

## **Student Report – Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil**

### **1. Introduction**

This report was produced from e-mails received from medical students who have been on placement at Prince Charles Hospital during the last academic year and the current academic year. Input was requested via a note posted on blackboard and through the academic reps from years 3, 4 and 5.

At the meeting in February 2002 an oral student report was given. Without a written report, it is difficult to follow up on issues raised at the meeting, except for points noted in the minutes of the student report, and elsewhere in the minutes.

### **2. Academic**

Varying comments were received about the standard of teaching. Some students found that their team were always keen to teach, others found that they received little structured teaching.

When teaching was given, it received very good feedback, with a few students saying that it was among the best they had been given all year.

Students in year 3 have been receiving teaching from other staff for example in IV cannulation, resuscitation, and this was appreciated and valued by the students.

Some students were given mock exams as part of their placement, those that received these found them to be very helpful.

### **3. Facilities**

*On call facilities* – the rooms available for Obstetrics and Gynaecology students were basic, but reasonable. However some students found that they could not use the rooms, as the SHOs did not like students using it.

*Computers* – students reported problems in the early part of the year, which have hopefully been resolved by the time of this report. Students were frustrated at the lack of Internet connection, meaning that they couldn't check their University e-mail accounts or Blackboard.

*Food* – Students reported that the food from the canteen was good, but were disappointed that there was no student discount available. Students also commented that free lunch vouchers were not available, unlike at some other Trusts.

*Common room* – Positive feedback was received on the common room in the undergraduate centre. However, some year 4 paediatric students did not know that there was a common room.

*Library* – students commented that the staff were very helpful. Unfortunately the library didn't seem to contain the core text for paediatrics.

### **4. Overall**

Student feedback for the most was very positive. The addition of an undergraduate centre and some IT facilities has improved the student experience at the Prince Charles Hospital.

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