

Safe & compassionate care,

every time

General medical, gastroenterology and diabetes nursing

As part of the division of integrated medicine our general medical, gastroenterology and diabetes wards are based at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The diabetes and gastroenterology wards are located next to each other and take any acute medical patient. Typically our gastroenterology patients have alcoholic liver diseases or bowel disease and diabetes patients have associated co-morbidities such as vascular issues, sight problems or vascular ulcers.

We see a wide variety of patients; from those who are terminally ill to those who are ready to be discharged so our work is varied and challenging. Working with us will give newly qualified nurses the opportunity to consolidate three years of training and learn basic and specialist extended skills such as male and female catheterisation, venepuncture and cannulation and nasogastric/PEG tube management. Our wards will enable you to learn what it means to be a staff nurse before you decide where to specialise.

You will be part of a dedicated multi-disciplinary team, and everyday you will be working alongside doctors, allied health professionals (AHPs) and specialist nurses such as the nutrition nurse or diabetic specialist nurse. When appropriate you will attend the daily facilitated meeting with AHPs, social services and the discharge co-ordinator to plan your patient's care and discharge.

We work a 3 shift pattern providing 24/7 care. On each shift there is a co-ordinator who will provide senior support where necessary.

How we support our nurses

Our ward sisters are committed to the training and development of their staff. All our nurses have the opportunity to be exposed to different responsibilities and become link nurses for a particular area such as infection control, hand hygiene or tissue viability. These roles can be done by both qualified and unqualified staff and, with support from senior staff, you would be the focal point for the ward for your area of expertise, cascading information to colleagues and working with individuals from other departments across the Trust.

We encourage all our staff to engage with training and development opportunities. For example, we want our healthcare assistants to take bloods and interpret observations. We want our nurses to take on mentoring roles, supporting the work and development of more junior colleagues.

As well as a 12-month preceptorship programme for newly qualified staff we offer rotations across the division of integrated medicine to ensure our nurses gain basic skills in different specialities including community nursing and the cardiology and stroke wards.

We are a committed and enthusiastic team who are determined to provide safe and compassionate care to all our patients and to provide our nurses with a stimulating and rewarding career.


Be the future