

Barts and The London Tasters

Tasters for F2 trainees are facilitated as the need arises. Trainees are advised to discuss opportunities with their educational supervisor / contact the Foundation Programme Manager if they require help organising a taster. With the exception of anaesthetics where there is a specific programme (see below) tasters are developed around individual needs.

Tasters completed to date include: anaesthetics and ITU, GP, ophthalmology and public health.

TASTERS IN ANAESTHESIA & INTENSIVE CARE

This one week programme during the months of November, December 2007 and January 2008 can be arranged for FY2 trainees who may have an interest in a career in anaesthesia and intensive care.

It is based between St Bartholomew's Hospital (SBH) and the Royal London Hospital (RLH). Experience will be gained in many aspects of anaesthesia, providing an insight into the broad range of career options within the specialty.

The one week programme will include 3 days of operating theatre experience, and 2 days during which the trainee may choose from several options which form part of the wider role of the anaesthetist. These include work on the intensive care, labour ward, pain and pre-assessment clinics, trauma ward and the medical simulation centre as part of our role in education.

The trainees will be taught on a number of topics which are central to anaesthesia and which are also central to the competencies as set out in the Foundation Curriculum. There will also be ample opportunity to practise many of the skills which are required at F2 level, with the potential to have these skills assessed during the attachment if this is helpful to the trainee.

The programme will therefore provide the trainee with experience of many aspects of anaesthesia and the opportunity, if desired, to sign off assessments. This ability to provide structured teaching in combination with practical skills training is one of the outstanding features of anaesthetic training.

Our progressive attitude towards training and development of our trainees is reflected in our enthusiasm to welcome F2 trainees to our department, providing them with experiential learning and practical teaching and assessment.