

Visiting Medical Electives Programme Policy and Process

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Newcastle University Medical School believes that opportunities for electives are an important part of undergraduate medical training and actively welcomes applications to our Electives Programme.

Elective placements are available at several Northeast NHS Hospitals in a wide range of specialisms.

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Overview

Newcastle University is a regional Medical School that works in partnership with NHS Trusts throughout the Northeast of England. Our partnership allows us to host students across sites in Newcastle, Northumberland (July and August ONLY), Gateshead, Cumbria, North and South Tees, Sunderland, Durham, and Darlington, offering students a wide range of experiences in various medical settings.

Elective Placements are open to undergraduate medical students who are in their penultimate or final year of clinical study. We can only accept applications for split electives providing both supervisors work within the same Trust.

You are responsible for finding your own elective supervisor and for arranging your own accommodation (advice on how to do this can be found in other sections of this document). You will be responsible for making your own travel arrangements for which you will be liable for any associated costs. We are unable to offer any financial assistance towards the expenses of visiting elective students.

Elective placements generally commence on a Monday unless this falls during a Public Holiday which would mean that you would start on the next working day (usually a Tuesday). The last elective start date in December is the second Monday of the month and the earliest elective start date after the winter break is the third Monday of the month of January. Please note that the Medical Student Office based within the University is closed over the Christmas period and staff will therefore not be contactable during this time. You will be notified via email of our closure dates if this affects you.

You will need to submit your completed online application form at least 6 months prior to your proposed elective start date. We regret that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted nor treated as urgent and will be automatically rejected.

How to Apply

If you are a final or penultimate year medical student and wish to apply to our Visiting Elective programme, please complete our online application form [here](#).

Applications should be made at least 6 months ahead of your elective. Your application must include all documentation outlined under section 1 below. For successful candidates, you are required to pay the non-refundable administration fee and submit all documents listed in Section 2 by the deadlines stated in your offer letter or your placement will be cancelled.

Section 1 – Documents to provide with your application form:

1. **Recommendation Letter:** Please use the 'Reference Letter Template' on our website. This should be completed by the Dean or an appropriate representative of your home Medical School, confirming they recommend you for the visiting elective programme.
2. **Valid Passport:** a scanned copy of the full photo ID page and cover page.
3. **Academic Transcript of Study:** a copy of your academic transcript or transcript of study from your home university, showing what course or modules you have successfully completed so far on the medical programme and your associated grades.
4. **Declaration Form:** signed copy of the Declaration Form (available on our webpage) confirming that if you are offered a place on our Visiting Elective Programme, you will adhere to the requirements of the programme, including submitting all required documentation and paying any associated administration or occupational health fees.
5. **Supervisor confirmation email:** a copy of the email you received from your supervisor, confirming they can accept you and showing the agreed dates of the placement.
6. **Passport-style ID Photograph:** an up-to-date passport-style photograph of yourself. We do not accept selfies.
7. **English Language Proficiency Certificate (*international students only*)** - A scanned copy of evidence of your English language proficiency. This is only required if your course is not taught or examined in English. (Information on what we accept/exemptions can be found on page 9 of this document).
8. **Home University Form(s):** If your home university requires any forms or documentation to be signed by Newcastle University either before or after your placement, you must provide a copy for review. We do not enter into agreements with other institutes and will need to review the document before we can confirm if we are able to sign.

Section 2 – to be sent /completed after you have received an offer letter

1. **Administration Fee** – payment to be made within 60 days of receipt of your offer letter.
2. **Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate (DBS) or Criminal Record Certificate dated within 6 months of your elective start date** – no later than 2 months prior to the start of your placement.
3. **Medical Indemnity/ Malpractice Insurance Certificate** – provide a scanned copy of your certificate, ensuring the dates cover you for the entire elective period, no later than 2 months prior to the start of your placement.
4. **Occupational Health Questionnaire** – completed 1 - 2 months prior to placement.
Further information can be found on pages 10 & 11.

