

## Minor Injury Unit

The Minor Injury Unit is a 24hr nurse led unit

The department treats approximately 23,000 new patients a year.

Staffing consists of Emergency Nurse Practitioners and Healthcare Support Workers. The unit operates with a skill mix of 70/30 trained to untrained staff

We treat patients with sprain and strains, lacerations and burns, simple eye conditions, plaster problems and various assorted conditions

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

Safely examining, diagnosing and discharging patients who present to the department

Ordering and interpreting x-rays

Application of plaster casts

Administering ring blocks

Suturing and assorted wound closure techniques

Undertaking ECG

Administering medication and TTOs under PGDs

Manual handling

Liaising with the multi disciplinary team

As a Healthcare Assistant on the ward you will:

- Apply plaster casts
- Undertake basic observations
- Apply simple dressings
- Undertake wound closure with skin adhesive or steristrips
- Undertake ECGs
- Manual handling

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.

