

The Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care STG Elective Programme 2026: Elective Information

The HEMS Elective

The Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care has arranged with The Air Ambulance Service (TAAS), East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust (EHAAT), and Magpas Air Ambulance for successful Medical Student applicants to spend a 4-week elective placement experiencing a HEMS-based PHEM system.

The following number of places are available within the stated time frames:

Placement	No of students	Available Placement Dates
TAAS	2	Between 2 nd March and 26 th June 2026
EAAA	1	Between May and July 2026
EHAAT	2	From 9 th February to 8 th March 2026
Magpas	2	1 student in May 2026, 1 student in June 2026

If you are allocated to one of seven HEMS Elective spots that are available in 2026, you may be given the following opportunities during your elective placement:

- Inclusion in daily training exercises with the duty crew
- Attending and contributing to governance meetings
- Observation shifts on the helicopter and rapid response cars with the duty crew*
- Completion of an audit or other project on an element of HEMS work

The elective may also include other activities such as time spent with the local ambulance service on double crewed ambulance and Rapid Response Vehicle shifts, time spent with Hazardous Area Response (HART) Paramedic teams, visiting the Ambulance Service Control Centre and Fire and Rescue training sessions. These vary by air ambulance placement and operational availability.

On successful application and allocation to a HEMS Elective placement, a full induction and briefing programme will be provided with full details discussed with the successful applicant.

***Please note that due to operational capacity, some services may only be able to offer a limited number of observational shifts during your elective placement – please bear this in mind when putting in your application – placement dates may also be subject to change**

What will be expected of you:

- To put in the time and effort organising the schedule for your elective once you have been provided with the appropriate contacts
- Many individuals will have put in a large amount of time and effort to ensure your elective placement is possible, so you must be punctual and turn up to EVERY shift that you have organised appropriately kitted out – you will be given help with kit
- To be enthusiastic and interested in the activities that you undertake
- To be well prepared for sessions you will be teaching or instructing
- To write a report to feature on the FPHC website following your elective placement

This elective placement relies upon your predecessor having made a good impression to all to allow the elective placements to continue. Make sure that you do not jeopardise this opportunity for the next student in future years.