Receipt of application form

Once your application is submitted, the Medical School will:

1. Acknowledge receipt of your online application via email within 2 weeks.
2. Email you the outcome of your application within 1 month. *(If you are offered a place, you will be required to make a payment of the non-refundable administrative fee and in doing so, are accepting our terms and agreeing to our policy).*
3. Email successful international students with a VISA support letter in case a VISA is required for entry to the UK. We are unable to offer advice regarding VISA requirements, but information can be found by clicking on this link:
[Applying for a Student Visa - Student Progress - Newcastle University \(ncl.ac.uk\)](#)
4. Ensure our Occupational Health provider emails successful students with a link to access the Occupational Health Questionnaire 1-2 months prior to your placement.

Finding an Elective Supervisor

Once you have an agreement with a supervisor, you **must** complete our online application.

While we cannot provide specific email addresses for supervisors, most departments within our Trusts have a 'Meet the Team' page on their websites which lists consultants, their specialty and provides a telephone number for their secretary or department. We advise students to call their chosen department in the first instance, to ascertain if the department has availability. This also gives you an opportunity to introduce yourself and enquire about specific email addresses for supervisors.

Please visit the NHS page [here](#) to complete a wider search across all of our North-East hospitals. You can filter your search by specialism and local area (e.g.: Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Teesside, Cumbria, Middlesbrough etc). All hospitals have a switchboard telephone number which can be found online.

If you are interested specifically in the RVI or Freeman Hospital, this [website](#) can help you search for consultants based on either their last name or specialism.

Additionally, a handful of our Trusts have dedicated point of contacts to help students locate supervisors. These are listed below:

The Great North Children's Hospital (GNCH)

If you are specifically looking for an elective within Paediatrics at the Freeman or RVI hospitals, please **DO NOT** approach consultants directly, instead please email: nuth.PAtoClinicalDirectorsGNCH@nhs.net outlining the reasons you would like a placement, include your CV, exact dates and preferred specialty from the list in the table below:

Community	Gastro	General	Immunology	Neurology	Allergy
Oncology	PICU	Renal	Respiratory	Surgery	Infectious Diseases

If you are accepted, you will still need to complete our online application form. Please be aware that the GNCH have very limited availability and there might be times when they close applications during an academic year. **Please note** they do not accept applications for Emergency Department Medicine, Neonates, Cardiology, ENT, Orthopaedics or Ophthalmology - requests for these specialisms should be addressed to the relevant department.

GNCH do not offer any nursing or allied health professional placements - to apply for one of these you will need to contact nuth.PracticePlacementFacilitators@nhs.net

Ophthalmology in Newcastle

If you are looking for a placement in ophthalmology, please contact Mr Hani Hassan hani.hasan2@nhs.net who will consider your request. Do not approach other consultants within the Department.

Ophthalmology has many outreach clinics so you may be required to travel, although visiting students do tend to be based around the RVI. The department is a tertiary referral centre with about 32 consultants, see approx. 120000 patients a year and perform approx. 8000 cataracts operations per year.

South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

If you are interested in applying for an elective under South Tees Hospital Trust, (which includes James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough and Friarage Hospital, Northallerton) please email the Trusts undergraduate department at: stees.undergrad@nhs.net

List of Hospitals & Institutions in Northeast England

Please find below a list of Hospitals and Private Institutions under individual NHS Trusts within our region. Newcastle University manage all electives in this region however, not all are able to accept students, or may be limited during certain times of year.

Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust

Cumberland Royal Infirmary, Carlisle
West Cumberland Hospital, Cumbria

Durham and Darlington (County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust)

University Hospital North Durham
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Bishop Auckland General Hospital

North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust

University Hospital of North Tees
University Hospital of Hartlepool

Northumbria (Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust)

Hexham General Hospital
North Tyneside General Hospital
Wansbeck General Hospital
Northumbria Emergency Specialist Care Centre

Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NUTH)

Freeman Hospital
Royal Victoria Infirmary (RVI)
Great North Children's Hospital
Newcastle Fertility Clinic

Gateshead (Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust)

Queen Elizabeth Hospital

South Tees (South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

James Cook University Hospital & Friarage Hospital

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Sunderland Royal Hospital
South Tyneside District Hospital
Sunderland Eye Infirmary

Tees, Esk, Wear, and Valley NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health Services)

