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Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

DICKENS WARD

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Telephone Number: 01784884004/4574

Placement Profile

Dickens ward is a surgical ward providing acute care for orthopedic patients. The unit comprises of 24 beds, 4 bays and 5 side rooms

Ward manager's contact details:

Alphy Philip Office – 01784884964.

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Daily Routine

Rough timings	
07:00 – 07:30	Breakfast
07:15 – 07:45	Morning handover
06:00 – 07:00	Morning drug round
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch
12:00 – 13:00	Lunchtime drugs
17:00 – 17:30	Supper
17:00 – 18:00	Evening drug round
19:30 – 20:00	Evening handover
Daily / As Required	Wound dressings
Daily	Equipment checks
08:00 – 08:30	MDT meeting

Professional Behaviour

Adhere to the uniform policy whilst on placement, paying special attention to hair, nails, and jewellery. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on site. Mobile phones are not to be used in the clinical area. Always be open and honest and respectful to your colleagues and patients

Policies & Procedures

You will need to access and read the following policies as part of your induction; they are located on the Hospital Intranet. Fire, Health and Safety, Medicine Management, Minimal Handling, Infection Control Confidentiality, Missing Patient, Falls

Placement Requirements

You are required to work a mixture of shifts, including nights and weekends. Contact the ward at least 2 weeks prior to your start date, to discuss any specific off duty request/travel issues with the nurse in charge. Practice Assessors will be allocated to you either at this point or on your first day of placement.

Learning Opportunities

All students get an opportunity to follow a patient journey from admission to discharge, such as admitting a patient to the ward, pre and post-operative care, wound management, management of surgical drains, administration of medication under supervision, working along with other Multidisciplinary team members such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists, discharge planning and post-discharge care etc. The team on Dickens ward will also assist students with observing surgical procedures in the theatre during their placement and can arrange a visit to other departments, such as the pre-assessment clinic. We have a friendly and experienced team who always welcome students from different universities. The Clinical Practice Educators and the Professional Development Team support the team, who oversees the student's progress and assist students.

Shift Pattern

Early 07:15 - 14:15
Late 13:15 -20:00
Long Day 07:15-20:00
Night 19:30-07:45

Car Parking

Parking permits/ID cards will be arranged prior to commencing your induction.

Café/Restaurant

Please refer to your Student Information booklet sent out via email prior to induction.

Public Transport

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