

Practice setting: Paediatrics TECS placement, Royal Free Hospital

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Models of supervision used

- Long-armed supervision
- Multiple staff supervision

Overview of student placement

The development of virtual platforms for meetings and clinical sessions, has been the key to allow our team to support the student in her remote placement. She has been able to join physiotherapy sessions alongside various team members via the NHS platform AttendAnywhere. There, I have been able to meet with her regularly to discuss her work week, as well as monitoring her learning objectives.

Typical Week

The student used an online live calendar, which was shared with the whole team, who volunteered to help with her learning experience. This made it easier for people to see when she was available to join sessions. As her clinical educator, I also asked her to send me a timetable of her effective working schedule, along with a self-reflection at the end of each day, considering the student spent time with different people throughout the day and the week. We have been trying to make this placement as similar as possible to a 'face-to-face' one. We provided her with background information prior to every session, and reflected together after it. She was asked to research and read information relevant for each session, lead sessions where appropriate, write SOAP notes, identify physiotherapy goals and draw up physiotherapy programmes in order to further develop her clinical reasoning skills. I also asked the student to work on a personal project, which entailed exploring a specific theme linked to the placement and presenting it to the team at the end of this journey.

What worked well?

- Access to virtual platform.
- Variety of caseload seen, without travelling between sites.
- Work on communication/coaching skills.

Did you evaluate the placement?

Yes from both student and practice educator experience.

Top tips to others

- Have a working and reliable virtual platform.
- Have regular meeting with the student virtually.
- Have the support from other team members.