Acklam Road Hospital, Middlesbrough
Acomb Gables, York
Auckland Park, Bishop Auckland
Aysgath Unit, Stockton
Bankfields Court, Middlesbrough
Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough
Lanchester Road Hospital, Durham
Lustrum Vale, Stockton
Primrose Lodge, Chester-le-Street
Roseberry Park, Middlesbrough
Ridgeway, Middlesbrough
Sandwell Park, Hartlepool
Springwood, Malton
West Park Hospital, Darlington
Worsley Court, Selby

Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS (CNTW) Mental Health

St. Nicolas Hospital, Newcastle
St. Georges Park, Morpeth Northumberland
Northgate Hospital, Morpeth Northumberland
Ferndene, Prudhoe Northumberland
Hopewood Park Sunderland
Monkwearmouth Hospital, Sunderland
Carleton Clinic, Cumbria
Campus for Aging and Vitality, Newcastle University
Benton House, North Tyneside
Plummer Court, Newcastle

Accommodation

We do not provide accommodation for the elective programme. However, on occasion it may be possible for visiting students to rent University/Hospital accommodation.

Newcastle Area:

For information on university accommodation, please visit:

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/university/staff-and-visitors/>

To check availability, costs and facilities please complete the following form [HERE](#).

If there is no University accommodation available, then you may find the following websites helpful:

<https://newcastlegateshead.com/business-directory/where-to-stay>

https://www.spareroom.co.uk/flatshare/newcastle_upon_tyne

<https://www.airbnb.com>

<https://www.erasmusliving.co.uk/>

<https://www.propertybynest.co.uk/short-term-lets/newcastle-upon-tyne/>

We cannot recommend individual websites (including the list above which are just to be used as a guide and are not affiliated with the University) or individual properties and would strongly advise students to check and research the property as much as possible prior to making a booking online. Please try to avoid booking accommodation where the landlord or property manager has initiated contact and sought you out as a tenant.

You can find the postcodes for the Newcastle Hospitals on the following link, which may help you narrow down the area in which you want to stay - <https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/hospitals/>

Northumbria Area:

It may be possible for visiting elective students to rent hospital accommodation. Further information can be found here: accommodation.enquiries@northumbria-healthcare.nhs.uk

James Cook University Hospital

Some accommodation is available on site, but this would be subject to availability. Further information can be found here: [Accommodation and residences - South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#) and contact the team by email: stees.residences.jcuh@nhs.net

Medical Indemnity/Malpractice insurance

We are unable to accept you for an elective if you are not covered by Medical Malpractice Insurance.

Medical Malpractice Insurance (or Medical Indemnity Insurance) is designed for anyone working in the healthcare industry and associated caring professions. It provides public liability and professional indemnity cover to safeguard against claims of clinical negligence and medical malpractice.

We are unable to recommend a particular insurance company but if you are struggling to find your own Medical Malpractice Insurer many students have successfully obtained cover from the Electives One Stop Shop company: <https://www.electivesonestopshop.co.uk>. We must inform you however that this company is in no way affiliated with our university.

Offer Letter

You will only receive an offer letter if you have included all the required documentation listed in section 1 with your application and have confirmation of an agreement with a local supervisor. Failure to provide documentation in full at the time of application, will result in your application being rejected. You can re-apply by submitting all required documentation but only if your new application meets our criteria and is submitted at least 6 months ahead of your start date. If you wish to accept our offer of an elective, you will be doing so under the condition that you agree and will adhere to our policy and process. You can confirm your acceptance of the offer by making the required payment of the non-refundable administration fee within 60 days of the date stated on your offer letter.

Please note: you are required to discuss your expectations of the placement with your supervisor before you submit your application, so that all parties are aware of expectations and what the placement will involve. Some supervisors also work across multiple sites, so it is important you discuss the location with your supervisor as well as any expectations.

Administration Fee

Visiting students are required to pay a **non-refundable administration fee** which varies depending on your time on the programme. This fee includes application processing, verification of documents, instigation of an online Occupational Health questionnaire, confirmation of your fitness to train and right to study, registration and support during your placement.

The fee does **not** include any travel, accommodation or health care expenses incurred in relation to the elective and while we do not charge any additional fees, if a student is required to complete further medical screenings or requires services with our occupational health provider, this may incur other charges which are discussed further on [page 9](#).

Duration	Non-refundable Fee
Up to 4 weeks	£250
Over 4 weeks	£500

We accept placements between 4 and 12 weeks in duration.

