

**STUDENTS WELCOME  
TO YOUR PLACEMENT**

in

**Main Theatres, BNHH**



## Dear Student

Welcome to Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. We hope you find your placement at HHFT rewarding and enjoyable and your time in Theatres provides you with a valuable learning experience.

You will need to contact us 2 – 4 weeks before your start date to confirm your placement details.

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Please study this pack which contains information you will need prior to your placement. It should be read in conjunction with the Student Information Pack and the Health Education Wessex Learning Placement Charter. Both can be accessed on the HHFT website student page.

## Our Values at HHFT

Compassion, caring about our patients and each other

Accountable and responsible, always improving

Respect for all; colleagues, patients and their families

Encouraging and challenging each other to always do  
our best



## Key Members of Staff

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### What we expect from you

We expect you to arrive on time for planned shifts and any other activity identified by your mentor or the delegated supervisor.

We expect you to ensure your mentors are aware of your learning outcomes for the placement and specific learning needs. We expect you to be proactive in your own learning showing an interest and asking questions.

We expect you to act in a professional manner.

We expect you to dress in accordance with your college/university uniform policy and HHFT guidelines.

You should inform your mentor or delegated person if you are unwell and not able to attend your placement. The process for how to do this will be covered on your local induction to the ward and is in the Student Information Pack.

We expect you to maintain and respect confidentiality at all times. This applies to clients, their records and discussions between you and your mentor. This should also apply to members of the public and family members.

We expect good communication and respect from you.

We expect you to abide by Trust Policies.

If you have any concerns regarding your placement, please raise them with your mentors. However if this is not possible please contact your Student Coordinator or the Learning Environment team.

**Please refer back to the Student Information Pack for further information on items such as dress code and sickness.**

Please come with an open mind. The Operating Department can often feel like an isolated environment, very different from the remainder of the hospital. We are a very hardworking close knit team which comprises of a number of multi-disciplinary Healthcare Professionals all with a common goal and that is to provide an environment for our patients that is safe and effective. We ask that you familiarise yourself with the Operating Department which should include all of the differing Healthcare Professionals and their roles whilst locally understanding what we at Basingstoke Hospital do. The Hospital is one of only three National Centres specialising in and treating a rare appendiceal tumour known as Pseudomyxoma Peritonei which involves Intraoperative Chemotherapy on the operating table. We are continually advancing in our practice in all areas of Surgery such as Orthopaedics, Gynaecology and Urology as well as Anaesthesia. It is anticipated that the students will gain an understanding of the Perioperative pathway which in turn will inform their practice in caring for patients.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

**The Operating Theatre service is to provide an environment for patients and staff that allows for the safe and effective conducting of surgical procedures.**

The Operating Theatre develops specific goals and objectives for the service it provides, which are consistent with the overall goals of the hospital. These goals and objectives are written to reflect the role of the services and include:

- Provision of services on a routine, regular and emergency basis.
- Consultation with Medical, Nursing Staff and Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) concerning the scheduling of Operating Theatre usage.
- Conduct of professional activities in accordance with standards set by relevant professional organizations e.g. HCPC, NMC.
- Provision and maintenance of high quality care through clinical audit and quality control.
- Where appropriate, the undertaking of research and implementation of new tests and improved techniques after appropriate evaluation.

All members of the Operating Theatre staff should be aware of the objectives of the service. This includes awareness of the need to:

- Be courteous and considerate to patients and their carers at all times.
- Respect patient's privacy and that of their carers.
- Respect and cater for cultural differences.

## Description of the Service we provide and Client groups who may access it:

- Elective, Emergency and Trauma Surgical interventions and procedures
- All client groups
- Post Anaesthetic Recovery
- Anaesthetic Emergencies
- Emergency Department
- Obstetrics (both Elective and Emergency)
- Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)
- In Hospital Cardiac Arrest experience
- Radiology
- Outreach

## Learning opportunities available in main 'hub' placement area

- Anaesthetics
- Intraoperative Scrub/Circulating
- Post-Operative Recovery

Opportunities available in ‘spoke’ / linked areas including Inter-professional learning

- Obstetrics – Elective and Emergency Caesarean Sections
- Intra hospital Cardiac Arrest s/Emergency Department Anaesthetic emergencies
- Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) – Care of sedated patients undergoing this procedure
- Radiology- Care of patients undergoing Radiofrequency ablation and other invasive Radiological interventions
- Outreach – Nurse led service supporting Nurses and Doctors caring for acutely ill in-patients
- Joint learning with Operating Department Practitioners, Paramedic students, Open University and Nursing students from a variety of Universities.

