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Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

St Peter's
Hospital
Guildford Road
Chertsey
KT16 OPZ



Placement Profile

NICU is a ward area providing acute care for up to 28 babies. The unit comprises 28 cots spread over 4 nurseries. We also have a 8 bedded Transitional Care Unit where parents can be resident and care for their babies with the support of nursing staff. We practice family integrated care (FIC), empowering families to provide care for their babies, building confidence and facilitating loving relationships.

Ward managers contact details:

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Daily Routine

Rough timings			
06.00	Early morning medication	12.00	Lunchtime medication
07.15	Whole nursing team safety huddle	12.30-14.30	Quiet time
07.25	nursing handover/ safety checks	18.00	Evening medication
08.00	Morning medication	19.15	Evening nursing handover/safety checks
08.30	Equipment checks	21.00	Medical team handover
09.00	Morning medical team handover	00.00	Night medication
09.30-11.00	Ward round – parent led ward round on Thursdays	24 hrs	Empowering families to meet nutritional and hygiene needs of their babies

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

- Students to work alongside NUCU team members to safely deliver planned care as instructed.
- experience of caring for special care/ high dependency and ITU babies under close supervision
- practice in calculating medications and finding out about medications used on our unit.
- Development of communication skills (verbal, non-verbal, presentation, written, digital)
- Learning how to safely administer a feed via a naso/orogastric tube.
- Learning how to safely pass a naso/orogastric tube (once taught in university)
- learning about the importance of maternal breastmilk for our babies (and also the use of donor breastmilk and why we give it)
- Opportunity to observe term and preterm deliveries.
- Working alongside the neonatal community outreach service, Surrey Neonatal Transport Service, neonatal physio, SALT, dietician, the family care coordinator, the neonatal research team
- ultrasound/xray meetings on Tuesday
- Psychosocial meetings on Tuesday
- grand round with the consultants on Friday

Shift Pattern

Long Day 07:15-19.45
Night 19:15-07:45

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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