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What problems did you encounter? (120 words max)	The main limiting factor for me was my inexperience which limited the extent to which I could assist. However I was able to use this opportunity to improve basic skills such as suturing. I also observed how surgeons dealt with complications while operating. During resection of axillary lymph nodes for a breast cancer patient, a artery was severed. The consultant remained calm and was able to clamp the vessel, though quickly realised he was unable to tie it off without additional support. A message was quickly sent to ask for assistance and the issue was soon resolved with minimal blood loss this highlighted the importance of recognising the limits of your ability even as a consultant .
What accommodation was provided?	None
Would you recommend this to someone else? (explain if necessary)	Yes. This elective gave me the opportunity to explore a wide range of sub-specialities within plastic surgery, many of which are not available at other hospitals. All the staff were very friendly.
Are you more likely to choose a career in plastic surgery as a result of this experience?	Yes. This elective confirmed what a enjoyable and varied job plastic surgery can be.