


DSU ASHFORD

Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals 
NHS Foundation Trust

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Address	Day Surgery Unit Ashford London Road Ashford Middlesex														
Postcode	TW15 3AA														
Telephone Number	01784 884211/4310/4690														
Type of Placement	Day Surgery (Adults)														
Profile of Area	10 Female trolleys [area A] 10 Male trolleys [area B] 1 Side room. Admissions bay single sex compliant. 4 Consultation Rooms, Pre-operative admissions, 2 Operating Theatres, 1 Treatment room, 1 Pain Suite, 1 Six bedded Recovery Room, Post-operative care and Nurse-Led discharge.														
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	Staff work a mixture of shifts. No nights.														
Placement Requirements	Contact the ward and arrange to visit at least 2 weeks prior to your start date. You can discuss any specific requests with the Nurse in Charge at this time. Students are encouraged to work alongside their mentor, for a minimum of 2 shifts a week.														
Professional Behaviour	You must adhere to the uniform policy at all times whilst on placement, paying special attention to hair, nails and jewellery. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on site														
Refreshment Facilities	Two on site coffee shops, Tesco across the road. Rest room with fridge and microwave facilities.														
Public Transport	See our webpages														
Car Parking	Parking permits / swipe cards will be arranged during Locality Induction in Year 1														

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Welcome to your placement at DSU at Ashford Hospital. We hope that you will find your time with us both educational and enjoyable.

This pack has been developed to help prepare for your placement with us, and to form part of your induction.

We suggest you read this as soon as you know are coming to DSU, print it out and do as much as you can to prepare beforehand. Don't forget to bring it with you on your first day.

Your name	
Mentor Name (s)	
Associate Mentor	
Ward Sister / Manager	
PLT	

Trust Information

Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Trust manages two sites - Ashford Hospital in Middlesex and St. Peter's Hospital in Chertsey, Surrey.

The Trust as a whole provides acute hospital services to a large and diverse population, with a catchment of around 450,000 stretching from West Hounslow to Woking across the Boroughs of Hounslow, Spelthorne, Elmbridge, Runnymede and Woking

Philosophy of Care

We aim to treat every patient as an individual

The care patients/relatives receive will be safe, provided by skilled healthcare professionals who whilst ensuring patient confidentiality will openly communicate effectively with both patient and relative

The care provided will be of a high standard and provided by professionals in a warm and friendly atmosphere

Religious and cultural beliefs will be promoted by all staff involved in care giving

Advice, support and counselling and health education will be provided to help patients and their families obtain the most from their stay with us in preparation for discharge

Aims of Service

Ensure patients have a pleasant experience throughout their time with us in DSU. To have a complication free stay, manage pain and nausea, discharge home without incident.

Team members

Students will work with and alongside all the members of the nursing team, including Deputy Sister, Senior Staff Nurse, Staff Nurse, Health Care Assistant, Medical Support Worker, Associated Practitioners and the Ward Clerk.

There are a variety of other healthcare professionals who care for patients within DSU. These include the Consultants and their surgical team, Anaesthetists Discharge coordinators, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists, and Dieticians.

Staff Development**Link Nurses**

Ashford DSU supports the Link Nurse; the role is to ensure that all members of the team are aware of current practice and policies within their designated role. The link attends regular meetings to update their knowledge and also influence future practice through contributing to Trust policy development. You should find out who the Link Nurse is in DSU Ashford for the following specialities:

- Infection Control
- Diabetes
- Minimal Handling
- Mentoring
- Falls
- Fire
- Pain
- VTE
- Butterfly
- Health and Safety

Professional Development

Nursing staff In Ashford DSU able to undertake continuing professional development in care areas such pain management, infection control, theatre practices, pre and post-operative care and pre op screening.

Daily Routine

Observe our Bluespир system to see the expected days activity. Admit patients, escort to theatres, and escort from Recovery, post op care, pain control, dietary and mobility needs, and reassurance. Repeat with each individual.

In Theatres opportunity to observe scrub practices and actual procedures. In Recovery observe first stage recovery needs.

Visiting Times

Non applicable. DSU operates a drop off –pick up policy. Patients are encouraged to ask their relatives to leave and we shall call them when that person is ready for discharge. This is proven to aide recovery, reduce noise and have a better patient flow, less cluttered.

Teaching Opportunities

Variety of clinical skills
Observation, release for lectures.

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

Other information that will be given on Day 1 of placement

Unit lay out, fire escapes, contact details.

Suggested pre placement reading

Look for recent Day Surgery articles that have relevance. Pre and post-operative care, and pain and nausea management.

Learning Resources:

Access to Trust intranet and internet is available on the Ward.
Hospital Library is on site.