

Ward 5

Ward 5 is a 26 bedded Respiratory ward which includes an NIV unit of 4 beds.

The ward cares for patients who have all types of respiratory failure but have a dedicated Non Invasive Ventilation unit

The ward operates team nursing with a nurse to patient ratio of 7:1 and 1:4 within the Niv unit and 2 HCA all shifts

The ward also has a supervisory Ward Sister to facilitate nursing 'the right patients, in the right place, at the right time.' Also to facilitate the support, training and supervision of all members of staff.

As a trained member of staff on the ward you will receive training to become competent in:

- Setting up and managing patients on NIV
- IV administration of medication
- Nebuliser care and teaching to patients
- Administration of Oxygen therapy
- Administration of High flow oxygen
- Advanced discharge planning
- Care of patient how have chest drains

As a Healthcare Assistant on the ward you will:

- Assist staff nurses in providing care for patient receiving NIV therapy
- Attend course on venepuncture and actively use this skill on the ward in the absence of a doctor or nurse
- Become competent in observation skill on a patient
- Actively lead within a link nurse role on the ward
- Attend the HCA course
- Escorting patients to other departments

All members of staff on the ward receive mandatory Trust training every year and there are a wide range of e-learning modules for all staff to complete. All members of staff receive an annual PDR & PDP. All members of staff also have the opportunity to take on a link nurse role in an area of practice in which they are interested.

Our aim is to create Gold standards of care for every patient through the 6Cs:

- Care – Caring is what you should be about. You must be committed to helping patients through every stage of their illness / treatment.
- Compassion – You must be empathetic and able to treat patients with respect and dignity when delivering their care.
- Competence – You must be willing to participate in education and training to enable you to deliver effective care and treatments.
- Communication – You must possess excellent communication and listening skills.
- Courage – You must be able to welcome change and new ways of working to benefit our patients.
- Commitment – By being committed to your work you will ensure patients receive excellent care and experiences of our health care service.

