

Theatres, Horton General Hospital

Horton Theatres has four theatres and five recovery beds in the Day Surgery Unit. We see a wide variety of specialties and our patient population comprises both adults and children.

Theatres are staffed by operating department practitioners (ODP), nurses, nursing associates and healthcare support workers. The department also has porters and housekeeping support. The medical staff are mainly anaesthetists and surgeons.

We promote and maintain a safe environment through effective risk management, whilst maintaining our own professional development and skills through education and training. Our practice is evidence-based and evaluated while being reflected upon in practice.

We strive to sustain an awareness of ethical and legal issues while maintaining a high standard of care in line with local and Trust policies, ensuring high quality care for all.

We aim to ensure a safe and clean environment through regular auditing and monitoring, sharing of results and improving targets.

Specialties we provide

- General / Gastroenterology
- Gynaecology
- Urology
- Colorectal / Proctology
- Paediatric Surgery: Plastics, Orthopaedics, General, Urology
- Minor Trauma
- Community Dentals: Paediatrics and special needs
- Ophthalmology
- Endocrinology
- Maxillofacial
- ENT

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Please make contact with the department as soon as possible.

Location

Theatres is on the main corridor within the Horton Hospital. Please follow signs or ask at reception.

Key learning opportunities

- Anaesthetics
- Scrubs / Instrumentation
- Recovery
- Surgery: Anatomy and Physiology
- Airway Management
- Consent
- WHO Surgical Checklist
- Swab Count Policy
- Audits

Suggested spoke placements

- Outpatients, where patients will see their clinician and have a consultation and relevant care is prescribed
- TSSU (disinfection and sterilisation of equipment)
- Pre-operative Assessment
- Day Case Unit
- F ward (Trauma Unit)
- Paediatrics
- Radiology

Typical shift patterns

Monday to Friday

08:00 - 18:00

08:00 - 19:00

08:00 - 20:00

Interdisciplinary learning

- Operating Department Practitioners
- Nursing
- Anaesthetic trainees
- Medical students
- Assistant Practitioners

- Nursing Associate Trainees
- Radiographers

Useful reading for the placement

- Care of the Patient in Surgery – Jane C Rothrick
- Introduction to Anaesthesia – P Greig and N Crabtree
- AfPP in your pocket – Second Edition the Association for Perioperative Practice