There are opportunities on this placement for the student to have experience of working with other client groups, in order to meet EU Directives (Adult students only):

Maternity	Yes
Child Care	Yes
Mental Health	Yes
Learning Disability	Yes
Other	

**Additional information**

<b>Is an introduction pack / student handbook available</b>	Students will receive a welcome pack on arrival.
<b>Induction / orientation programmes</b>	The Trust arranges and invites all students on placement in HHFT to attend an induction session- details of this will be sent to students approx. 2-4 weeks prior to the placement starting. Students undergo an induction morning and orientation to the Department and Hospital if unfamiliar.
<b>Work Pattern</b>	Early: 0800 – 1800 Late: 1200 – 2100 Long Day: 0800 – 2100 Half Day: 0800 - 1400
<b>Dress / Uniform Code</b>	Scrubs are provided so no uniforms are required. A temporary locker will be provided but please bring a padlock. Please bring a pair of inexpensive, closed and waterproof/wipeable shoes that can be used for the duration of placement.
<b>Staff room / rest room facilities</b>	Both available.
<b>Library / IT Resources</b>	Available in the Ark, BNHH. Computers are available with the Operating Department.
<b>Student Tutorial / Seminar Programme</b>	Students can attend Afternoon Teaching sessions. Weekly meetings with all students on placement.



## OTHER LEARNERS ACCESSING PRACTICE AREA:

Other Universities accessing our Learning Environment/Practice Experience for Student learning, whom you may meet whilst on placement – these are highlighted below:

Southampton	Yes	Portsmouth	Yes	Bournemouth		Open University	Yes
Reading		Surrey	Yes				

We support a range of professions and different learners on the following programmes.

Nursing – Adult field	Yes	Occupational Therapy		Medical	Yes	HCS Cardiac, Physiology, Respiratory & Sleep
Nursing – Child field		Physiotherapy		Radiography (Diagnostic)		HCS Audiology, Neurophysiology, Vision Science
Nursing – Mental Health Field		Podiatry		Radiography (Therapeutic)		HSC Life Sciences (blood, infection cellular)
Nursing – Learning disabilities		Speech and Language Therapy		Clinical Psychology		HCS Med Physics (radiotherapy, radiation or nuclear)
Midwifery		Dietetics		Social Work		HCS Clinical Engineering (med,rad,renal or rehab)
Foundation Degree	Yes	Apprenticeships		Other	Operating Department Practitioners (ODP, Paramedics, Assistant Theatre Practitioners (ATP's)	

## **REQUIRED READING LIST IF APPROPRIATE**

- General information about the Operating Theatre and environment, specifically looking at what surgery makes us stand out as a Trust and what procedures we perform.
- The Perioperative Pathway (Pre-Operative, Intra Operative and Post-Operative care).
- Anatomy and Physiology.
- Understanding Anaesthesia.

## **Healthcare Library Services for students**

### **Membership:**

Library membership is available to students on placement with one of our core organisations. On registering at your nearest NHS library location, you will be given a SWIMS membership card. This card should be retained for the duration of your studies as all NHS libraries in Hampshire, IOW, South West and parts of South East England use the same membership card.

Membership only covers the library at your placement or study location.

The three libraries within the trust at:

**Andover War Memorial Hospital**

**Tel: 01962 824420**

**Email: [library.winchester@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:library.winchester@hhft.nhs.uk)**

**Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital**

**Tel: 01256 313169**

**Email: [library.basingstoke@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:library.basingstoke@hhft.nhs.uk)**

**Winchester - Royal Hampshire County Hospital**

**Tel: 01962 824420**

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