

2024-25

# Year 4 Community Elective

## What is it?

The Community Elective offers a chance for students to see and participate in a field of medicine they have a special interest in.

With this in mind, we have created an exciting new opportunity for students to spend their time on Elective in General Practice in the UK, either as stand alone or in conjunction with other activities.

They are an excellent opportunity for you to supervise students in a fully immersive placement in General Practice. The experience helps them achieve their learning needs, whilst gaining a deeper understanding of a practice population and community as well as the career of a general practitioner.

## When?

The Elective is the final placement in Year 4, lasting 4 weeks from Mon 9th June to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

There are various options in terms of weekly time commitment from you and the practice (please see below).

## How?

The Elective is flexible to suit the needs of both supervisor and student. Learning objectives and activities need not be aligned to the programme, and students will be offered the following options:

1. GP stand alone: 5 days per week in GP
2. GP + hospital placement: 3 days in GP
3. GP + medical education: 2 days in GP
4. GP + research placement: 1 day in GP

Supervisors will be aligned with students accordingly depending on the extent of their desired commitment.

Students will complete a reflective piece for their portfolio which will be marked by their portfolio academic advisor, not the placement supervisor.

## What do I have to do?

In order to maximise their experiential learning, students will need designated clinical time to see cases that you are managing, with an opportunity for discussion and debrief after each patient is seen. This would be for a minimum of 3 patients per session, in order to enhance the opportunity for debrief.

We would advise some time is spent with other members of the practice team and wider primary care teams, based on the student's learning needs and at the discretion of the supervisor. It is also helpful for students to observe practice-related or primary care meetings which should help inform their reflective piece write up.

Placement supervisors will sign an assessment form as a record of attendance and performance.

## How much will I get paid?

Students now self-arrange their Electives and we can no longer offer payment to you.

## Want to find out more?

Email the Community team:

[sms.communityenquiries@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:sms.communityenquiries@manchester.ac.uk)

CBME website:

<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/cbme/community-elective/>

Your local Lecturer:

<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/cbme/local-contact-information/>

Existing Clinical Placement Supervisors can also find guidance, CPD and resources on the 1Med-Learn "Staff" pages:

<https://www.onemedlearn.manchester.ac.uk>