

T&O Training Post Summary

Trust

Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust (based at Freeman Hospital)

Trainer name(s)

Shona Murray, Lead Clinician N. of England Bone & Soft Tissue Tumour Service

Job Summary

The post offers training in the principles of management of adult and paediatric patients with bone and soft tissue tumours and an opportunity to become an active member of the Multidisciplinary Team with frequent interaction with spinal, general, cardiothoracic and plastic surgical colleagues as well as acquiring valuable background knowledge about Oncology and Radiotherapy. Additionally the targeted exposure to Orthopaedic Pathology and Musculoskeletal Radiology can prove useful for preparation for the FRCS Ortho. Exam.

The trainee will by the end of the attachment be able to undertake planned trucut and open biopsies of suspicious bone and soft tissue lesions; supervised and independent excision of lipomas, etc, split skin grafting and close involvement in major tumour excisions often with endoprosthetic reconstruction and occasionally also soft tissue reconstructions including free flaps, etc. Many of the more complex resections will involve several surgical disciplines and be truly 'multidisciplinary operating'.

Previous trainees have commented that they have found it useful to see a full gamut of surgical exposures including for example dissection of popliteal fossa, pelvic resections, hindquarter amputation, opening of abdomen, chest, etc.

Weekly timetable

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
am	OP clinic	pre-op WR	theatre	+/- theatre paed/plastic	MDT meeting
pm	Regional teaching	theatre list average alt wks	theatre	monthly combined paed. oncology clinic	ALL DAY OP
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