


NICU

Trust	Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals  NHS Foundation Trust									
Address	St Peter's Hospital Guildford Road Chertsey Surrey									
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Telephone Number	01932 722667									
Type of Placement	Neonatal									
Profile of Area	<p>A level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit comprising of 24 cots, 8 of which are intensive care. We also have a 9 bedded Special Care Unit attached to the post natal ward where mothers stay with their babies.</p> <p>We have a designated transport team who transfer babies around the network and a designated neonatal community team.</p>									
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Placement Requirements	<p>Contact the ward and arrange to visit at least 2 weeks prior to your start date. You can discuss any specific requests with the Education Sister – Maria Beale as she will be in charge of your orientation and off duty.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to work alongside their mentor, for a minimum of 2 shifts a week.</p>									
Professional Behaviour	<p>You must adhere to the uniform policy at all times whilst on placement, paying special attention to hair, nails and jewellery.</p> <p>Smoking is not permitted anywhere on site</p>									
Refreshment Facilities	See our webpages									
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 on NICU at St. Peter's 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 NICU, 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 (Medical)

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

To give the highest level of care to preterm and sick new-born babies as well as receiving Intensive Care babies throughout the network and to reduce morbidity and mortality rates for an improved outcome.

Team members

Students will work with and alongside all the members of the nursing team, including unit Manager, Sisters, Deputy Sisters, Senior Staff Nurses, Staff Nurses, Nursery Nurses, Health Care Assistants and the Ward Clerk.

There are a variety of other healthcare professionals who care for patients on NICU. These include the Consultants and their medical team, Pharmacists, and Dieticians.

Staff Development**Link Nurses**

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 on? For the following specialities:

- Nutrition
- Infection Control
- Wound Care
- Palliative Care
- Continence
- Diabetes
- Minimal Handling
- Mentoring
- Falls

Professional Development

Nursing staff on NICU are able to undertake continuing professional development in care areas such as supporting mothers with breast feeding, parent craft and caring for babies requiring Intensive Care, High Dependency and Special Care.

Daily Routine

Handover - The start of a shift begins with 'handover' of patient information in seminar room 2 on NICU, followed by a cot side handover. This promotes continuity of care and allows staff to review and plan care. All patients are discussed with the nurse in charge.

Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings

Doctor's hand over – every morning (09:00)

Grand round – held on a Friday morning (10:30)

Social meeting - held on Tuesday mornings (11:00)

We encourage students to attend these meetings

Referral Criteria/ Admission methods

Babies on NICU may be admitted straight from Labour Ward or they may be transferred from another hospital after delivery if they are requiring Intensive Care treatment.

Visiting Times

Anytime for parents, siblings and grandparents, then 3-7pm for all other visitors. Only 2 visitors at each cot side at any one time.

You will be given a copy of our parent Information leaflet when you start.

Teaching Opportunities

Variety of clinical skills

Multi-disciplinary meetings

Consultant rounds

To visit other areas related to NICU including labour ward, community and spending a day with the transport team.

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

We also encourage you to read the neonatal policies which can be found on the intranet also. A list of these will be given to you on your first day.

Other information that will be given on Day 1 of placement

You will receive an induction pack on your first day which will include some information about NICU. You will be allocated 2 mentors who you will work the majority of your shifts with.

Suggested pre placement reading

Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing – Glenys Boxwell

Journal of Neonatal Nursing

Learning Resources:

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

Hospital Library is on site.