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The Placement Management Partnership (PMP) is a centralised online system organising placements for students studying NHS London contracted programs in the Allied Health professions. The system has been developed to incorporate all the requirements for each discipline. The web address is <http://www.pmpartnership.org.uk>

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| The database contains information relating to each participating HEI, these are:   * Brunel University * Canterbury Christ Church University * City University * King’s College London * Kingston University & St George’s University London * London South Bank University * Oxford Brookes University * University College London * University of East London   The following disciplines involved:   * Occupational Therapy * Physiotherapy * Podiatry * Speech & Language Therapy   It also contains all information relating to the NHS Trusts and their providers.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | requests_small.jpg | **PMP Consultancy Team** |   The PMP team will help coordinate clinical placements for all disciplines, although the allocation process is managed locally at each HEI.  The team can be contacted directly on **0844 811 5037** or alternatively via email at [**support.pmpartnership@tribalgroup.com**](mailto:support.pmpartnership@tribalgroup.com)  The team consists of:   * Ann Butler, PMP Consultant (OT & POD Contact) * Charlotte Adams, PMP Consultant (Physiotherapy Contact) * Sarah Watts, PMP Consultant (Speech & Language Contact)  |  |  | | --- | --- | | hei_small_contact_p_x.jpg | **Information for OT Students** |   **Allocation of clinical placement blocks**  As a student at a London University your occupational therapy practice placements will be allocated by the practice placement team through the placement management partnership (PMP) system.  **What do I need to do?**  When the practice placement team at your HEI has confirmed your practice placement, you will receive an email from PMP. It will look like this;  *Dear PAUL,*  *Further to the scheduled placement period details of the placement allocation are as follows;*  *Student: PAUL SMITH*  *HEI: Brunel*  *Placement Provided by: National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery*  *Placement Location & Contacts: Therapy Services Ground Floor, Albany Wing Queen Square London*  *WC1N 3BG*  *Contacts*  *Name: John, Smith,*  *Email:* [*john.smith@uclh.nhs.uk*](mailto:john.smith@uclh.nhs.uk)  *Telephone:0845 1000000 x 123456*  *Placement Start Date : 26 Sep 2011*  *Placement End Date : 4 Nov 2011*  *Expected Attendance Pattern : On the following days: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday*  *Placement Tags: Adult, Hospital, Inpatient, Physical*  *Additional Notes: Arrive at reception on first day at 8.30am*  *Further information about this provider and location may be available on the Provider Page of the PMP system, under the Documents section of the PMP website (*[*www.pmpartnership.org.uk*](http://www.pmpartnership.org.uk/)*) on the provider’s page.*  *Students are asked to contact one of the above people or the individual team that they are allocated to for further placement details.*  *If there's any concern with the placement allocation, then please contact the relevant HEI placement co-ordinators.*  *This notification has been sent to all placement contacts for their information.*  *Best Wishes*  *The PMP Team*  You will also receive a unique ‘log-in’ and password to the PMP site. Please do not share this information as it will be yours for the duration of your clinical training and will allow you to access your placement profiles and audit information.  Contact your placement provider as detailed in the e mail message and use your additional information to help in your preparation for the placement area. It is a requirement that you do a pre-placement visit.  **If you are unclear about the placement location or information relating to your placement, please contact your practice placement team at your HEI.**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | calendar_small.jpg | **Using the System** |   The system will now allow the process from request creation through to student allocations. The full process is explained below:  **Placement Requests** – block date requests are uploaded to the system by all universities, these are then made live to allow providers to make offers against them.  **Placement Offers** – placement providers make offers against any requests on the system.  **Student Import** – relevant student data is transferred from the university’s management information system into the PMP system to allow the allocation process to start.  **NB** – on import, students will receive an introductory email to the system, containing their log in details. This can be issued immediately or delayed until the university is ready for the students to access the system.  **Student Cohort Creation** – once the student data is uploaded all universities need to create student cohorts to group their students together (e.g. MSc FT Year 1).  **Matching** – student cohorts will contain the group of students you wish to start allocating. The system will allow you to match students against offers your university has received, you can select to view offers received against specific block date requests or view all.  **Allocating Students** – the system allows you to move students from one offer to another until you have found the best match, once you are happy with the allocation these can be ‘confirmed’.  **Confirming Placements** – once the ‘confirm’ button has been activated a placement is finalised and emails will be issued to both the student and placement provider.  **NB** – confirming the placement is the final stage and triggers the release of details to both the student and provider and you are unable to un-confirm the placements. Please only confirm once you are happy for the student and provider to receive these details.  **Reviewing Placements** - further details of all the placements can be viewed by universities, providers and students via the ‘placement’ tab.  **Monitoring Attendance** – student’s attendance details can be recorded against the placement.  **NB** – before undertaking this task the university’s preferences need to be updated to indicate whether they want to monitor attendances or absences.  **Completion of Placement Questionnaires –** Students are asked to complete a placement questionnaire on completion of each placement. Educators are asked to complete a similar questionnaire quarterly.  **Placement provider Audits –** Universities have the ability to generate an audit form and send to a specific contact at a provider to complete. An action plan is then  put in place and agreed by all parties. |  |