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MATERNITY A

HANDBOOK FOR STUDENT MIDWIVES



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To Maternity A

We are very happy to welcome you to Maternity A. We hope to make your time here as enjoyable and informative as we possibly can and all our staff are ready and willing to help with anything you may need.

Maternity A is the antenatal ward; the ward currently consists of 4 x 4 bedded bays and 4 side rooms. It is staffed by midwives, health care assistants and ward clerks to police the doors and coordinate visiting. Each morning there is an obstetric ward round, with multidisciplinary input as required. Maternity A is where all antenatal admissions >16/40 are cared for. These women include;

- Induction of labour (both inpatient and outpatient induction of labour offered)
- Hypertensive women
- PV bleeds
- Diabetic pregnant women
- Unwell women in the antenatal period
- Other pregnancy related complications

Admissions to maternity A are generated through Maternity Triage, Antenatal clinic, and via GP referral

What to Expect

When you first arrive on the ward

Buzz to get in through Maternity A on the first floor. You will be shown where to get changed, put your bags and where handover takes place. Handover normally takes around half an hour and then the shift leader will allocate you a caseload.

Tasks you will be involved in / will observe

- Antenatal checks
- Perform and interpret observations.
- Administration of various medications.
- Caring for women booked for induction of labour.
- CTG interpretation
- Providing support and advice to families.
- Vaginal examinations.
- High risk antenatal care i.e hypertensive disorders, diabetes, placenta previa, obstetric cholestasis
- Administration of and monitoring of sliding scales.
- Taking bloods and interpreting results.
- Performing discharges - giving information, supplying meds and completing documentation.
- Documenting all actions on Badgernet -our paperless system.
- Working with all members of the multidisciplinary team.
- Assisting with the running of the ward, ie changing beds, helping with dinners, refreshments etc
- SBAR handovers

Our Team

How to recognise members of the multidisciplinary team



**LAUREN
DAWSON**

Maty A manager



MIDWIVES

Blue and red uniform



**MATERNITY SUPPORT
WORKERS /
HEALTHCARE
ASSISTANTS**

Light green uniform



DOCTORS

May wear blue or grey
scrubs



CONSULTANTS

Green Scrubs



NURSERY NURSE

Green Uniform



HOUSEKEEPER

Red uniform



WARD CLERK

Printed Blouse



DOMESTICS

Purple uniform

Important Numbers

To Bleep: 66 -> number you want -> your number

2222

Emergency bleep - clearly state your location and the nature of the emergency

4000

On call Obstetric SHO

4001

On call Obstetric Registrar

2939

On call Neonatal SHO

6667

On call Neonatal Registrar

52-4959

Ward number

52-4448

Lauren Dawsons office

Guidelines and Policies

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT POLICIES
AND GUIDELINES - THESE CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THE INTRANET ON
HERITAGE**

The most relevant guidelines to look for are:

- [Antenatal care](#)
- [Antenatal fetal heart rate monitoring including computerised CTG](#)
- [Labour](#)
- [Pre eclampsia and eclampsia](#)
- [Maternity early warning score and detection of the severely ill woman](#)
- [VTE prevention - maternity](#)
- [Perinatal mental health](#)
- [Prelabour rupture of membranes](#)
- [Intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy](#)
- [Antepartum Haemorrhage](#)
- [Diabetes - screening and management of gestational and pre existing diabetes - maternity](#)
- [Induction of labour](#)
- [Prelabour rupture of membranes](#)
- [Nausea and vomiting in pregnancy and hyperemesis gravidarum](#)
- [Antenatal corticosteroids](#)
- [Maternity - diabetes: blood glucose management in women requiring antenatal corticosteroids](#)

This list is not exhaustive and time should be spent familiarising yourself with all guidelines

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU SOON**