

North West Anglia NHS FT

Peterborough City Hospital



Peterborough City Hospital (PCH) is a state of the Art, purpose built hospital, and one of the top-ten largest District General Hospitals in the country. It attracts a wealth of experience for trainees: it has 635 inpatient beds, 18 Operating theatres, a large ICU (with a dependency level capacity of 12) and an exceptionally busy Maternity unit with 5000 + deliveries a year.

It is an Acute Teaching Hospital, a Trauma Unit and part of the North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, serving

Peterborough, Huntingdon (Hinchingbrooke Hospital), Stamford (Stamford and Rutland Hospital) and surrounding areas.

Peterborough is well placed in terms of road links via the A1 and A14, and it is easily accessible from London and Cambridge. It benefits from excellent rail links, being only 45 minutes from London by train. For the active members of our community, the record time by bike from the hospital to Peterborough train station is allegedly 14 minutes (unconfirmed). There are lockable bike lockers at Peterborough Station and at PCH with VIO e-bikes also available. It is close to the beautiful



Nene valley and the market town of Stamford (which won The Times “Best place to Live” in 2019).



The Anaesthetic department is made up of 46 Consultants and 33 trainees including 4 Clinical Fellows, 3 Trust Registrars and 1 Speciality Doctor. We pride ourselves in working closely with our Medical colleagues, with IMT and ED trainees working alongside us on ICU. Many of our incumbent Consultants were once trainees within the department and we have several notable members within our ranks. We have one active

FRCA examiner, Dr Coralie Carle; Dr Mark Stoker and Professor Richard Griffiths (recently retired, but frequent visitor) also participate in coaching FRCA Viva technique. Professor Griffiths was a Vice-President of the Association of Anaesthetists and he is still active in several National Steering groups. Dr Matt Davies (ICM) is the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland and President-Elect.





We provide trainees with experience in the Difficult Airway, TIVA and Anaesthesia for Children to name but a few. We offer a Management module for senior trainees and experience in Perioperative Medicine in our Consultant-led Anaesthesia Assessment Clinics. Fellowships are available in ICM and fellowships in Anaesthesia are being planned. There is a CESR lead for anyone wishing to pursue that pathway.

Our junior trainees have experienced significant success in the Primary FRCA and this has been aided by OSCE and Viva tutorials, weekly Primary FRCA teaching and Simulation training (led by Dr Subash Kandikattu - Airway, Dr Farhana Ismail – ALS, and Dr Kelly McDonnell – Obstetric Anaesthesia).

Trainees have access to a dedicated room with access to computers, pigeon holes, lockers and a large sofa. On call rooms are available.

Support for the whole department is in place in the form of a resident Clinical Psychologist, and our trainee body meets weekly with Dr Lynda Menadue (College Tutor) for lunch and cake in the Seminar Room. Lynda is the first port of call for study leave in the department. The well-oiled machine of our department is also aided by the efficient and much appreciated work of two secretaries: Gay Jackson (Rota Co-ordinator) and Helen Barron.



As a Department, we meet monthly for Clinical Governance meetings, and there is an active Audit network led by Dr Fero Slaninka. The Business Meeting convenes bi-monthly and is officiated over by Dr Brendan Pearmain (Chairman).



Socially, we are blessed by the tireless work of Dr Kate Barkshire (Social Secretary), Dr Emma Chan (Clinical Lead) and Dr Julie Naylor (Treasurer) who work to support our newly opened “Beverage Bay” in the department, and a large coffee room open to Consultants, trainees and visitors. We have frequent social events; most recently a multi-departmental party for the whole hospital and a departmental black tie dinner. By all intents and purposes we are a friendly and welcoming department.