

Neurosurgical Wards 64, 65 & 66 QEUH

The Department of Neurosurgery provides exciting pioneering Neurosurgical procedures and care as part of regional services for the West of Scotland. We have three, 22 bedded wards which provide emergency and elective neurosurgical and spinal care as part of the Neuroscience Service to the West of Scotland. To work in our specialised Unit you will have a commitment to delivering patient centred care whilst understanding the importance of safe patient care; a commitment to supporting patients within the acute healthcare setting; and a passion to develop your skills and build your career within a supportive environment.

Our Team is supported by our dedicated Clinical Nurse Educator for Neurosciences, and we offer a specialised in-house training competency framework and university accredited courses to support your development.

Neurosciences Critical Care (Wards 60 and 61 QEUH)

Our 12 bedded Critical Care provides care for HDU & ITU level patients who have undergone neurosurgical and OMFS interventions. Our Critical Care Team is highly skilled and provides patient centred care. We have a dedicated Clinical Educator for our Critical Care Team who provides teaching and support to our Team.

Ward 62 QEUH

The Department of OMFS/Head & Neck Cancer services provide exciting pioneering OMFS / Head & Neck procedures and care as part of regional services for the West of Scotland. We have one, 21 bedded ward which provides emergency and elective Maxillo Facial and Head & Neck cancer surgery as part of the Neuroscience & OMFS Service to the West of Scotland.

To work in our specialised Unit you will have a commitment to delivering patient centred care whilst understanding the importance of safe patient care; a commitment to supporting patients within the acute healthcare setting to discharge home; and a passion to develop your skills and build your career within a supportive environment.

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National Spinal Injuries Unit

Edenhall - 12 beds High Dependency care for acute traumatic spinal cord injured patients. This provides care of patients within the initial phase of injury. Learning opportunities include chest management, tracheostomy care, high dependency care, care of patients with spinal cord injuries, bladder and bowel management and pre and post-surgical care of the patient.

National Spinal Injuries Unit - Philipshill - 32 beds Spinal Injuries Rehabilitation ward. This provides acute care, long term mechanical ventilation and rehabilitation for emergency and elective spinal cord injury patients and step-down care for patients transferred from Edenhall. Learning opportunities include male catheterisation, supra-pubic catheter care and maintenance, chest management, tracheostomy care, bladder and bowel management, key working, goal planning and domiciliary ventilation.

Please see the link below that provides an overview of the journey of the spinal patient

<https://youtu.be/McsirhqGdbA>

Neuro Rehabilitation (PDRU previously known as) QEUH

18 beds providing rehabilitation care for patients that come via the Neurosurgery, Neurology, Major Trauma pathways. Learning opportunities include tracheostomy care, non-invasive ventilation goal planning, bladder and bowel management, supra public catheter care, NG feeding/RIG care, complex discharge planning and liaising with various MDTs to facilitate discharge.

Neurology ward 67

Acute Neurology 23 beds regional service serves the west of Scotland for acute neurology care. This provides specialist assessment and treatment for neurological disorders. Neurological disorders are illnesses related to the nervous system, which includes the brain, spinal cord, nerves and muscles. Learning opportunities include tracheostomy care, NG feeding care/RIG, bladder and bowel management, chest management, palliative care and care of the neurological patient with acute and chronic conditions.

<http://neurology-in-ggc.scot.nhs.uk>

Any bank nurses that can commit to regular and consistent shifts in an area will be supported to achieve competencies within the selected location. This will include support from our INS and Spinal practice educators and the ward teams. This will include help to develop skills in the specific specialties and IV drugs administration.

Renal services

4A

High acuity renal and general nephrology - 20 bed ward, 8 acute beds and 12 nephrology.

Experience available - the opportunity to work with acutely ill patients, often requiring urgent dialysis treatment, excellent experience and learning available. There is support provided by the core nursing team, previous experience of renal is not required.

Skills required - any nurse who enjoys working in a fast-paced environment and is keen to learn.

4C

Surgical ward - 14 beds

This ward has elective surgery related to renal patients: vascular access creation, nephrectomies etc., plus the ward is the west of Scotland transplant centre, performing both live donor and deceased donor transplants. The ward offers a unique experience of working with patients post-transplant surgery.

Ideal if the nurse has previous surgical experience, but the core nursing team will support any nurse interested in the area.

4D

General nephrology ward

This is the biggest ward in the renal services at 30 beds.

Patients are admitted with a wide variety of renal conditions and disease- some patients are not yet on dialysis, some are admitted with dialysis related issues, or for assessment, so the ward offers an excellent learning opportunity.

Experience available - working with patients with a wide range of renal conditions, and there is an opportunity to see patients undergoing dialysis treatments.

Experience of working within medical wards is helpful - having specific renal experience is not required, as the core staff will be there to help and support any nurses on bank shifts.

