

Psychology Undergraduate Internship Placement Proposal Form – Complex Care and Dementia

Speciality/Team

(please give details of both specialties/teams if you are offering a joint placement)

Complex Care and Dementia

Location of Placement

We have opportunities on Garner ward (an assessment and treatment ward for people with dementia) and potentially within our community services (Memory Assessment services and mental health teams for older people and people with dementia).

Accessibility:

Is a car required to undertake this placement?

Yes.

Description of Role:

Include key tasks and opportunities

We are looking for up to four enthusiastic and motivated individuals with great interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and a passion for supporting older people, people with dementia, families and carers. The right candidates will be greatly valued as team members and supported to progress their career plans.

You will be supporting psychologists within the Complex Care and Dementia (CC&D) Psychology and Psychological Therapies (PPT) team. On Garner ward, we are currently focusing on supporting the multidisciplinary ward team to use a person centred approach to managing behaviour which can challenge us. In the community teams, we are focussing on developing a new PPT service model aimed at supporting multidisciplinary teams to apply psychological thinking and providing evidence based psychological interventions for older people with mental health difficulties and people with a diagnosis of dementia.

Your role will involve working with the person with a dementia diagnosis, their families, and staff to gather relevant information, e.g. using semi-structured interviews, psychometric questionnaires, and cognitive screening tools. You

will be asked to input, manage, and analyse this and other data to support clinical work and service evaluation. There may also be opportunities to contribute to neuropsychological assessment work to inform dementia diagnosis. Other duties will likely include:

- Conducting clinical note and literature searches, developing materials, managing materials and equipment, and writing reports to support clinical, training or research projects.
- Supporting group or individual clinical work alongside the qualified psychologist, e.g. contributing specific planned input to a group or individual intervention under live supervision.
- Assisting the psychologist in delivering training for other professionals.
- Undertaking specified administrative support tasks e.g. photocopying and filing.

We encourage our interns to gain experience in other areas of psychology through seeking shadowing opportunities with other teams also whilst they are with us. We also encourage them to spend time with Trainee Clinical Psychologists to learn more about the doctoral training process.

Preferred placement duration in weeks:

(Between 30 weeks and 46 weeks not including annual leave allowance)

46

Placement days: (please tick)

3 or 4 days a week by negotiation.

For further details regarding this placement area or to discuss any queries please contact: Complex Care and Dementia PA: Charlotte Goatman

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