

Safe & compassionate care,

every time

Critical care nursing

Critical care services are part of the division of surgery and critical care. We have Intensive Care Units (ICUs) at both Stoke Mandeville and Wycombe hospitals both of which take level 2 and level 3 critical care patients. Both units care for surgical and general medical patients with specialist services at Stoke Mandeville for spinal and burns patients and at Wycombe for cardiac and stroke patients.

Now is an exciting time to join the critical care team at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust. We are developing an enhanced service to prevent the deterioration of our patients, are expanding our high dependency unit at Stoke Mandeville and are launching an innovative 24/7 nurse-led critical care outreach team to care for the most seriously ill patients on the wards and to follow up on patients in the first days after they leave ICU.

Being an intensive care nurse is a privileged role. We are able to provide 1-1 or 1-2 nursing care to patients who are going through one of the worst points in their lives. We provide holistic care, getting to know our patients from head to toe and often dealing with many different conditions at the same time. Our

work is varied, stimulating and extremely rewarding. We aim to make our patients better, but where we cannot achieve this, we want to give them a good death. We therefore work closely with the families of our patients and good communication skills are vital.

Working on intensive care can provide you with one of the most fulfilling nursing roles and you will be joining a supportive and welcoming team.

How we support our nurses

To work on ICU we require our nurses to have a minimum of six months acute ward experience so they are able to provide the variety of nursing skills which are required for our patients.

Working with us will give you the opportunity to use an array of extended skills and you will receive a full package of training to be able to provide the best possible care for your patients. You will initially join us on a four to six week supernumerary programme to become familiar with the ICU and the work you will be doing. Following this you will have a 6-12 month practice development programme with competency based assessments using national critical care standards. Once this has been completed you will be able to apply for additional training such as the intensive care nursing course and mentorship qualifications.

You will be part of a multi-disciplinary team working closely alongside consultants, junior doctors, therapists, pharmacists and healthcare assistants.

Our team is committed to providing outstanding evidence-based nursing care to the population of Buckinghamshire, through innovation and excellent training and development opportunities for our staff.


Be the future