

Riverbank is a 35 bedded General Paediatric Ward.

The ward cares for patients aged 0-17 years and includes Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Oncology and Mental Health patients.

The ward operates with a nurse to patient ratio on average of 1:4 depending on patient acuity, with a HCA being allocated to each shift.

The ward also has a Ward Sister 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:

- IV therapy including Central Venous lines
- Safeguarding Children
- Paediatric Immediate Life Support/European Paediatric Life Support
- Diabetes care
- CPAP administration
- The Trust's IT systems

You may also receive training if interested in the following:

- Venepuncture & Cannulation
- High Dependency Nursing
- Mentorship for Assessment
- Oncology

As a Healthcare Assistant on the ward you will:

- Attend a HCA training programme (Care certificate course)
- Receive training in carrying out patient observations and calculations of PEWS
- Receive IT training in conjunction with the Trust's IT systems

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 6 C's:

- 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.

