

Haematology Specialty Recruitment Profile

Haematology is an exciting and satisfying specialty that encompasses both clinical and laboratory practice. Clinical care covers both inpatients, outpatients, liaison work with other specialities and the laboratory.

There is the opportunity to further develop special interests in a wide variety of clinical and laboratory areas (e.g. haemostasis and thrombosis, transfusion medicine, malignant haematology, bone marrow transplantation). The specialty will suit a wide variety of individuals including those who may wish to combine a clinical and academic career.

Specialist training is normally five years. Completion of training requires a broad experience and evidence of competency in all areas of haematology in line with the curriculum, plus the trainee will pass the FRCPath exams part 1 and 2.

One year of specialist training may be approved for research, which is relevant to the specialty and in an area approved by the Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC).

Entry into Haematology training is possible following successful completion of both a foundation programme and a core training programme. There are three core training programmes for Haematology training:

- Core Medical Training (CMT)
- Acute Care Common Stem - Acute Medicine (ACCS-AM)
- Level 1 Paediatric Training

The Haematology rotation in the North East comprises 15 posts (14 trainees in adult haematology plus a stand-alone paediatric haematology training post). The posts on the rotation cover all the major haematological specialties, including haemato-oncology, haemostasis and thrombosis, paediatric haematology, transfusion, laboratory, bone marrow transplant and general haematology. Placements are with Newcastle hospitals, the James Cook Hospital, Middlesbrough, Sunderland Royal Hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead, Wansbeck Hospital, the NHS Blood and Transplant Service.

The trainees have a regular protected-time teaching programme on Friday mornings. New trainees are invited to attend a series of induction training sessions covering topics required for the first year. Trainees are also invited to be members of the Northern Regional Haematologists Group (NRHG) which meets 4-5 times a year for half day educational sessions.