



GUIDANCE FOR TASTER MODULES

Foundation Year 2 Doctors can use Study Leave to experience a minimum of two and a maximum of five *consecutive* days in a specialty that was not available in their F1 year or that they will not be placed during their F2 year. The module days should not be split, they must be consecutive.

As a Taster Module requires study leave, completion of the standard F2 Study Leave form is required.

The Taster Module should be well planned with agreed aims and objectives.

Taster Modules should take place in the hospital/trust in which the F2 doctor is based, unless the specialty is not available within that hospital/trust. ***Taster Modules cannot be facilitated outside Northern Ireland.***

Taster Modules should not be planned in the week in which a new four-month Foundation placement begins or ends.

A maximum of one Taster Module will be considered per placement. Trainees should not complete more than two Tasters during their F2 training.

A reflective report on the taster module should be completed promptly and included in the Foundation Portfolio detailing objectives and outcomes.

To arrange a Taster Module for Specialty Training please email: specialty.nimdta@hscni.net or follow the NIMDTA website link for contact details [Hospital Specialty \(nimdta.gov.uk\)](http://HospitalSpecialty(nimdta.gov.uk)).

For a GP Taster Module please email: gpspecialtytraining.nimdta@hscni.net.

Applications will only be processed when fully completed; all forms should be returned to studyleave.nimdta@hscni.net.