

# PRACTICE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT PROFILE

Learning Environment (Care Group):	Cancer Care	Division:	B
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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UHS VALUES	<div> <b>PATIENTS FIRST</b>  <b>WORKING TOGETHER</b>  <b>ALWAYS IMPROVING</b> </div> <div>} Please reflect on what these values mean to <u>YOU</u></div>

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## INDUCTION INFORMATION

<b>Trust induction</b>	Your induction may take one of the following formats: Trust induction, divisional induction or placement induction. Please ensure completion of any relevant items in your assessment of practice document linked to induction/orientation. Ward Areas have specific induction packs that can be collected when starting on the ward. Please wear uniform at all times.
<b>Expectations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professional behaviour</li> <li>▪ Willing to learn</li> <li>▪ Punctuality</li> <li>▪ Represent university and UHS</li> <li>▪ Adherence to appearance policy (above)</li> <li>▪ Wear ID badge at all times</li> <li>▪ Theatre induction</li> <li>▪ Expected to do all types of shifts</li> <li>▪ Ensure contacted clinical area for details of assigned mentor prior to placement</li> </ul>

## PROFILE

WARD/AREA	SERVICE & CLIENT GROUP	LOCATION
CHOC	Chemotherapy outpatient service and clinics	Spire Hospital
C4	Acute Clinical Oncology ward specialising in Radiotherapy	C level, SGH
C6	Acute ward specialising in Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation	C level, SGH
C2	Haematology/oncology ward, also specialising in patients with sickle cell & other non-malignant haematology conditions and non-cancer palliative care patients.	D level, SGH
D3	Acute Medical Oncology ward specialising in Chemotherapy	D level, SGH
C7	Haematology outpatient services and Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Care Day Unit	C Level SGH
Oncology Outpatients	Medical and nursing clinics for: Medical oncology, Clinical oncology, Surgery, Specialist nursing and Support services	D level, SGH
Hospital Palliative Care Team (HPCT)	A specialist team focusing on palliative care (symptom management). Working across the whole Trust.	First Floor, Block 8, SGH
Macmillan Acute Oncology Service (MAOS)	Acute assessment unit for cancer patients and short stay Ward	C level, SGH
Teenage and Young Adult Unit (TYA)	Acute ward specialising in TYA in Cancer Care	C Level SGH

## LEARNER INFORMATION

<b>Work pattern (shifts, start and finish times)</b>	Shifts vary - please consult with specific ward/ area for details. All ward areas cover a mixture of days and weekends and night shifts. Long days are regularly undertaken by ward staff and students. Students are able to experience a range of shift times that mirror those of their mentors.
<b>IT and resources</b>	IT Facilities available on all areas. Students have access to the Health Services Library on A Level South Academic Block. Some literature is also available on each ward area.
<b>Staff room / rest room facilities</b>	Each area has its own staff room. Food available from B and C level, centre block.
<b>Common conditions &amp; assessments</b>	All cancers
<b>Common procedures and expertise</b>	Chemotherapy, radiotherapy, bone marrow transplants
<b>Common prescribed medications</b>	Antibiotics, steroids, antiemetics , analgesia, chemotherapy/SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Treatments)
<b>Glossary of terms</b>	This is covered in the ward handbooks as it is pertinent to the particular speciality
<b>Abbreviations and short terms</b>	This is covered in the ward handbooks as it is pertinent to the particular speciality
<b>Specific learning opportunities and multiprofessional working opportunities</b>	<p>All students are often given the opportunity to rotate around the cancer care unit in a hub and spoke model. All students may visit a selection of C3, C7, OPD, MAOS, and a ward.</p> <p>Students are advised, where possible, to spend time during their placements with members of other specialist teams, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Specialist nurses</li> <li>▪ Bed manager</li> <li>▪ Multi professional team</li> <li>▪ Teenage and Young Adult cancer team</li> <li>▪ Hospital Palliative Care Team</li> <li>▪ End of Life Care Team</li> <li>▪ Research Nurses</li> <li>▪ Cancer Research UK (CRUK) nurses</li> </ul> <p>Students are also advised, where possible, to visit the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Radiotherapy</li> <li>▪ Macmillan centre</li> <li>▪ Oncology pharmacy</li> </ul>

## Recommended reading prior to placement

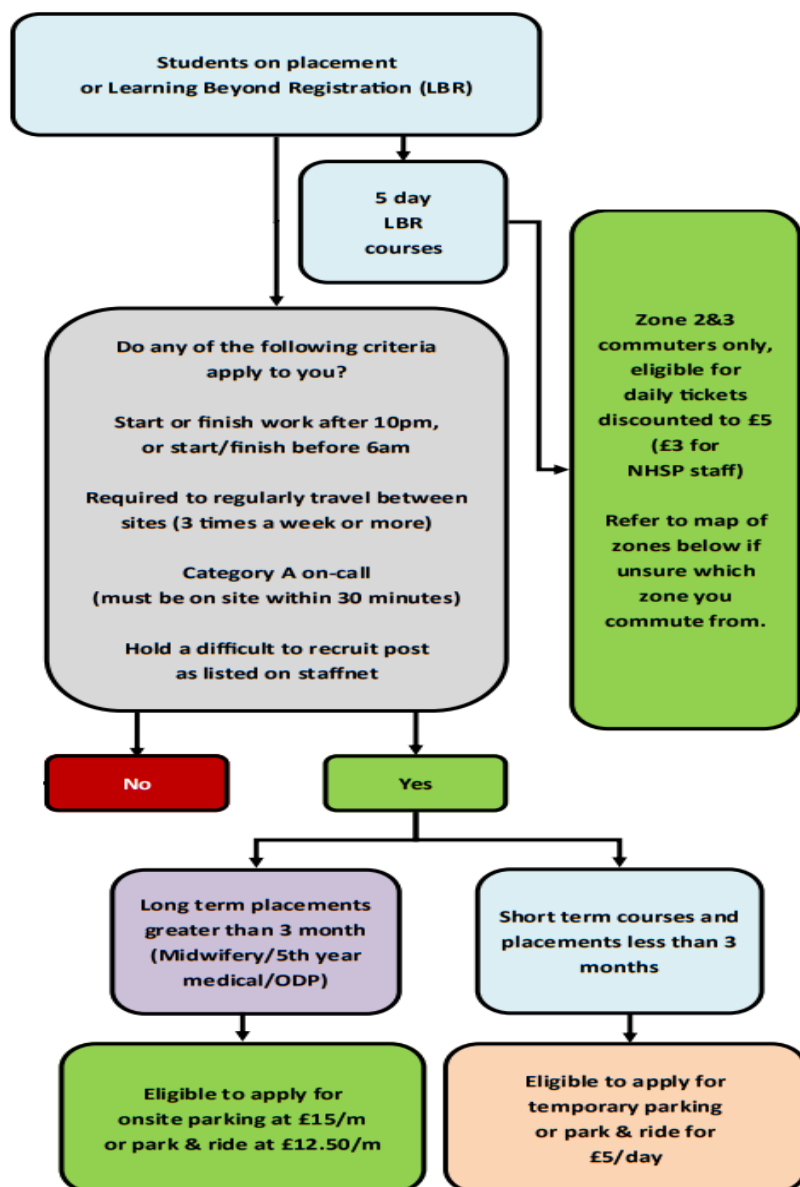
- [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)
- Royal Marsden hospital manual of clinical nursing procedures
- Oxford handbook of cancer nursing
- Ward student handbook

## APPEARANCE

REQUIRED STANDARD	RATIONALE
<b>Clothes/designated uniform: All clothes/uniform should be smart and in good repair.</b> An overall professional appearance which cannot be deemed offensive to patients, colleagues and the public should be maintained e.g. no low necklines, bare midriffs, very short skirts or potentially offensive slogans or tattoos. No denim, leggings, flip flops or strappy vest tops to be worn. The only exception to these standards for clinical environments is where health and safety legislation require a person to wear specialist protective clothing for health and safety purposes.	Professional appearance.  Health and safety regulations
<b>Hair:</b> Must be clean, neat, and tidy and tied back off the face and off the collar. Hair must not be able to fall forward onto patients. Hair accessories and fastenings should be discreet. Any headwear worn for religious purposes should be clean and laundered daily and should be in keeping with the overall corporate appearance.	Potential for wound contamination from loose hair. Providing hair is clean and tidy the risk of dispersal is minimal. When hair is touched micro-organisms on the hands will transfer to the hair and from hair to hands, potentially increasing risk of infection to staff.
<b>Fingernails:</b> Must be clean and short. Nail varnish, acrylic nails and false nails must NOT be worn.	To avoid transferring bacteria under the fingernails. Reduces the risk of trauma when involved in direct patient contact.
<b>Jewellery: Rings:</b> Only one plain metal band ring may be worn. <b>Watches:</b> No wristwatches are to be worn in any clinical environment. <b>Necklaces:</b> No necklaces are to be worn in the clinical environment. Medic-alert jewellery is not to be worn on the wrist (but could be attached to uniform) and must be cleanable, plain and discreet.	jewellery may be hazardous for the following reasons: Jewellery, even plain gold bands (wedding rings) have been shown to colonise with micro-organisms (Hoffman et al 1985) Rings with stones are hazardous and may cause trauma to patients Stones in jewellery may become dislodged Jewellery that is hanging e.g. necklaces, could be dangerous to staff and patients in potentially violent situations Appropriate hand washing techniques are prevented by the wearing of wristwatches
<b>Piercings: Earrings:</b> one pair of small plain metal studs only should be worn. All new visible body piercings must be covered with a blue plaster until the wound has healed. No other visible piercings are allowed.	New wounds shed high levels of bacteria. Professional appearance is important for patient confidence. Food hygiene regulations
<b>ID Badge:</b> As for all staff Trust ID Badges must be <b>worn at all times</b> in a clearly visible	To conform to Trust Security Policy
<b>Footwear:</b> Must be clean, plain, low heeled, non-porous, enclosed and in a good state of repair and ideally have a non slip tread. Shoe style and colour must be in keeping with the overall uniform style. Only staff	Shoes in a poor state of repair and those with no tread are a safety risk. Staff working in a clinical area must take noise issues into account regarding their footwear.

wearing scrubs may wear white/black shoes/clogs or 'crops' (without holes). Theatre footwear may be of various colours Footwear for ward based staff should be soft soled to reduce the level of noise particularly at night. In some areas protective footwear must be worn (as detailed in local policies).	It cannot be decontaminated, and/or does not provide adequate protection from spillages and dropped equipment Health and Safety statutory requirement.
<b>Belts/Epaulettes:</b> Belts should not be worn when involved in direct patient contact/care. Epaulettes should be clean and laundered at least weekly	Risk of trauma to patients. Ease of movement for staff. Reduces risk of cross-infection.
<b>Tights/Stockings/Socks:</b> If not wearing trousers, tights must be worn and be plain black or natural colour. In the case of extreme hot weather, deviations from this policy will be communicated to staff by the appropriate authorising manager / professional lead.	To promote a professional appearance.
<b>Designated uniform:</b> Must be changed daily and laundered at 60 C and ironed prior to wearing.	Reduces the risk of cross-infection. Care of Linen Policy. Professional appearance and patient confidence.
<b>Makeup and Perfume:</b> Discreet makeup may be worn. Perfume and aftershaves must be subtle	To promote a professional appearance. For patient and colleagues comfort.
<b>Additional garments e.g. fleece/cardigan:</b> must not be worn when delivering direct patient care. Fleece/cardigans that are worn must be of a plain dark colour, must not have any non Trust logo's and be of smart appearance. Theatre jackets may be worn when the environmental temperature is low (e.g. cardiac) but must be removed if direct patient care is involved.	Reduces the risk of cross-infection
<b>Personal Hygiene:</b> Staff must ensure their appearance is clean, tidy and they are free from body odour when they are at work.	To promote a professional appearance. For patient and colleagues comfort

# PARKING



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