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Physician Associates at Royal Surrey County Hospital

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Our journey

- **First steps:**

- **PA students for clinical placements from University of Surrey (UniS) since 2017**

- **Developed business case for PAs in Medicine in April – June 2019**

Our journey

- **Increasing appreciation of role of PAs and clear vision about how to integrate them with clinical teams**
- **Four posts approved in Medicine in 2018.**
- **Three PAs in post already: Geriatric Medicine (1) and Emergency Assessment Unit (2)**
- **Fourth post in Respiratory Medicine (to start in November 2019)**

PAs at RSCH:

- **Membership of Faculty of PA (FPA); access to CPD diary**
- **Membership of a Defence Union (MDDUS)**
- **First year: Internship or Foundation**
 - **Developing role of Educational Supervisors**
 - **Consolidate clinical skills and competences for PAs**
 - **Building trust and team working**
 - **Promoting role of PAs**

PAAs at RSCH: Year 2 and beyond

- **Skills development:**
 - Leadership (QIP, Audit)
 - Teaching skills (within RSCH: SIM faculty, or at UniS)
 - Special interest/new roles (Examiner, PA Ambassador role etc)

Why RSCH

- **Proximity to University of Surrey**
- **Enthusiastic consultants and friendly atmosphere**
- **Well established educational department**
- **Designated clinical lead for PAs and administrative support**

Vision for PAs at RSCH

- **Designated local PA faculty (in place)**
- **Trust wide policy (awaiting final approval)**
- **Weekly teaching programme (QIP by FY1/FY2 doctor and PAs)**
- **Handbook for PAs (QIP for PA)**
- **Working closely with School of PAs at KSS and networking with other sites**
- **To continue working collaboratively with UniS**
- **Close link with FPA**
- **Hosting educational events**

Any questions?