

## West Suffolk Hospital

Welcome to the department of Anaesthesia at the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds. We are a friendly and forward-looking department which has a very good reputation in teaching and training. The department offers a wide range of training opportunities across the site.

The West Suffolk Hospital is a vibrant, friendly and accessible hospital set in a parkland site on the edge of Bury St Edmunds. It has around 430 beds open at any one time and serves a population of around 275,000 within area of approximately 600 square miles.

Our surgical services include ENT, general including upper GI, colorectal and breast, gynaecology, dental, plastics, orthopaedics both upper and lower limb, trauma, and urology. We provide a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week consultant led service, providing elective and emergency cover, alongside obstetrics and the critical care unit.

We have 13 operating theatres across the site, plus currently are using the BMI hospital for some elective work:

- Main theatres including emergency and obstetric theatres (8 theatres)
- Day Surgery Unit (DSU) (3 theatres)
- Eye Treatment Centre (ETC) (2 theatres)
- BMI (1 theatre)
  
- We also provide anaesthesia for:
  - ECT in the Wedgewood unit on site
  - Radiology for CT scans
  - Endoscopy
  - Lines under sedation

We have a Pre-Operative Assessment (POA) unit which aims to see all patients pre-operatively. Patients are triaged into nurse- or doctor-led clinics for review and pre-admission paperwork. There is the opportunity to attend these clinics and complete your peri-operative medicine module.

There are also high-risk obstetric clinics which run twice a month on Mondays and Fridays. If you have an interest in obstetrics, or are completing an obstetric module there is the opportunity to attend.

Other outpatient clinics include post-critical care follow up and pain.

The department is located on the first floor next to the Critical Care unit. The secretaries for anaesthesia are here, along with an on-call room and the seminar/trainees room.

The department currently has 32 consultants, 6 trust doctors, MTI's, ST5/6 registrars and core trainees including 6-8 novices in ICM and anaesthesia.

We have weekly in-house teaching sessions in preparation for the primary FRCA, and regional teaching which trainees are encouraged to attend. We have a very good primary FRCA pass rate.

Bury St Edmunds is a great place to live. It is the home of Saint Edmund – the original patron saint of England! It is surrounded by stunning countryside, offers award winning food and drink (the only Michelin starred restaurant in Suffolk!), is home to Greene king and the Sugar Beet factory, and has regular farmers markets and annual Christmas markets to explore. St Edmundsbury Cathedral stands among the ruins of the Abbey in the stunning abbey gardens, once the most famous pilgrimage location in England!

***We hope you make the most of your stay here and achieve your full potential.***

