

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), 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	4 consecutive weeks between 15 th March and 11 th June 2027
EHAAT**	2	7 th June to 4 th July 2027
Magpas	2	1 student in May 2027, 1 student in June 2027

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 / or rapid response cars with 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 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 put together in collaboration with yourself.

**Available placement dates are subject to change.*

***Please note that for the 2027 Elective Programme Essex and Herts Air Ambulance will only be offering elective students land-based shifts on their Rapid Response Vehicles, therefore students will not be flying if undertaking an elective with EHAAT*

****For all organisations who host elective students, please note that due to operational capacity, only a limited number of observational shifts may be available during your elective placement. This may be a mix of flying and / or land-based shifts. Please bear this in mind when applying.*

What will be expected of you:

- To put in appropriate time and effort to organise the elective schedule once provided with the appropriate point of contact within the host organisation
- To be punctual and turn up to every shift that has been organised appropriately kitted – support with kit will be provided by host organisations
- To be enthusiastic and interested in activities undertaken
- To be well-prepared for sessions that may be taught or instructed
- To write a report to feature on the FPHC website following the 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.