

Learning Environment



Surgical Unit CDH Rotation Learner Booklet

Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome you to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LTHTR). Incorporated on the 1st of April 2005, LTHTR was the first trust in the county to be awarded “Teaching Hospitals” status.

We have created this pack as a useful resource to help you to settle in with us. The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with information to help you on your learning environment.

About LTHTR

We have three equally important strategic aims:

- To provide outstanding and sustainable healthcare to our local communities
- To offer a range of high-quality specialist services to patients in Lancashire and South Cumbria
- To drive health innovation through world class education, training and research

We provide a range of Hospital based health services for adults and children and cover a range of specialities. These include cancer services such as radiotherapy, drug therapies and surgery, disablement services such as artificial limbs and wheelchair provision. Other specialities include vascular, major trauma, renal, neurosurgery and neurology including brain surgery and nervous system diseases.

Our five core values:

- Being caring and compassionate
- Recognising individuality
- Seeking to involve
- Building team spirit
- Taking personal responsibility



We deliver care and treatment from three main facilities:

- Royal Preston Hospital
- Chorley and South Ribble Hospital
- Specialist Mobility and Rehabilitation Centre, Preston

In relation to car parking, please refer to your Induction to the Trust, for information regarding car parking. Additional information can be found on our Intranet page.

<https://legacy-intranet.lthtr.nhs.uk/car-parking-documents>



Learning Environment

We would like to welcome you to your learning environment.

On the surgical rotation placement, you will spend time on; the surgical enhanced care unit (SECU), Sellers ward and Longton day case (LDCU) with the opportunity to go on spoke placements relating to the area. You will receive an orientation to the unit on your first day by members of staff.

SECU – elective surgery – both general and orthopaedic. For level 1.5 – 2 inpatients. Patients have more complex needs that may be hard to manage on the ward, but do not require ICU level care.

Sellers Ward – elective inpatient general surgery. specialities: Upper GI, breast, urology, plastics, vascular, dentistry, ENT, colorectal.

Longton day-case unit- urology day case/clinics

Shift times

SECU: Long day 0700 -1930

Night 1900 – 0700

Sellers: Long day 0730 – 2000

Night 1930 – 0800

LDCU: 0800 – 1700

Option to stay from 0800 – 2000 if finishing rest of hours on sellers

Contact numbers

SECU: 01257 245506/01257 245414

Sellers: 01257 245179/01257 245408

LDCU: 01257 245721

Sickness policy

Please contact the ward and inform nurse in charge brief details for the reason of absence and advise how long you expect to be off. Please keep placement informed of how you are and when you will be returning to placement. You will also need to let your university know that you are off sick and email learner.absences@lthtr.nhs.uk

What to bring on your first day

You can wear clean uniform into work, but we kindly ask that you change into your own clothes when leaving shift (changing facilities provided on the ward).

We recommend that you bring enough food for a 12 hour shift (you will have x2 30min breaks, one in morning and one in afternoon). If working on LDCU you will have a 30 min break and finish at 5pm however can have the option to finish a 12-hour shift on Sellers ward.

There is fridge, microwave and tea and coffee available in all areas. Sellers and SECU share a staff room and Longton is further down corridor who share break room with Longton theatre staff.

Escalation of concerns

Please go to nurse in charge or your Practice Assessor. If feeling unable to speak to them then go to the line manager. You can also escalate concerns to the Clinical Placement Support Team, your Academic Assessors or Learner Support.

Commonly used medications

- Paracetamol
- Dihydrocodeine
- Diclofenac
- Cyclizine
- Ondansetron
- Metoclopramide
- Ibuprofen
- Clexane
- Dalteparin (fragmin)
- Trimethoprim
- Co-amoxiclav (augmentin)
- Oramorph

Learning opportunities/skills

- Holistic patient care
- Routine observations
- Injection technique
- Patient education
- Communication and computer skills
- Monitoring fluid intake/output
- Surgical admissions and discharges
- Medications (mostly specific to surgery)
- Wound care for numerous different procedures
- Catheter care (as well as bladder irrigation/bladder washouts)
- Drain care
- Working in MDT (pre-op, physio (chest, orthopaedic, breast), occupational therapy (OT) theatre staff, surgeons, anaesthetist, critical care outreach (CCOT))
- Recognising and treating deteriorating patients
- Management of arterial lines (specific to SECU)
- ECGs
- Venepuncture and cannulation
- A- E assessments and escalation/care of a deteriorating patient
- Spokes: theatres, breast care unit, CCOT, pre-op, physio and OT, Rawcliffe day case unit (RDCU).

Induction

The Local Induction process will take place throughout the first week of your placement.

