

PRACTICE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT PROFILE

Learning Environment (Care Group): **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL** Division: **C**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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INDUCTION INFORMATION

Trust induction	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.
Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional behaviour Willing to learn Punctuality Represent university and UHS Adherence to appearance policy (Below) Wear ID badge at all times Theatre induction Expected to do all types of shifts <p>Ensure contacted clinical area for details of assigned mentor prior to placement</p>

WARD PROFILE

WARD/AREA	SERVICE & CLIENT GROUP	LOCATION
PMU Paediatric Medical Unit which incorporates PAW, Paediatric Admissions Ward	The Paediatric Medical Unit is a 16 bedded acute medical ward, catering for children aged 0-18 years old. The ward offers a wide range of experience across a number of specialities, including medical high dependency care. Learning opportunities include speciality skills in acute medicine, advanced respiratory care including tracheostomy and non invasive ventilation, neurology, neurological rehabilitation, gastroenterology, and endocrinology. PAW is currently taking all emergency admissions to the Children's Unit	G Level, East Wing Tel: 023 8120 6485
G2 N Children's Neurosurgery	This is a district and tertiary 6 bedded children's neurosurgical ward. The ward offers opportunities to learn speciality paediatric neurosurgical care and video telemetry skills.	G Level, East Wing Tel: 023 8021 6692
PHDU Paediatric High Dependency Unit	The high dependency unit is a 6 bedded ward catering for children who require a higher dependence care and increased nursing support. Learning opportunities include speciality high dependency care, advanced paediatric respiratory care including tracheostomy and non invasive ventilation and the role of the children's outreach service.	G Level, East Wing Tel: 023 8021 8329
G3 Orthopaedics	This is a district and tertiary children's orthopaedic surgery and major trauma centre. It is a 20 bedded ward including trauma and rehabilitation. The ward has 4 HDU beds to help support children undergoing spinal surgery. The main learning opportunities are orthopaedic surgical care, paediatric pain management, high care spinal nursing.	G Level, East Wing Tel: 023 8120 6486

G4 SUN Children's Surgery, Urology and Nephrology	This is 22 Bedded ward catering for both district and tertiary surgical/urology/Nephrology care. The ward is cohorted into two areas; Surgical and Nephro-urology. The surgical area cares for children undergoing many specialist surgeries including oncology surgery, ENT, gastro, thoracic, max fax and general paediatric surgery. They also care for patients requiring complex medical/ surgical and gastroenterology input and long term TPN. The Nephro-urology area cares for children requiring specialist urology procedures and management of nephrology conditions including treatments such as peritoneal dialysis and complex fluid and electrolyte management. There is a four chair haemodialysis and apheresis unit adjacent to the ward area.	G Level East Wing Tel: 023 8120 6718/8620
JADW John Atwell Day Ward	This is a 10 bedded children's day surgical and medical service. It has close links with the Wellcome Research Unit and maintains close liaison with the multi-disciplinary team across all the specialities within the Children's Hospital, including gastroenterology, endocrinology, allergy, nephrology and rheumatology.	G Level, West Wing Tel: 023 8120 4511
Piam Brown Children's oncology	This is a regional oncology/haematology unit. It is a 10 bedded unit with a busy day ward facility. Children aged 0-16 diagnosed with cancer undergo chemotherapy and radiotherapy through the unit. Children's high dependency needs are provided to the point of requiring invasive blood pressure monitoring or respiratory ventilation when they would require transfer to PICU.	G Level, East Wing Tel: 023 8120 4816
E1 Ocean Award	This is a 20 bedded ward with 4 designated high dependency beds. It provides a local and regional paediatric cardiology, cardiac and thoracic surgical service. Learning opportunities are available in all aspects of medical and surgical management of congenital and acquired paediatric cardiac conditions, care of acutely unwell children, new born babies and adolescents requiring transition to adult services.	E level, East Wing Tel: 023 8120 6470
PICU Paediatric Intensive Care Unit	The paediatric intensive care unit is a regional lead centre, providing critical care for critically ill children from local district general hospitals and tertiary referrals. The unit care for children from birth to 18 years and support the activities all medical and surgical specialities, including cardiac, neurological, spinal and neonatal surgery, and major trauma. The number of admissions places in the top 10 largest PICUs in the country.	D Level, Centre Block Tel: 023 8120 6972
COPD Children's Outpatient Department	The outpatient department is a busy department which sees over 36000 children a year. These children are requiring venesection, allergy testing, spirometry, asthma assessments, pre assessments, wound care, orthopaedic treatments and ophthalmology reviews.	C Level, Centre Block Tel: 023 8121 4075
Bursledon House	This is a specialised inpatient paediatric psychiatric unit providing assessment and treatment of serious chronic illness using holistic, medical and psychological models of treatment. The service provides an environment to support, care and manage children's physical, psychological, educational and social needs from ages 0-16 years.	Tremona Road Tel: 023 8120 6917

LEARNER INFORMATION

Work pattern (shifts, start and finish times)	Most areas do a mixture of long and short day patterns, including weekend and night work. Please check with your link nurse the shifts for your particular placement.
IT and resources	All clinical areas will have IT facilities to support students learning and practice.
Staff room / rest room facilities	Staff room in each ward area and the League of Friends on F Level.

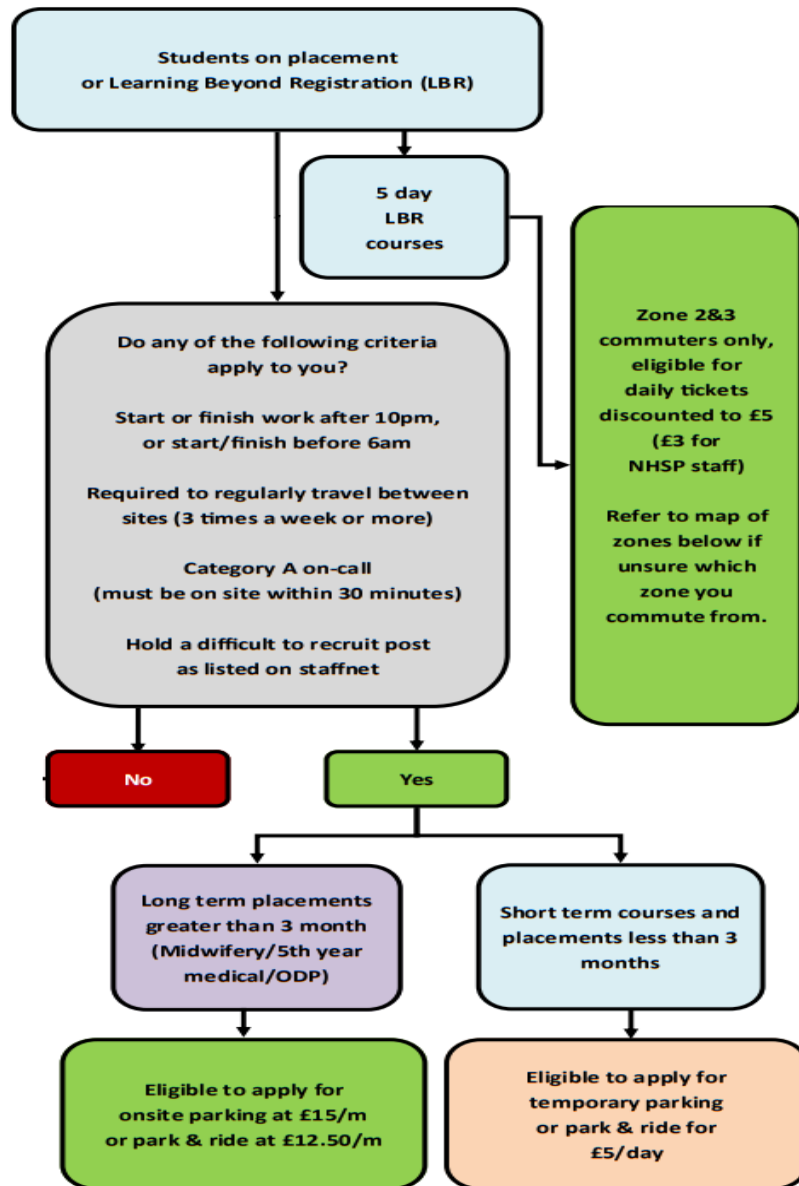
Common conditions and assessments	The Children's Hospital serves both the local population of Southampton and is a major regional referral centre for the south coast, Isle of Wight and Channel Islands. The type of conditions you may encounter will be largely dependant on the specialism of the ward, however, there is opportunity to visit different departments/areas or spend time with the specialist nurses or in clinics during your placement. Please ask your mentor for further information.
Common procedures and expertise	The use of the PEWS and recognition of a sick child is a key learning point to all placements. The Children's Hospital treats children with a variety of medical, surgical and orthopaedic conditions and across diverse specialist areas. As a student you will have opportunity to participate in a broad range of clinical skills and procedures. Many of the specialist areas are supported by Clinical Nurse Specialists who together with providing specialist levels of care also form an excellent educational resource for both families and staff alike.
Common prescribed medications	These are speciality specific. Your link nurse will be able to provide this in your local induction.
Glossary of terms	These are speciality specific. Your link nurse will be able to provide this in your local induction.
Abbreviations and short terms	These are speciality specific. Your link nurse will be able to provide this in your local induction.
Specific learning opportunities and multi professional working opportunities	The Children's hospital education team are available to support your learning. Most wards have a clinical facilitator who will work with the senior sisters and link student nurses to ensure you are exposed to learning and competency development. All children's areas are supported by children's specialist nurses. These are a rich resource to support learners. The team also has a simulation lead to provide simulated learning in the clinical setting. The children's outreach service also supports the clinical areas and will direct key clinical learning. All areas will have opportunities to experience working in difference team or setting, to observe procedures, case meeting, clinical decision making, surgical procedure and the development of clinical nursing competency. Students are welcomed to M&M meeting, Flash mob teaching, simulations and debriefing. You will have the opportunity to meet with the education team and your peers fortnightly at student forum. This is an opportunity to discuss your learning experience while you are on placement with us.
Recommended reading prior to placement	Glasper EA and Richardson J. (2006). Textbook of children and Young Peoples Nursing people's nursing. Churchill Livingstone PIER Wessex https://www.piernetwork.org/

APPEARANCE

REQUIRED STANDARD	RATIONALE
Clothes/designated uniform: All clothes/uniform should be smart and in good repair. 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.	Professional appearance. Health and safety regulations
Hair: 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	Potential for wound contamination from loose hair. Providing hair is clean and tidy the risk of dispersal is minimal. When hair is touched micro-

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.	organisms on the hands will transfer to the hair and from hair to hands, potentially increasing risk of infection to staff.
Fingernails: 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.
Jewellery: Rings: Only one plain metal band ring may be worn. Watches: No wristwatches are to be worn in any clinical environment. Necklaces: 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
Piercings: Earrings: 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
ID Badge: Trust ID Badges must be worn at all times in a clearly visible	To conform to Trust Security Policy
Footwear: 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 wearing scrubs may wear white/black shoes/clogs or 'crops' (without holes). Theatre footwear may be of various colours. Footwear for ward staff should be soft soled to reduce the level of noise. In some areas protective footwear must be worn (as detailed in local policies).	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. It cannot be decontaminated, and/or does not provide adequate protection from spillages and dropped equipment Health and Safety statutory requirement.
Belts/Epaulettes: Belts should not be worn when involved in direct patient 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.
Tights/Stockings/Socks: 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.
Designated uniform: 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.
Makeup and Perfume: Discreet makeup may be worn. Perfume and aftershaves must be subtle	To promote a professional appearance. For patient and colleagues comfort.
Additional garments e.g. fleece/cardigan: 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 but must be removed if direct patient care is involved.	Reduces the risk of cross-infection
Personal Hygiene: 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

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