

**The School of Medicine welcomes new Dean**

Professor Andy McKeown has taken up the role of Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Liverpool. (You can [click here](#)

to read more). We look forward to working together, to continue further strengthening WUTH's collaboration with the School of Medicine.

**Year 5 Student Doctors**

On Friday 13th February, 50 Year 5 student doctors based at WUTH completed their 20-week Acute Block.

During this time, they rotated through placements in Acute Medicine, Acute Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care and Anaesthetics. Thank you to everyone who supported our students throughout their Acute placements.

**Please note: There will be no Y5 Student Doctors onsite between 16th February—22nd March.**

Students will commence their Pre Foundation Apprenticeship (PFA) and SAMP placements from Monday 23rd March.

Block 1: 23rd March - 8th May (*spring break w/c 6th April*). Block 2: 11th May - 19th June

**Assessment for Learning (AFL's)**

The Year 4 AFLs took place on 2nd and 3rd February. Thanks to all the those who helped with the examinations.

Student feedback was positive. They felt the examiners were supportive and genuinely wanted them to succeed, describing the approach as fair, clear, and gentle in the way feedback was delivered.

For some students, receiving feedback was understandably challenging. As these were practice examinations, the examiners calm, supportive manner and thoughtful feedback was particularly important in helping students process the experience and prepare for their upcoming AFPs.

**Bedside Teaching**

Bedside teaching sessions, both planned and ad hoc, are a key part of our Student Doctors learning experience.

In order to ensure consistency of teaching, The School of Medicine have shared a "12 tips for bedside teaching" document which can be found [here](#).

**Feedback Spotlight**

Please see below a selection of student feedback from October 2025 - February 2026. Thank you for your continued support of our Student Doctors.

- *"The staff of the hospital were the most friendliest and helpful staff members I have come across on placement. Their willingness to teach whilst in the ward was most valuable to my learning"*
- *"Arrowe Park is the best teaching hospital for sure!"*
- *"Despite the setbacks in the surgery aspects, the staff remained incredibly kind and supportive with my learning, despite them being under fire"*
- *"Really good bedside teaching from the consultants."*
- *"Brilliant placement, Arrowe park is the best placement I have had, the undergraduate team is so supportive"*
- *"I had great teaching throughout the placement. We were very well looked after and given lots of opportunities to get things done and see new things"*
- *"Teaching and timetable were very well organised and tailored to fulfil our portfolio requirements. All the teams and staff were really nice, helpful, and willing to teach. I had a great experience on this placement overall"*
- *"All specialty teams at Arrowe Park Hospital made an exceptional contribution to my learning. Clinicians across wards consistently delivered high-quality teaching, explaining diagnoses, investigations, and management in real time. Junior doctors and allied health professionals reinforced skills through supervised patient assessments and case discussions. Teaching was practical, patient-centred, and tailored to our level, creating a supportive and highly educational placement experience"*
- *"The Education Team at Arrowe are exceptionally kind, supportive, and well organised. It is clear that they genuinely want the best for every student, and they consistently go above and beyond to create a positive learning environment"*