This will comprise of:

- Trust and department orientation, including housekeeping information
- Location of emergency equipment
- IT access
- Reading & acknowledgement of Mandatory Trust policies such as Health & Safety, Fire Safety, Infection Control, Information Governance, Staff Code of Conduct, Social Networking and Dress Code policies.
- Adult Basic Life Support training if applicable
- Trust Moving & Handling Training if applicable
- COVID-related policies & procedure
- Orientation
- Professional voice: - freedom to speak up, datix, chain of command, open door policy
- An awareness of our Educational Governance Team- evaluation and importance of feedback
- Inter-professional Learning Sessions
- Practice Assessment Record and Evaluation (PARE) training, if applicable
- Collaborative Learning in Practice (CLiP™), if applicable
- How the role of Practice Development Facilitator can support you, where applicable



What to bring on your first day

- Uniform: All other items in the dress code policy must be adhered to <https://legacy-intranet.lthtr.nhs.uk/search?term=uniform+policy>
- A smallish bag which would fit into a small locker.
- You may wish to bring a packed lunch and a drink on your first day.

Inter-professional Learning Sessions and eLearning Resources

At our Trust, our Education Team facilitates a yearly programme of Inter-professional Learning (IPL) sessions. This programme consists of various teaching sessions, delivered by our Specialist Teams, to support and enhance our learners and trainees' learning experience with us.

Inter-professional learning is an important part of your development and allows you to build professional relationships and communication skills with the wider multi-disciplinary teams. Our IPL sessions are valuable in supporting you to stretch your knowledge and experiences to enhance your clinical practice. They also help bridge the gap between theory and practice, allowing you to hold a deeper understanding of the topics discussed. Our sessions are open for all learners and trainees on placement at our Trust to attend and these learning opportunities are an extension to your learning environment; therefore, these hours need to be recorded on your timesheets. We encourage our staff to facilitate enabling a learner/trainee to attend these sessions.

Please note: You must inform your learning environment prior to attending a session. These IPL sessions need to be discussed in a timely manner with your learning environment.

You are required to complete a reflection on each of your IPL sessions, as well as documenting on your HEI documentation what you have learnt and how this relates to your current placement.

You can book onto our IPL Sessions by accessing this link <https://elearning.lthtr.nhs.uk/login/index.php> and searching for 'IPL'.

You can access our policies and procedures via our Intranet page, which will help expand and stretch your knowledge.

Support with evidencing your learning outcomes or proficiencies

We encourage you to use the Trust learning logs to collate and evidence your skills, knowledge and abilities achieved. You can then present your completed learning logs to your Practice Assessor/Educator during your assessment meetings. Any staff member who is involved in coaching you can complete your learning log feedback.

You can request time during your placement hours to complete these and request feedback prior to the shift ending. To obtain a copy of our learning logs, please visit our Health Academy Webpage on the link below, where you will see a copy of our CLiP™ Learning Log available for you to download, on the right hand side - <https://healthacademy.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/support/clinical-placement-support/collaborative-learning-in-practice-clip/>

Chain of Command

Keeping patients safe, providing the best care that we can and learning in an environment where you feel safe and valued is important to us. Speaking up about any concern you have on your learning environment is also important. In fact, it's vital because it will help us to keep improving our services for all patients.

There may be occasions where we witness, experience or are asked to do something that causes us concern. Often, these concerns can be easily resolved, but sometimes it can be difficult to know what to do.

Our Clinical Placement Support Team are available Monday – Friday, 8.00am – 4.00pm should you need to contact them in relation to any concerns regarding your learning environment. If your concern relates to patient safety and/or your concerns are outside of these hours, please follow the chain of command in your learning environment and speak with the person in charge.

Please visit our Freedom to Speak Up page on the Intranet for more details.



We value your feedback

Our Trust values your feedback. To continuously improve, we offer opportunities for our learners and trainees to provide feedback regarding both your learner experience and your learning environment. We would encourage you to kindly complete your end of placement evaluation, within your clinical hours.

We will keep you updated with the improvements that we make based on the feedback you provide us with.

Learning Environment Improvement Forum

Our Learning Environment Improvement Forum began in November 2021, with key stakeholders attending; Learners, Trainees, Clinical Staff, Education Leads and our Nursing Directorate. Monthly meetings are held to share new and innovative ideas as to how we can collaboratively enhance our learning environments, to support both learners, trainees and staff.

All attendees at the Learning Environment Improvement Forums contribute their suggestions and guidance on our projects. Collaboratively, exciting improvements are implemented to enhance our learning environments.

Innovative changes made by our Learning Environment Improvement Forum, within Academic Year 2021-2022;

- NEW Learner Boards designed and placed on our learning environments
- Learner booklets made available on our Health Academy webpage to prepare our learners and trainees for their clinical placements, as suggested by our learners and trainees
- PARE and CLiP™ training embedded into our Learner and Trainee Inductions
- Quick Reference Guide designed and created to welcome our learners and trainees to the Trust and prepare them for their clinical placements

We welcome any of our staff, learners and trainees at the Trust to attend our Learner Environment Improvement Forums, to contribute your ideas and suggestions for our new and innovative projects. You can join via the E-Learning Portal - <https://elearning.lthtr.nhs.uk> and going to Courses, then selecting the tab 'Inter Professional Learning', where you will see our forum listed.