussex with a day surgery unit based in Crawley. It provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week emergency services.

East Surrey Hospital has nine theatres with a further three based at the Crawley site. Specialities include: obstetric, gynaecology, ENT, ophthalmology, genito-urinary, orthopaedics, trauma, upper and lower gastro-intestinal, vascular, paediatrics and dentals including special needs dentals.

They also utilise the angiogram suite for elective cardioversions, insertion of pacemakers, and cardiac stenting.

For further information, please see:
www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk
Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals

This large acute Trust serves South West London and Surrey. The Trust’s two district general hospitals, Epsom General Hospital and St Helier Hospital, both offer an extensive range of acute services.

The Trust has nineteen operating theatres spread across three hospital sites. Specialties include orthopaedics, trauma, vascular, maternity, endoscopy, day-surgery, general paediatrics, gynaecology and ENT. More specialist secondments to cardiac and neurosurgery can be arranged for experienced students.

As well as placements in the above specialties there are placements towards, X-ray, emergency theatres, intensive care recovery and the sterile supplies department and cardiac arrest teams.

Dedicated learning support is available throughout the entire training period from a full time training coordinator.

All sites are well served by buses and trains. Students can avail themselves of a free hospital bus shuttle service which operates every 40 minutes between each hospital site from 7.30am-6pm.

For further information, please see: www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk

Kingston Hospital NHS Trust

Kingston Hospital is a district general hospital based approximately 12 miles from central London. The hospital supports some 320,000 people in the surrounding area including Kingston, Richmond, Roehampton, Putney and East Elmbridge.

Kingston has approximately 520 beds and directly employs some 2,600 staff with another 300 staff employed by contractors but working on behalf of the Trust. The Hospital is located on one site in Kingston-upon-Thames.

The Trust has eight theatres all with a dedicated anaesthetic room as well as a separate seven bed recovery room. Specialties include general surgery, gynaecology, urology, orthopaedics, trauma, maxillo-facial, ENT and obstetrics.

For further information, please see: www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk
Croydon University Hospital

Croydon is an acute General Hospital with 740 beds. It is the main District General Hospital for Croydon, with a 24 hour Accident and Emergency Service providing major accident cover.

Croydon Health Service has ten operating theatres in its main suite, and four theatres in the Day Surgery Unit. The Operating Theatre Suite provides surgical treatment for gynaecology, genito-urinary, breast, ENT, dental, elective orthopaedics, trauma orthopaedics, emergency, colo-rectal, general, paediatric and vascular specialties.

The Hospital is situated a mile from the centre of Croydon and is also very close to the centre of London, with frequent trains leaving the Croydon Central Station with an average journey of 15 minutes.

For further information, please see:
www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk

Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

This Trust provides general acute services to the local populations in and around the City of Brighton and Hove, Mid Sussex, the western part of East Sussex and more specialist and tertiary services for patients across Sussex and the South East of England.

Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) is the regional teaching hospital working across two sites: the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton and the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath.

The Princess Royal theatre suite includes five operating theatres and an eight bay recovery unit. The placement offers experience of general surgery, urology surgery, orthopaedic surgery, ENT surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics surgery and maxillofacial surgery.

Brighton is the trauma centre for the area and the hospital has seven main theatres, one obstetric theatre and two day surgery theatres.

For further information, please see:
www.bsuh.nhs.uk
Further Information

Further information about hospital placements is provided to students at the start of the programme and within local induction to the practice environments.

The accommodation provision varies between hospitals and usually comprises students organising privately rented flat-sharing or house-sharing via local agents. Occasionally hospital trust accommodation may be available.

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 hospital locality when their placements start which may be within four months of the programme commencing.

This enables the student to travel to and from placements with ease and minimum cost, so students can get to placements for the start times of shifts and back home when they finish.

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

Process for Student Allocation to Placement

There are limited placements within each hospital, so each new intake of students must be divided up between hospitals 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 hospital where the sponsoring Trust has placements
• Students with dependents are placed in the hospital 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 hospital 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 hospital, as far as capacity allows
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