

Information for FY2 trainees regarding “Tasters”

Definition

A “taster” is an opportunity for you to experience working in a speciality which you are seriously considering as a career. Most “tasters” will last 5 days. During your “taster” you will be encouraged to work independently under supervision within that speciality

Timing

Tasters should be done in time for the “Specialty” application process.

Specialities

The following is a list of specialities that you may like to do a “taster” in. The list is by no means exhaustive and should you be interested in a different speciality please let us know and we will find a suitable “Taster Supervisor.”

Speciality	“Taster” Supervisor
Oncology	
Intensive care/ Anaesthetics	
Psychiatry	
General Practice	
Dermatology	
Surgery	
Palliative Care	
Radiology	
Chemical Pathology	
Microbiology	
Public Health	
Paediatrics	
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	
Emergency Medicine	
Haematology	
Histopathology	
Ophthalmology	

Taster Application Form

Name:

Contact Details:

E-mail

Chosen Speciality for Taster :

Dates

From:

To:

Educational Objective:

How will the Educational Objective be met?

Signature of Taster Supervisor:

Date:

Signature of Clinical Manager/Rota Coordinator:

Date

Signature of FY2 TPD:
(This must be done first)

Date:

Procedure

Trainees wishing to do a taster must discuss their plans with both their Educational Supervisor and the FY2 Training Programme Director. They must then get in touch with the relevant Educational Supervisor of their chosen “taster” speciality to discuss timings and educational objectives. If agreed the trainee must then fill in the “Taster Application Form” (See Appendix A). This form requests details regarding educational objectives and how they will be met (e.g. by completion of reflective project, or presentation) as well as signatures from the Taster Supervisor, Clinical Manager of current post and FY2 Training Programme Director.

The form must be filled in at least 6 weeks before the date of the taster. At the end of the taster the trainee must fill in a reflective piece/project/presentation relating to the learning objectives of the taster. A copy must be sent to the FY2 Training Programme Director.

If the trainee has decided to take Study Leave in order to complete the “taster session”, they must complete the study leave form (See Appendix B). This must also be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the “taster” session taking place.

Rules

It is the trainees responsibility to liaise with the department manager, his/her consultant, rest of team and rota coordinator to book leave. This must be done at least 6 weeks in advance of date. It is the trainees responsibility to swap on-call duties if necessary.