Imaging Departments

The imaging department provides a diverse range of therapeutic and diagnostic procedures by a multidisciplinary team via a number of imaging modalities. The service is a regional service provided to both in patient and out patients for elective and emergency procedures. Many of the procedures are undertaken in the hybrid theatre setting as a combined surgical/radiological procedure. The imaging department provides a service for a wide range of referring specialties including oncology, vascular, renal, urology, gastroenterology and gynaecology. The Vascular Access Service also sits within imaging. Working in IR offers a great opportunity to gain insight into the various diagnostic tests and procedures that assist referring clinicians determine treatment pathways and treatments for their patients. Some of these treatments are actually performed within Interventional Radiology. Many patients attend regularly for various therapeutic procedures essential in the management of their clinical pathway.

Beatson

The Beatson offers a variety of clinical environments that are attractive to different nursing skills. The MDBU is a busy Monday to Friday area that provides a range of treatments for patients. The main reason patients attend is for anti-cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and Immunotherapies along with supportive therapies.

Our outpatient department is similar in that it is a busy area Monday to Friday, patients attend for a first consultation and also pre assessment prior to subsequent treatment. Within this department there are also some anti-cancer treatments delivered, mostly in the form of IM or SC injection, nursing in this area is varied in that we have a service that cares for paediatric patients undergoing radiotherapy which is soon to be a national service. We offer care and maintenance of central venous access devices for patients who are attending pre assessment, we also support specialised procedure clinics.

Within our ward environments we care for cancer patients undergoing a variety of treatments such as systemic anti-cancer therapy, radiotherapy also a variety of procedural treatments for example vertebroplasty, we also care for patients who may be experiencing symptoms as a result of the treatment they are undergoing. We also care for patient who come via our Acute Oncology Assessment Unit many of which may be experiencing oncological emergencies.

Ideally RGNs must hold an IV certificate due to the nature of the clinical setting and would preferably have cannulation or central venous catheter care experience. There is no expectation that you have a cancer qualification to help support our team would love to offer staff the opportunity to be part of our team.

The team are more than happy to support staff who wish to undergo canulation training and also the care of central vascular access devices (CVAD). We hold our own teaching session which staff would be welcome to attend in order to enhance their clinical skills.

Burns and Plastic Surgery Information

The National Burns Unit for Scotland (ward 45) admits all major burns from all over Scotland and cares for patients from injury through to rehabilitation. The Regional Plastic Surgery Unit (ward 47/48/49) admits patients for a range of elective and emergency procedures such as hand surgery, breast surgery, lower limb, skin cancer and reconstructive surgery. We also have a variety of nurse led clinics such as dressings, burns, laser, pre op and breast reconstruction.

All areas welcome support from bank staff whether you have experience in a surgical setting or not as we are happy to offer support on the day to help build your confidence. It is a great opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills in pre and post op care, ERAS protocols, HEPMA and IV drug administration (if you still have some to be signed off) as well as the opportunity to learn new skills specific to burns and plastic surgery.

We appreciate that most Band 5 and Band 2 staff may not have had exposure to this patient group which is why you would always be well supported during your time on the wards

Forensic Mental Health - Rowanbank Clinic (Medium Secure)

Come for a shift at Rowanbank. We are a 74 bedded hospital providing assessment, care and treatment to adults with a mental health or learning disability diagnosis in a medium secure setting. We have 8 wards covering; male admissions, National Learning Disability Service, male rehabilitation, and female assessment and treatment. This provides a wide range of experience and opportunity for anyone that wants to come along to our unique service. We have amazing patient focused compassionate nursing teams striving to provide non-judgemental care to this heavily stigmatised patient group in the least restrictive way. Come join us and be a part of that team.

Forensic Mental Health - Leverndale (Low Secure)

Welcome to Low secure Forensic services. We comprise ourselves of 52 Low secure beds hosted on the Leverndale hospital site providing assessment, care and treatment to adults with a mental health or learning disability diagnosis. Low secure services offer on going rehabilitation for our patients with a goal of progressing onto our Community based colleagues for independent and supported living.

The environments that we currently offer are based over 5 ward areas.

2 x 15 bedded male mental health wards

1 x 9 bedded Predischarge ward

1 x 8 bedded Low secure Learning disabilities ward

1 x 5 bedded low secure female ward.

These areas provide a wide range of experience and opportunity for anyone that wants to come along to be part of our unique service. 3 of our wards offer the homestyle model of care that is very much patient focused rehabilitation with staff support, and 2 wards that are focused on ongoing community-based rehabilitation. Our nursing teams are extremely patient focused and compassionate striving to provide non-judgmental care to this heavily stigmatised patient group in the least restrictive way. Come along and join us and be a part of our patients' ongoing pathway to recovery.