



**Diagnostics Anaesthetics Theatre Critical Care  
Western General Hospital  
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## Perioperative Environment

The Theatre environment within the DATCC Directorate at the Western General Hospital comprises of three theatre suites. Main Theatre, Breast (Oncology), Outpatient Day Surgery, with associated Recovery Rooms and Day Bed Admission Suite for surgical service.

The theatre provides surgical intervention service for the following specialities Breast Oncology, Colorectal and Urology each under the umbrella of Professorial Academia and Research.

The perioperative departments are vibrant and enticing units to work. Delivery of surgical intervention is twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, with an out of hours on call emergency service known as CEPD.

You will be working within a multidisciplinary team as a perioperative practitioner (Registered Nurse, Operating Department Practitioner, Healthcare Support Worker)

In addition, as part of the perioperative team you will be given the opportunity to rotate through the specialities participating in new innovative surgical developments, gaining knowledge and experience in Robotic and Laser procedures and much more. The training and development of staff is fundamental for progression in a fast paced and ever-changing healthcare system.

Our priority is to deliver the highest quality assured care, to the vulnerable patient attending the department for a scheduled or emergency surgical procedure.

We employ nonregistered and registered practitioners. All are given the opportunity of a lifelong learning career pathway.

Each member of staff within the perioperative environment commences their learning with the fundamental foundation of our training. First by gaining knowledge and experience of assisting the patients through their perioperative journey, using the patients personal integrated care pathway.

Followed by a training program which incorporates the demographic areas of outlying services, e.g. Blood Bank, Microbiology, Pathology and Wellcome Trust. Not forgetting the essential core competencies such as, housekeeping, circulating, patient positioning and specimen handling etc. In addition, specialist competencies involving Surgical scrubbing, Anaesthetics and much more. All learning being conducive for personal development towards Lifelong Learning Career Pathway. Through this personal journey you will be guided and supported by the multidisciplinary team

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*The Department offers all levels of staff an education Life Long Learning Career Development Pathway. For all new employees this includes a three-month probationary period incorporating skill-based competencies.*

**This can lead to but is not limited to:**

- ***Future Development for HCSW***  
*National progression Award Level 2*  
*Progression Development Award Level 4*  
*HNC in Care & Administration Practice*  
*Operating Department Practitioner Courses*
- ***Professional Development for Registered Practitioners***  
*Newly Qualified Practitioner - Flying Start Program*  
*Perioperative Scrub & Circulating Course*  
*Anaesthetic Assistant Course*  
*Preparing to Lead and Manage*  
*Accredited Course- Clinical Decision Making*

## **Multi-Disciplinary Team at the Western General Hospital Team**

*General Manager*  
*Associate Nurse Director*  
*Clinical Service Manager*  
*Clinical Nurse Manager*  
*Professor M Dunlop - Colorectal Team*  
*Professor A McNeil - Urology Team*  
*Professor M Dixon - Oncology Team*  
*Anaesthetic's & Theatre - Clinical Leads*  
*Deputy Leads*  
*Robotic coordinator*  
*Surgical First Assistants*  
*Operating Department Practitioners*  
*RN, Anaesthetic Assistants*  
*RN, Scrub Practitioners*  
*RN, Recovery Practitioners*  
*P D A Level 4*  
*Health Care Support Workers*  
*Clinical Education Specialist Practitioner*