**CRISIS RESOLUTION PSYCHIATRY**

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## Reporting instructions

Arrive at 9am at CRT Team Office (Ground Floor) in Hammersmith & Fulham Mental Health Unit (adjoining Charing Cross Hospital). Meet Dr Goater or Dr Krasucki.

## Aims

1. Learn about emergency presentation and MDT management of mental illness.
2. Understand the role of a crisis resolution service.

**Background information**

CRT is involved in gate-keeping all potential psychiatric admissions with a view to managing mental illness in the community whenever possible, and facilitating early discharge. It is preferred by service users, and is likely to grow as a specialty in the future. We are an MDT with approximately 18 staff including 4 doctors. We operate 24 hours/day, and aim to understand why a person is in crisis. We look after people who would otherwise be in hospital, unless it is inappropriate.

**Key learning events**

WEEK 1:

1. Meet with doctors on day 1 or 2 to discuss role of CRT.

2. Spend first week with team observing & discussing cases/team role (and

become fully integrated into team).

3. Scheduled meeting on day 5 to identify area of interest & agree /plan short

project (eg. short questionnaire for staff).

WEEK 2:

1. Continue working with team to complete project.

WEEK 3:

1. Write up findings.

1. Present findings to team at handover meeting or teaching session.
2. Meet Dr Goater or Dr Krasucki to evaluate progress.

## Learning outcomes

1. Attend emergency scenarios with the MDT.
2. Participate in MDT discussion about cases seen.
3. Identify an area of particular interest/relevance to emergency or crisis resolution psychiatry.
4. Conduct a short project to understand a specific area of emergency or crisis resolution psychiatry in more detail.

5. Feedback findings to supervisor & team (and write up if possible).

## Assessment:

1. Feedback questionnaire about the module.
2. Review whether aims & learning outcomes have been achieved in the evaluation meeting.
3. Feedback to student in the evaluation meeting.

**Any further Information/comments:**

Examples of areas that could be identified for a short project relevant to crisis work:

1. Emergency presentations.
2. Social systems work.
3. Understanding a crisis.
4. Risk assessment/management.
5. Multidisciplinary working.
6. Joint working with other teams.
7. Mental Health Act assessments.
8. Making decisions about admission to hospital.
9. Adverse events.
10. Personal safety.
11. Medical role.
12. Crisis management.

**Maximum number of students per period:** 1