

Information for pharmacy undergraduates

Summer vacation placements 2023

Question:	Answer:
Name of Trust/Cluster	The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS trust
How many vacation placements do you have for 2021?	6
Is the vacation experience paid or unpaid?	<i>Unpaid</i>
Do you prioritise specific types of students? (eg 3 rd years) If yes, please provide details	Pharmacy undergraduates transitioning from 3rd year to 4th year
When do applications open?	16/01/2023
When do application close?	10/02/2023
How should I apply for a vacation placement?	Via Summer Student Vacation Experience Application Form
When is the interview date?	Applicants will be shortlisted by a panel – interviews will not be held.
When will I be notified if I have been successful?	By 24/03/2023
Who should I contact for more information or send the application to?	Roopal Chhatralia Roopal.chhatralia1@nhs.net

Further information on the Trust:

The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (RNOH) is the largest orthopaedic hospital in the UK, and is regarded as a leader in the field of orthopaedics both in the UK and world-wide. The comprehensive range of neuro-musculoskeletal health care is unique within the NHS and ranges from the most acute spinal injury or complex bone tumour to orthopaedic medicine and specialist rehabilitation for chronic back pain sufferers.

The RNOH Pharmacy provides a comprehensive array of pharmacy services with the overall aim of providing outstanding patient care and safe, effective and economical use of medicines throughout the Trust as well as supporting education and training and promoting research. The pharmacy department is closely involved in all stages of medicine use from negotiating contracts for the purchase of medicines through to assessing the outcomes of medicines in the clinical setting.

The RNOH medicines optimisation agenda is varied, interesting and rewarding. This ranges from core clinical service provision, through to individual pharmacist clinical caseload management in clinics such as rheumatology/homecare, pre-operative assessment, OPAT, and chronic pain, which you will have the chance of seeing.

The opportunity exists for you to join a patient focused, forward thinking highly motivated, team of specialist clinical pharmacists, independent prescribing pharmacists, medicines optimisation technicians and pharmacy assistants in delivering high quality, safe and effective pharmacy and medicines optimisation services to patients and service users. The RNOH pharmacy department is a friendly, close-knit team where everyone is willing to offer a helping hand.

There is significant scope for the successful applicant to develop on both a personal and professional level through exposure to all departmental activities. The placement will be carried out in pairs due to the positive feedback of peer support from previous students. As part of the placement, there will be an opportunity to observe, and take part in, assessing patient's own medicines for use in hospital, optimising patients' medicines, advising prescribers on the most effective use of medicines and enabling improved medicines adherence for patients. They will also have the opportunity to shadow various other healthcare professionals in order to recognise the importance of working as part of a multidisciplinary team

Research and ongoing education is highly encouraged within the department and the successful applicant will have the opportunity to conduct an audit or research project during their placement and develop their writing and presenting skills.