1) Student Accommodation

Most students who are attached to practices outside the Cardiff area will require accommodation. It is important that the accommodation is of a suitable standard for students who will be using this as their main or complete base for a two month period.

Where possible we endeavour to place students in hospital accommodation and funding for this is arranged directly between Cardiff University and the hospitals. However, many students, particularly those in rural attachments or where there is no available DGH accommodation, will require alternative arrangements. Regardless of the type of accommodation provided (B&B, Hotel, Privately rented house/flat) the following conditions must be met. Accommodation will need to be booked by the GP practice, who will be reimbursed by Cardiff University Institute of Medical Education up to a set amount.

Important considerations.

Health and safety
- All student accommodation should have a safe approach, access and must be able to be secured.
- Students should be able to access their accommodation during the day as well as overnight
- Appropriate heating, lighting and lack of external noise are essential.
- There should be mobile phone reception or availability of a landline.

Catering and welfare
- Students should be provided with breakfast and an evening meal, or have the facilities to cook an evening meal for themselves.
- There should be close access to bathroom facilities, ideally en-suite if in bed and breakfast accommodation.
- There should be local access to laundry facilities and essential shopping.
- Students in rural placements can become isolated, and may need support and suggestions for evening activities. Sharing student accommodation with a neighbouring practice where possible is strongly encouraged. If you are concerned about student isolation please contact us to discuss it.

Study facilities
- Furniture should include a desk with lighting for both the bedside and desk.
- Students should also have ready access to facilities for ‘downtime’, e.g. TV, Comfortable Chair/Sofa, or access to a TV lounge.
- There should be sufficient warm bedding available.
- Wi-Fi or other internet provision is essential unless extenuating circumstances have been cleared with the medical school and the student. If in a rural setting where internet provision is unreliable the student has the option to obtain a ‘dongle’ from the Institute of Medical Education for use during the placement

Please note that if student accommodation does not meet these standards then students may need to have alternative accommodation found, or exceptionally, a change of placement.
Please liaise with Elaine Ropke, (GP Placements Officer) ropkeem@cf.ac.uk, for any queries/questions relating to this.