

Student Placement information

Theatres, Horton General Hospital

Please make contact with the placement as soon as possible.

Theatre Reception: **01295 229334**

Theatre Education office: **01295 229317**

(Monday to Friday 08:00 - 16:00)

Key named person to contact

Charlotte Merriman – Practice Development Nurse

Information about the placement

Horton Theatres is staffed by operating department practitioners (ODP), nurses and healthcare support workers. The department also has porters and housekeeping support.

ODPs and nursing staff are collectively known as Theatre Practitioners. The medical staff are mainly anaesthetists and surgeons. However as a teaching hospital we do have regular visitors to the unit in the form of medical students and nursing students.

We comprise four theatres and a recovery bay. We perform a wide range of minor operations under the following specialties:

- Gynaecology
- Plastics
- Minor trauma
- Gastroenterology
- Colorectal
- Urology
- Breast
- Paediatric and special needs dental
- Ophthalmology
- Vascular access
- General
- Endocrinology
- Upper GI
- Maxillofacial

Key learning opportunities during the placement

- Consent
- WHO checklists
- A-E assessments
- Airway management
- Scrub
- Swab counts
- Anaesthetics
- Recovery
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Audits

Suggested spoke placements

- Outpatients, where patients see their clinician and they have a consultation and relevant care is prescribed
- TSSU – disinfection and sterilising of equipment
- Pre-operative Assessment
- Day Case Unit
- F ward
- Paediatrics
- Radiology

Typical shift patterns

Monday to Friday 08:00 - 19:00 / 08:00 - 20:00

Interdisciplinary learning

- ODPs
- Anaesthetists
- Surgeons
- Assistant Practitioners
- Nursing Associate Trainees
- Radiographers

Local education programmes

SuWOn student academy