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The Hospitals

The Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley District General Hospital are located in central Lancashire, close to both city and countryside. There are good motorway links and they are both within an hour's drive of Manchester, Liverpool, the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and the Lancashire coast.

LTHTR are one of the largest trusts in the Country, providing district general hospital services to people in Preston and Chorley and specialist care (Neurology, Neurosurgery, Burns and Plastics, Major Trauma, Vascular, Oncology and Renal Medicine) to 1.5m people across Lancashire and South Cumbria. The Trust also hosts the NIHR Lancashire Clinical Research Facility which provides a unique combination of both mental and physical health research expertise and prioritises trials relating to cancer, neurosciences and dementia.

At Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust our aim is to always provide excellent care with compassion to deliver the highest quality of care our patients deserve. We value the personal skills, experiences and qualities that individuals bring to the Trust; creating an inclusive working environment to attract talented people who feel motivated, involved and able to influence the future direction of our services. The wellbeing of staff is important to us; we have a dedicated Health and Wellbeing team who provide support on a range of topics, run fitness classes and organise mindfulness sessions. As an employer we have earned a reputation for focusing on the development of our staff and for being an organisation people are proud to work for.

The Pharmacy Department

The Pharmacy department at LTHTR has over 180 staff including prescribing pharmacists, clinical pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy assistants, clerical staff and trainee pharmacists and pre-registration technicians. The service operates seven days a week providing dispensing services, pharmaceutical procurement/distribution and a clinical ward based service to all areas.

Pharmacy Patient Services is supported by Preston Pharmaceuticals which is an NHS licenced pharmacy manufacturing unit incorporating non-sterile manufacturing, a radio pharmacy and a large aseptic unit, providing a comprehensive range of services to the Trust and other hospitals in the Northwest.

The Training Programme

The trainee pharmacist training programme is delivered across the two hospital sites; Preston (a large specialist hospital) and Chorley (a smaller district general hospital). The structured rotational training programme consists of clinical pharmacy, automated dispensary services, clinical trials, mental health, non-sterile manufacturing, radiopharmaceuticals, aseptic and pharmacy procurement. The programme also includes comprehensive accuracy checking and medicines management training programmes. Clinical pharmacy training is provided across all clinical areas including medicine, surgery, neurology, paediatrics, burns and plastics, renal and oncology using set clinical objectives. During this training, set medicines management competencies must be achieved to enable the trainee to support pharmacy services operationally whilst under the supervision of a pharmacist. This provides experience the trainee will utilise and rely on after registration. There is a strong focus on education and training; the programme contains specialist training sessions on specific clinical subjects plus participation in the Regional Study Days. There are also opportunities to teach both medical students and pharmacy undergraduates. Cross Sector Experience in Community Pharmacy, Mental Health Services and GP practice is supported. The trainee pharmacists will form part of the pharmacy team contributing to and supporting the department agenda and transformation plans.

Further Information

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