

# Requests for Primary Care Placements for South Western Ambulance Service Foundation Trust (SWASfT) Trainee Specialist Paramedics

**Proposed start date:** usually immediate, exact dates to be confirmed with trainee and placement provider

**Placement length:** 30 days of supported practice based on one day a week

**Placement overview:** SWASfT have developed a new Specialist Paramedic role to work in tandem with the ambulance doctor response cars with additional skills and training in order to safely assess and appropriately manage patients avoiding admissions where possible. The scope of practice is similar to that seen in Primary Care Specialist Paramedics.

Throughout the placements trainee Specialist Paramedic (tSP) would develop their skills and be expected to be running their own clinics consisting of minor illness/ acute presentations towards to the end of their practice seeing both adults and paediatrics. Previous cohorts have started off with shadowing the Multi-Disciplinary Team, an introduction to IT, moving to clinics with long appointments and direct supervision then indirect supervision with shorter appointment times as the clinician progresses. They can also assist with home visits and nursing home rounds. The tSP will be completing or have completed their Level 7 (Masters) module in Advanced Practice as well as Clinician Examination and Minor Illness and Injury in the Presenting Child (MIMIC) prior to commencing placement.

**Supervision:** a named GP contact for overall supervisory purposes is requested. Previous placements have provided supervision by setting aside GP time for a flexible “daily debrief” with the tSP (suggested format to include: case-based discussion/reflection/tutorial) to identify learning points and provide support. Additional support throughout the day can be provided by the GP team, and appropriate Allied Health Professionals such as a Paramedic or Nurse Practitioners. As the tSP gains experience it is anticipated the level of supervision can be adjusted appropriately and additional capacity for visits/clinics for the tSP added.

## Expectations of Trainee Specialist Paramedic:

- the tSP will provide you with their availability 4-6 weeks in advance
- placement will be one day a week over 30 weeks but if the tSP wants to do more days in one week, then local agreements can be made, as long as the 30 days are completed
- The tSP will have a portfolio of competencies (examination/ history taking/ consultation skills and differential diagnosis) that will need to be signed off by a suitable clinical supervisor.

**Training grant:** a training grant of £2500 to support supervision requirements will be provided by SWASfT and details on how to claim the training grant will be confirmed by Lily Dixon, BNSSG Training Hub Primary Care Development and Paramedic Lead once confirmation that the tSP has started their placement has been received.

**Contacts:** any clinical issues or questions regarding the tSP portfolio can be directed to Paul Down who is overseeing the tSP training in SWAST - [paul.down@swast.nhs.uk](mailto:paul.down@swast.nhs.uk) Any placement issues please forward them to Lily Dixon, BNSSG Training Hub Primary Care Development and Paramedic Lead – [lily.dixon2@nhs.net](mailto:lily.dixon2@nhs.net)

### Example Timetable:

Week	Date	Plan	Working with	GP Supervisor
1		Induction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Familiarisation surgery</li> <li>• Introduction Urgent Care Team/role</li> <li>• Review required competencies</li> <li>• Practice Manager introduction</li> <li>• Data team</li> <li>• Reception/Prescriptions</li> <li>• Secretarial team</li> <li>• IT - systems and log ins</li> </ul>		
2		Induction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shadow nursing team</li> <li>• Shadow NP</li> <li>• Shadow MSK</li> <li>• Shadow GP</li> </ul>		
3		Introduction to practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shadow Home Visiting Paramedic</li> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> </ul>		
4		Introduction to practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shadow Paramedic Clinic</li> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> </ul>		
5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervised Home Visits with visiting Paramedic</li> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> </ul>		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> </ul>		
10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervised clinic appointments with Paramedic</li> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> </ul>		
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14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervised clinic appointments</li> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> <li>• Mid-point review</li> </ul>		
15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Visits/clinic appointments</li> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> </ul>		
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30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Visits/clinic appointments</li> <li>• Daily debrief – duty GP</li> <li>• Final review</li> </ul>		