

Obstetric Student Placement information

Women's Centre Theatres

The Women's Centre Theatres department has five theatres divided over two floors, covering two different specialties. We can also cover general surgery.

The specialties that we cover:

- Gynaecology
- Uro-gynaecology
- Obstetrics
- General surgery

Please make contact three weeks prior to the start of the placement

Key named people to contact

- Kim Lovegrove, Practice Educator kim.lovegrove@ouh.nhs.uk
- Tina Odgers, Scrub Clinical Facilitator tina.odgers@ouh.nhs.uk
- Alison Goulden, Anaesthetic & Recovery Clinical Facilitator alison.gouldenmontesinos@ouh.nhs.uk

Key members of staff:

- Matron – Theresa Lowry
- Theatre Manager – Kay Adair
- Clinical Facilitators – Tina Odgers (Scrub) Alison Goulden Montesinos (A&R)

Brief description of the area

The staff working in theatres are RGN or ODP (Operating Department Practitioners) and work either as Scrub Practitioners or Anesthetic and Recovery Practitioners.

During your placement you will get the opportunity to work in the elective obstetric theatre and also the emergency obstetric theatre.

Within the Theatre team you will work alongside Surgeons and Anesthetists of all levels, RGN, Theatre Support Workers, Nursing students, ODP students, Midwives, Midwifery Students, Cell Savage team, Operating Department Orderlies. There are a lot of learning opportunities!

A pre-placement visit is recommended.

The learning opportunities are very varied and dependent on which area you are placed in.

For example:

- **Anaesthetics** will teach you how to perform airway maintenance maneuvers, understand the pharmacology behind anaesthesia and increase your knowledge of invasive lines and monitors
- **Recovery**: complete A-E assessments, assess patients' pain requirements, ABG analysis, fluid management plus more, dependent on the type of surgery
- **Scrub** will increase your knowledge of anatomy and physiology alongside developing your aseptic technique skills into a full surgical scrub

Typical shift patterns

- Elective Theatre 08:00 - 18:00
- Recovery 08:00 - 19:30
- Emergency Theatre 07:30 - 20:00

Weekend shifts are rare.

Local education programmes

Perioperative New Starters Induction Day – runs every month and focus on the basics of Theatres

S&O Student School

Back to Basics – Anaesthetic and Scrub sessions run by the Education Team on a variety of topics relevant to theatres.

It would be beneficial for your obstetric placement if you read about obstetric anaesthesia and dual life.