ACUTE MEDICINE ROTATION PROGRAMME

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The aim of the rotation programme is to give wider exposure to a range of clinical specialities, to enhance professional development and to build on skills and knowledge in a dynamic and supportive environment.

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|  | **QUESTION** | **INFORMATION** **REQUIRED** |
| A1 | Name of Band 5 Nurse rotation and is the rotation running at present? | Acute Medicine Rotation |
| A2 | How long has it been established? | This is a new opportunity for Nurses who would like to experience some variety within Acute Medicine and Senior Health. |
| A3 | Who administers / manages the rotation and what does this involve? | The Senior Nurse for Recruitment and Retention and Practice Educators will administer and manage the Rotation but the placement ward manager will manage rotation nurses as normal. |
| A4 | Name of wards/depts./areas included in the rotation | Amyand, Allingham, Heberden, Richmond, Cavell, Marnham and Rodney Smith. |
| A5 | What is the length of each rotation? | 18 month Rotation Programme. Staff will be expected to rotate between 3 wards over the period. They will spend 6 months on each ward. |
| A6 | What is included in the rotation? i.e. induction, study days, courses, internal tuition? | Trust Induction Nurse InductionPreceptorship programme Basic trust competenciesBand 5 Development Programme IV Study DayVenepuncture and Cannulation |
| A7 | What do the participants receive on completion of the rotation?i.e. badge / certificate / APEL points / nothing? | Staff will be guaranteed a B5 staff nurse post within medicine.Staff will also get a certificate and a St Georges Values Badge. |

**Rotation Pathways**

During your rotation programme your placements will include

1 X acute medicine ward

1 X general medicine / specialist medicine ward

1 x Senior health ward

**Our Wards**

**Allingham Ward** provides a specialist service to patients with a range of gastroenterology conditions, including luminal gastroenterology, hepatology and hepatobiliary and pancreatic disease. The department of Gastroenterology offers a comprehensive range of diagnostic procedures and specialist clinics and you will have the opportunity to shadow specialist nurses supporting the area including the viral hepatitis CNS, alcohol liaison nurses and nutrition nurses.

**Cavell** is a 28 bedded ward providing care for patients with a variety of acute medical conditions requiring short term care. Most of our patients are admitted from Accident and Emergency and the Acute Medical Unit.

**Heberden** is a 24 bedded Senior Health Ward, specialising in caring for patients with Dementia, Delirium, Palliative care needs and acute medical conditions. We achieved 'The Quality Mark for Elder– friendly wards' in recognition of our commitment to delivering and improving excellent quality care to older people. Only twenty five other wards nationwide are currently recognised this way.

**Marnham** ward is a 28 bed acute respiratory ward caring for level 1 and 2 patients. Nurses will gain experience in caring for patients with non-invasive ventilation, CPAP, Optiflow and Tracheostomies.

**Richmond** is a 58 bedded Acute Medical unit incorporating an 8 bedded Acute Dependency Unit and a Consultant Led Ambulatory Assessment Unit/Clinic area. We care for patients with acute medical conditions and those requiring high dependency nursing care in a fast turnover environment.

**Rodney Smith** is a 28 bedded general medical ward specialising in diabetes, endocrine disorders and senior health. We work closely with the Vascular Team, Diabetic Foot Clinic and Diabetic Specialist Nurses. We nurse patients when surgical intervention is required so you will gain some exposure to pre and post-surgical care. We also take step down patients from ITU.

**Amyand** is a 32 bedded ward which specialises in short term admission for acute senior health patients with an average length of stay of 10 days or less. The ward also accommodates Rheumatology and Lymphodema patients.

**Terms of Contract:**

1. A minimum of nine nurses are required for the successful running of this rotation programme.

2. Participants should agree to complete their 18 months rotation on their allocated three wards.

3. Participants will be spending 6 months on each ward unless there are any performance management issues, in which case, they will continue on the same ward until issues are resolved/end of rotation programme.

4. Participants must complete the Basic Trust Competency book within the first six months.

**Band 5 Development Pathway**

Trust Induction

Nurse Induction

Blood glucose monitoring training

4-day preceptee training programme

IV drug administration

theory, test & study day

Band 5 development programme (5Days)

Complete Basic Trust Competencies (6 months)

Venepuncture & Cannulation course

Preceptor training (to become a preceptor)

Take up a link nurse role

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