

## Laurel 1/ CCU

Laurel 1 is an acute cardiology unit comprising 8 CCU beds providing level 2 care, to complex cardiac patients including those requiring CPAP, inotropic support and IABP therapy. We also have 19 cardiology beds providing step down care and monitoring.

Six cardiology consultants are based on the ward. Admissions come predominantly from MAU (Medical Assessment Unit), step down from CCU, transfer from other wards, from Accident and Emergency and on occasions from Outpatient clinics or from other hospitals.

We are a united team with a common goal, to provide a considerate, efficient and effective service.

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

- IV therapy (including the use of PICC lines and Central Venous Catheters)
- Venepuncture and cannulation
- CPAP & High-Flow Oxygen Therapy
- Inotropes, IABP and invasive monitoring
- Phone triage of paramedic calls for Chest pain and suspected AMI
- We have cardiology study days and a specific cardiology preceptorship programme and related competency framework
- We support a number of courses at both degree and Masters level

As a Healthcare Assistant on the ward you will:

- Receive training to carry out patient observations and calculations of PARS
- Attend a HCA training programme
- Receive IT training in conjunction with the trust's IT systems
- Receive training to carry out venepuncture

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.

