

Safe & compassionate care,
every time

Outpatient nursing

Outpatients is part of the division of surgery and critical care. We are based at Wycombe, Stoke Mandeville and Amersham hospitals and also run clinics in Tring, Leighton Buzzard and Berkhamsted.

Outpatient nurses look after all specialties except spinal, oral surgery and dental. We see patients from initial consultation through consultations ahead of treatment and follow up appointments after discharge. We typically work from 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday, and in an average week see more than 1,000 patients across three sites – more than any other service in the Trust.

Because our outpatient clinics cover around 20 different specialities nursing here is busy and extremely varied, both in terms of the patients we see and the clinical tasks we do. You might be working in a rectal clinic in the morning followed by a gynaecological clinic in the afternoon with an ear, nose and throat clinic the following day. You will be meeting and greeting the patients,

chaperoning them throughout their appointment and assisting with a wide variety of clinical procedures such as a sigmoidoscopy, gynaecological examinations, lumbar punctures or vascular dressings. Good communication is vital to nursing in outpatients to ensure all patients understand what they have been told and their next steps.

Outpatients is an excellent place to use all your clinical skills and will provide you with experience of a broad range of specialties before you decide where you want to specialise.

How we support our nurses

We actively encourage our nurses to take on additional responsibilities to develop their careers. Outpatients is the perfect

grounding to gain leadership skills. For example, band 5 nurses can take on a coordinating role and to lead a small team of band 2 staff. We expect all our band 5 nurses to carry out appraisals and mentor student nurses and will support you to gain the appropriate qualifications to take on this role.

We are committed to evidence based continuing education and hold regular clinical supervision to encourage reflective practice and continuing professional development. You could become the link nurse for a specific area and we encourage nurses to attend relevant in-house and external training courses.

Within the department there are regular team meetings to keep you up to date with corporate news and give you the

opportunity to feedback any comments. You will benefit from an annual appraisal and personal development plan and all staff have regular 1-1s.

Our department is enthusiastic and welcoming. We always have the patient experience at the forefront of our mind and are keen to hear new initiatives which will help us continue on our improvement journey. Join us and you could help shape outpatient services for the future.


Be the future