

Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust



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KSS School of Physician Associates

- Began with PA students
- 15 PAs now appointed
- Most of our PAs in post >3yrs, some >6yrs
- Students from 2 programmes across all specialties





What do PAs do at SASH?

Geriatrics

CGA assessments,
OPALS assessments,
ward rounds, cognitive
assessments

Cardiology

ETT's, angio
sessions, ward duties,
day case mx

Emergency Department

Majors/paeds
resus

Orthogeriatrics

NOF# bleep carrier,
ward reviews,
post op reviews,
falls clinic

Acute Medicine

Each PA has
sessions in acute
medicine

Obs and Gynae

ANDU, ward reviews,
Post op reviews,
Gynae assessment

Respiratory

PE pathways, acute
respiratory admissions,
NIV round

Surgery

Theatre sessions,
CEPOD, Out
patients, clinic



- Currently two posts:
- AMU/DME – 2 days/3 days – Dr King/Broomhead
- Orthogeriatrics- 5 days- Dr Wilkinson
- Mon- Friday
- Opportunities for weekend work supporting outlier rounds with consultant



What do we offer?

- Matched experienced supervisors
- Mapped job plans
- Job variation and development
- Regular review/appraisal
- PA mentor
- CCF mapped teaching





Value

Team of PAs
Or network

Tutor/champion

Nurture

Good
supervision

Development

Develop

PDP/Appraisal

Study
budget/leave

What do trainee's think?



Myth busting

Most doctors have not worked with PAs...yet

Fear of the unknown...

I worked with a PA during my weekend on ward cover, it made the process run smoothly, I was able to get through the whole jobs list, she was a wonderful help and made everything so much easier, I was able to assess many more patients.”

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In general PAs are very useful, provide continuity, understand how the department works and can assist with logistical problems. In general very capable clinically, taking pressure off the rest of the team”

CMT

Development

QI/Audit/Research

Education

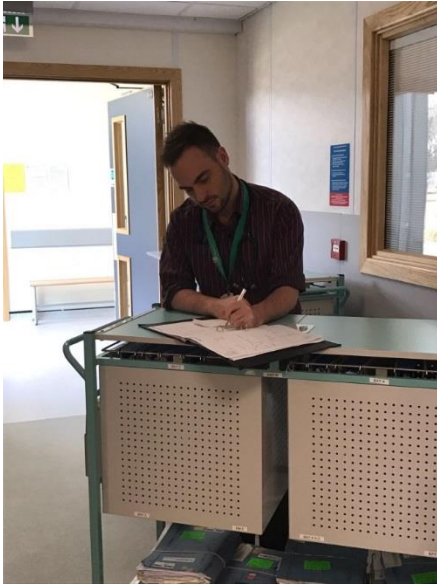
Extended procedures

Specialist skills

Competency
framework



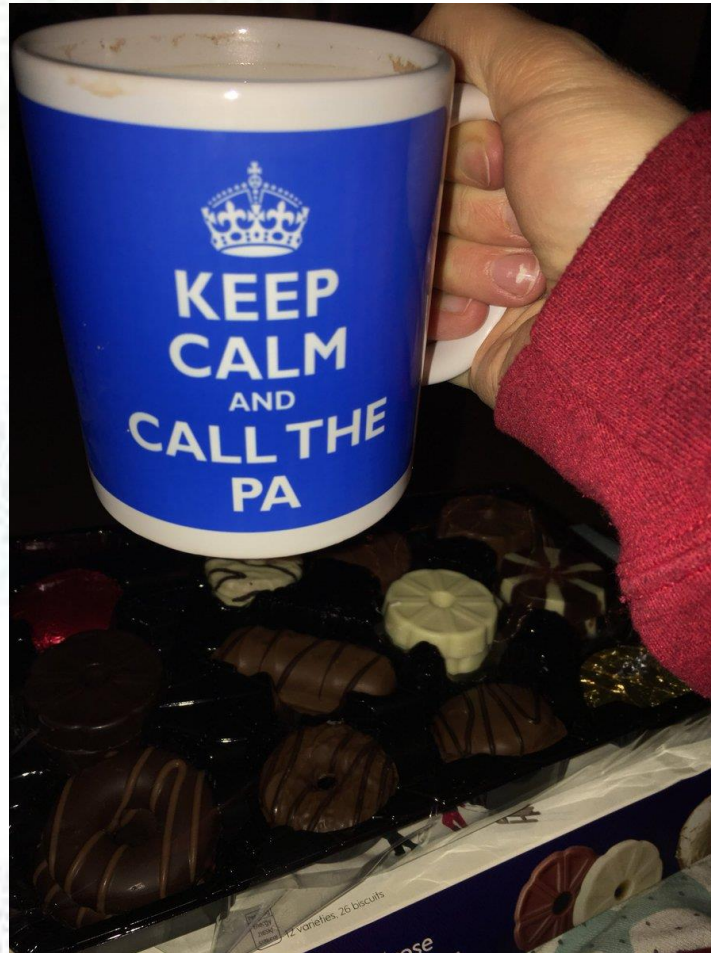
Meet Dan



The legend of Pam...



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