Enhanced Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Or Criminal Record Certificate

UK students:

We can only accept an Enhanced DBS certificate (standard certificates will NOT be accepted) which is dated within 6 months of your elective period. If your home university has signed up to the DBS update service, then we will accept a letter from your Medical School confirming that they are subscribed to this service and that your enhanced DBS certificate remains clear.

International Students:

We can only accept a full Criminal Record Certificate or Police Check which is dated within 6 months of your elective period.

VISA Support Letter (*International Students Only*)

UK Home Office Visa Requirements for Medical Electives

As we do not know which students require a VISA, all international students will be provided with a letter in support of a VISA application which can either be used when applying for a VISA or for confirmation of your reason for travel if asked at the border. We ask that students check the details on the VISA support letter in case any amendments are required.

All international residents must enter the UK on the appropriate VISA (if entering from a country that requires one). Entry requirements are subject to change, and it is your responsibility to check which entry route you should take and whether you require a VISA.

You can visit the UK Government website [here](#) to determine whether or not you need to apply for a Visa or can travel to the UK without one and enter the UK as a visitor via the UK border.

We do not recommend booking any travel to the UK until you know the start date of your VISA. The start date of the Visa is usually in-line with the date when a decision is made to grant the visa, not necessarily the start of the elective programme, but must cover the full elective period. Further information on the Standard Visa route is available on the UK Government website [here](#).

If you are planning two electives in the UK, one through Newcastle University and another elsewhere in the UK, then you must be upfront when you apply for your VISA, providing the Visa Support letters from both universities and detailing any holidays you may be taking in between, especially if it involves leaving the UK for a short time. The VISA you obtain through the pre-entry clearance will be given for six months and allow multiple entries; however, you must make your intentions clear. Please note, despite the length of Visa given, you must leave the UK within 30 days of completing your elective unless otherwise agreed within the application of your VISA.

To avoid problems on arrival, we ask (and strongly advise) that you send us a copy of your Visa once you receive it, and in advance of you travelling to Newcastle. Failure to provide a valid Visa when one is needed, will result in us being unable to accept you to the Elective programme. If you are refused a Visitor Visa, you must notify us immediately.

Students arriving from outside of the European Economic Area should avoid entering the UK via the Republic of Ireland. To do so may result in you not receiving the correct permission to enter the UK, and the elective being cancelled.

Nationals of some countries who enter the UK without clearance may need to find a member of Border Force staff at the port of entry and ask to be stamped into the UK as a Short-Term Study student. Do not use the E-Gate for this purpose.

Always seek advice on entry requirements prior to arrival.

English Language Proficiency Certificate (*International Students Only*)

If your current medical degree is taught and examined in English, we will accept this as proof of your proficiency. Proof must be either in the form of a letter from your school certifying that you are a current student on their medical degree which is taught and examined in English or stated on your academic transcript.

If the above does not apply, we currently only recognise and accept the following English Language certificates:

- a. International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic) – must be dated within three years of the start of your elective to be valid and you must have achieved an overall score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 5.5 in each subgroup. We can consider the General IELTS certificate if you have acquired higher scores in some of the sub-categories.
- b. DAAD Language Certificate – must be dated within two years of the start of your elective to be valid and you must have obtained a minimum of a level 3.
- c. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – must be dated within three years of the start of your placement and must be verifiable on the relevant official website. You must have obtained an overall score of 90 with a minimum of: Reading – 18, Writing – 17, Listening – 17, and speaking – 20.

Information relating to other English Language certificates can be found by clicking the link [here](#).

Exemptions to the English Language requirements:

You do not need to prove your English language ability if you meet one of the criteria below:

1. Within the last three years, you have:
 - Completed **2** full academic years of undergraduate degree-level study in one of the countries listed below. Applicants who have studied in Canada must also provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the degree was taught and assessed in the medium of English language. Applicants who require a student visa must have been awarded an academic qualification equivalent to a UK bachelor's degree in one of the countries listed below.
 - Been awarded a master's qualification following 12 months of a master's degree-level study, in one of the countries below. Applicants who have studied in Canada must also provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the degree was taught and assessed in the medium of English language. Applicants who require a student visa must have been awarded an academic qualification equivalent to a UK master's degree in one of the countries listed below.
 - Been awarded a degree or degree level qualification which meets, or exceeds, the recognised standard of a UK bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctorate (as recognised by NARIC) and can provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the degree was taught and assessed in the medium of English language.
2. You are a **national** from one of the countries below:

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	St Kitts and Nevis
Australia	Grenada	St Lucia
Bahamas	Guyana	St Vincent and the Grenadines
Barbados	Ireland	Trinidad and Tobago
Belize	Jamaica	UK
British Overseas Territories	Malta	USA
*Canada	New Zealand	

**Non-Canadian nationals who have studied in Canada must provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the degree was taught and assessed in the medium of English language.*

Occupational Health Clearance

You will not be permitted patient contact until you are given official clearance by our Occupational Health Provider. Students will be asked to complete an online Health Screening Questionnaire to assess your fitness to practice, in-line with NHS Trust and GMC Policy. You will receive an email from our Occupational Health Provider (Latus Group) approximately 1 month prior to your elective start date which will contain the URL and PIN to enable you to access and complete the questionnaire. The email with the questionnaire will come from the following email address: no-reply@ohims.co.uk.

Latus Group will screen your questionnaire and either:

1. Email the electives team with a copy of your Fitness Certificate which confirms your fitness to practice, and stating no further action is required.
2. Inform you of any required follow up appointments*. These appointments are rare but do come with an additional charge to yourself and are outlined in the table below.

**Follow-up appointments can apply to any student who requires any additional service from our occupational health provider, or who has an underlying medical condition (to assess if any additional support is required during the elective). A fee does apply to these services but the need for this is assessed on an individual basis and will not apply to all students. Prices are subject to change.*

Students will also be asked to provide evidence of the following vaccines:

- Evidence of immunity to Measles or evidence of two doses of MMR
- Evidence of immunity to Rubella or evidence of two doses of MMR
- Evidence of immunity to Varicella or evidence of two doses of varicella, or disease history (European students only – international students will need the vaccine or blood test showing antibodies)
- Evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B or evidence of a minimum of two of the three doses of Hepatitis B
- Evidence of BCG vaccine and/or negative responses to BCG Risk Assessment questions, if positive responses to Risk Assessment a Negative IGRA blood test result

Please note: while some elective placements will be more observational, others may involve students performing exposure prone procedures (EPPs). There are different categories of EPPs and most do not require any additional clearance by occupational health (e.g., you would not need additional clearance to take bloods). In the unlikely event that a student's supervisor permits them to perform a category 3 EPP (defined as any procedure where their gloved hand or fingertips are not visible at all times while within a patient's wound or body cavity), the student *will* need additional clearance. This will involve an appointment with our occupational health provider on arrival, for Blood Borne Virus (BBV) blood tests for HIV, Hepatitis B and C. The tests must be done by a UK certified laboratory, and students will receive an appointment for their first day of the elective. These additional EPP clearance tests will incur a cost of £94.50 and students will be provided with a link to make the payment shortly before arrival. The payment will be due no later than the end of the first week on placement otherwise the elective will be cancelled. Please speak to your supervisor to determine the likelihood of you performing category 3 EPPs. If you believe you will need, or you would like to request these additional clearance tests, please inform the electives team immediately so we can make appropriate arrangements.

If you have not received your health questionnaire 4 weeks prior to your elective, please check your SPAM folders in the first instance and if you cannot find the email, please contact medical.electives@ncl.ac.uk and we will arrange for another questionnaire to be sent to you.

While most students are cleared as fit to train/fit to practice following the online health questionnaire, if you did require any follow up appointments, vaccinations, consultations or services, the potential cost these could incur are listed in the table below:

