

PSYCHIATRY BUDDY SCHEME

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What is a Buddy Scheme?

- *Matching undergraduates interested in Psychiatry with Trainees who can help them develop their interest in psychiatry/gain more experience/improve their CV*

Why do we need a buddy scheme?

- Recruitment problems in Psychiatry – especially UK trained graduates
- Lots of misconceptions/negative ideas about psychiatry
 - Patients never get better
 - ‘unscientific’
 - Too remote from medicine
- Sometimes stigma and badmouthing of the specialty – usually based on lack of understanding

PSYCHIATRY IS GREAT AND WE
HOPE THE BUDDY SCHEME
WILL HELP TO SHOW YOU THAT!



How does it work?

- Undergraduates matched with a trainee 'buddy' – based on clinical interests where possible
- Exchange contact details and maintain contact mainly through text/email
- Meet up as often as you want/think is useful
- We will review how things are going in 6 months

But how can this help????.....

How can my buddy help me?

- List is endless, but can include :
 - Advice on making the most of undergraduate psychiatry placements
 - Providing contact details for consultants/staff working in specific fields
 - Help with organising further experience/shadowing in psychiatry
 - Recommending textbooks
 - Advice on topics likely to come up in undergraduate exams
 - Tips on how to increase chances of getting a psychiatry training post and advice about what it's really like
 - Informal teaching around topics
 - Informing you of upcoming conferences or events

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED THEN PLEASE
PICK UP AND FILL OUT A FORM TODAY
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