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2025-26
Year 4 Community Elective

What is it?

The Community Elective helps students achieve their learning needs, whilst gaining a deeper understanding of a practice population and community as well as the career of a general practitioner.

Students that stay in the UK for their medical elective may have caring or other financial responsibilities which preclude travel so we are keen to be able to support these students in an inclusive and welcoming environment such as general practice.

When?

The Elective is the final placement in Year 4, lasting 4 weeks from Mon 15th June to Fri 10th July 2026.

There are various options in terms of weekly time commitment from you and the practice (please see below).

How?

The Elective is flexible to suit the needs of both supervisor and student. Learning objectives and activities need not be aligned to the programme, and students will be offered the following options:

- GP stand alone: 5 days per week in GP
- GP + hospital placement: flexible
- GP + medical education: 2 days in GP
- GP + research placement:1 day in GP

Supervisors will be aligned with students accordingly depending on the extent of their desired commitment.

Students will complete a reflective piece for their portfolio which will be marked by their portfolio academic advisor, not the placement supervisor.

What do I have to do?

This is a flexible placement with no mandatory tasks or activities for you to assess. However we would encourage as much clinical time as possible to maximise student experiential learning. Ideally, this would be comprise a minimum of 3 patients per session, with opportunity to debrief each case.

We would encourage time with allied health professionals in the team and offering learning opportunities adapted to the student's learning needs. It is also helpful for students to observe practice related or primary care meetings which should help inform their reflective piece write up.

Placement supervisors will sign an assessment form as a record of attendance and performance.

How much will I get paid?

Students now self-arrange their Electives and we can no longer offer payment to you. We hope however that you will continue to support these students who choose a UK elective, during a time in the year where most other placements have finished.

Want to find out more?

Email the MB ChB Community Team:
sms.communityenquiries@manchester.ac.uk

MB ChB Community Team website:

https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/mbchb-community-team/community-elective/

Your local Lecturer:

https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/mbchb-community-team/local-contact-information/

Existing Clinical Placement Supervisors can also find guidance, CPD and resources on the 1Med- Learn "Staff" pages:

https://www.onemedlearn.manchester.ac.uk