Potential additional charges with Occupational Health	as of June '24
*OHA New Starter Telephone / Video Assessment (30 Mins)	£52.00
*OHP New Starter/ Clinical Referral Telephone/ Video / Face-to Face Assessment (60 Mins)	£210.00
*OCP New Starter/ Clinical Referral Telephone/ Video / Face-to Face Assessment (60 Mins)	£265.00
Consultant Psychiatrist New Starter Telephone / Video / Face-to-Face Assessment	£375.00
Physiologist New Starter Telephone / Video / Face-to-Face Assessment	£52.00
OHA Clinical Referral Telephone / Video / Face-to-Face Assessment	£100.00
OHA NSI Telephone Assessment	£52.00
Specialist GP/Consultant Report Request Cost	£50.00
MMR Vaccine	£37.50
Hep B Vaccine	£42.50
Varicella Vaccine	£51.75
BCG Vaccine	£46.58
Measles Blood Test	£31.50
Rubella Blood Test	£31.50
Hep B Titre Blood Test	£31.50
Hep B Surface Antigen Blood Test	£31.50
Hep B Core IgG/IgM Blood Test	£46.58
Hep B Core M Ab Blood Test	£31.50
Hep B Viral Load RNA Blood Test	£207.00
Varicella Zoster Blood Test	£31.50
IGRA Blood Test (Quantiferon)	£72.50
Hep C Antibody Blood Test	£31.50
HIV Antibody Blood Test	£31.50
**EPP (BVV) Blood Tests on arrival (HIV, Hep B & Hep C)	£94.50

* Denotes an initial assessment (usually a telephone assessment) which may be completed by either an Occupational Health Advisor (OHA) or an Occupational Health Physician (OHP). If, however, a consultation takes place with an Occupational Health Advisor and during the consultation they discover that the student has more complex issues, they will be referred on to an Occupational Health Physician and both charges would apply.

** Only required if student likely to perform Exposure Prone Procedures during the elective.

Registration and Arrival

The Elective team will send you a Welcome Pack by email approximately 1 month prior to the start of your elective. This will include the link to a **pre-registration form** which you must complete within 7 days of receipt, and this must include the address of your elective accommodation. The email will also include important information regarding registration and key things to know whilst here.

Additionally, you will receive information from the Hospital Trust administrator in a separate email (usually a week before your elective, often the Friday before you start) which will provide you with further instructions for your first day i.e. when and where to attend for registration and any induction that might be required.

Right to Study Check (*International Students only*)

To comply with Home Office regulations, **all** international students must have their identification documents checked – this is known as a ‘right to study’ check. It is important that you have valid immigration permission which allows you to study at Newcastle University.

You will be asked to complete a ‘right to study check’ as part of your registration. Further information will be included in your registration email. Please be aware that if you enter the UK without a Visa where one is required, you will not be permitted to undertake your elective.

Student Conduct

It is important that our visiting elective students conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to their student status and in a manner befitting of a representative of the NHS Trust and of Newcastle University. Therefore:

- Visiting Elective students will be bound by the same code of conduct and standards of professionalism as Newcastle University Medical Students.
- Students are expected to attend their elective as agreed with their Clinical Elective Supervisor. Attendance will be monitored by the Medical Student Office. If a student fails to attend satisfactorily it may not be possible to sign off any elective assessment forms supplied by their home Medical School. A report may also be sent to the Dean of their home Medical School.
- Students are required to adhere to the Dress Code Policy for the hospital in which they are placed. These policies do vary slightly across different sites, so students should always ensure they are following the policy that applies to the hospital trust where they are based.
- Any instances of unprofessional behaviour by visiting elective students will be reported to the Dean of their home Medical School by the Director of Medical Studies, Newcastle University Medical School.
- Students who believe that during their elective they have evidence of malpractice or impropriety, which would be in the public interest to disclose, should bring their concerns to the attention of the Director of Medical Studies, Newcastle University Medical School. (A copy of the MBBS policy on ‘Raising Concerns’ is available from the Medical Student Office)
- Students must keep in contact with the electives team during their elective and will be expected to respond when asked. Ensuring the elective is progressing as planned and in-line with any registration and/or UK entry requirements.

Dress Code

The hospital will provide you with scrubs as and when needed, but only if required, however these **MUST** be returned once your elective is complete. Visiting elective students are required to adhere to the Dress Code policy for the hospital in which they are placed. If scrubs are not required, you will be expected to dress in plain, smart-casual clothing. You will be given full guidance on your arrival at the hospital. The final arbiter of appropriate dress will be the clinician in charge. Students may be asked to leave the ward/clinic if they are not considered to be suitably dressed. It is important to remember that members of the public/patients and colleagues must feel comfortable in your company.

School Merchandise & Souvenirs

If you would like to purchase Newcastle University merchandise during your elective, you can do so by visiting the University’s online shop, or on campus in the Student Union building. Specific Medical School merchandise can be purchased via the shop at the QR code below:

