

Student Placement information

Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit (Neuro ICU), Level 1 West-Wing, JR

- If you have been given the fantastic opportunity to work on Neuro ICU please contact the unit on **01865 234918** as soon as possible. From this call we will be able to arrange with you an orientation meeting with one of our Clinical Educators. The best time to call is between 9.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday.
- On Neuro ICU we specialise in the care of patients following brain injury, elective brain surgery and also some post-operative plastic and Ear Nose and Throat surgery from 16+ years of age. Patient stays can vary from one night to multiple months. Patients predominantly come to us for close 1:1 nursing observation, Blood Pressure support or mechanical ventilation.
- It is because of the nature of ICU patient illness and requirements this placement offers a great opportunity to learn the anatomy of all organs, pathophysiology of conditions, enhanced team working skills, independent practice and multidisciplinary decision-making on a daily basis.

Interdisciplinary learning

There are additional SPOKE and learning opportunities to participate in whilst working on Neuro ICU. They include:

- Observing brain surgery and Neuro-Radiological interventions
- Spending shifts on the Neurology or Neurosurgery wards or with our multiple specialist nurses
- Specialist nurses of interest here maybe the subarachnoid hemorrhage nurse, neuro-oncology nurse, traumatic brain injury nurse or organ donation nurse
- There are also enhanced opportunities to care for invasive lines, invasive monitoring and also assist in invasive procedures at the bedside such as intubation / extubation, wound care and tracheostomy insertion and management
- All these experiences can be arranged for you when you come to the unit by the PE team who are on from Monday to Friday weekly to support you

Useful reading for the placement

When you start on Neuro ICU we will be able to provide you with access to our own resources folder which will hold multiple reading materials and local policy. You will also be given your own resources pack to work through.

In the meantime, you may want to scan over the following web-based resources to help you prepare:

- 1) [Intensive Care resources](#)
- 2) [Head Injury Guidelines](#)
- 3) [Intensive Care Society](#)
- 4) OUH intranet: OUH / A-Z / Adult intensive care / Resources.