**NHS Lothian Critical Care Team Western General Hospital**

Exciting opportunities are available to join Critical Care at The Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. We have multiple Band 5 positions available for Registered Nurses and we are looking for passionate, caring, motivated people to join our highly skilled nursing teams.

We offer the opportunity to work with talented teams within multidisciplinary environments and impact positively on the lives of thousands of patients and their families.

Find out what our staff say about working in NHS Lothian at [https://careers.nhslothian.scot/acute-specialist-nurses/who-we-are/](#)

**What We Can Offer You**

We have a range of vacancies for experienced and newly qualified nurses to join our innovative and dynamic staff within the WGH Critical Care Team – providing you with the opportunity to gain a breadth of knowledge and exposure to multiple specialties.

**Roles**

* Critical Care Nurse Band 5
* Band 3 Senior HCSW
* Band 2 HCSW

**Salary**

* Band 5 Range £28,384 to £35,365 (pro rata) per annum
* Band 3 Range £ 23,914 to £25,808 (pro rata) per annum
* Band 2 range £21,814 - £23,820 (pro rata) per annum

**Benefits**

* A minimum of five weeks annual leave increasing with length of service
* A range of supportive employment policies including Flexible Working
* Full or part time hours considered
* We provide an extensive induction programme and excellent professional training and development opportunities.
* Access to the NHS Pension Scheme and Staff Benefits

Critical Care the Western General is delivered in Wards 20 and 52. Ward 52 is a 10 bedded surgical high dependency area for Level 1 and 2 patients. They receive an elective workload daily, post operatively, for Urological and Colorectal surgery, while also admitting unstable patients from the Surgical wards. The WGH Colorectal service is the largest in Europe using pioneering robotic surgical techniques to enhance patient recovery. This use of technology is also utilised in some Urological procedures also.

Ward 20 is a 10 bedded combined general Intensive Care and High Dependency unit. Post operative patients are also treated here with particular focus on the less stable, more complex cases who require Level 3 care. This includes surgical patients with combined input from Urology, Colorectal and often Gynaecology being routinely admitted to Ward 20 and 52. Acutely unwell emergency admissions are also taken from throughout the hospital from varying specialities.

The Western General is a leading hospital in the treatment of Cancer and Haematological conditions for the East of Scotland. State of the art car-T therapy will soon be delivered which requires elective admission to Critical Care as part of the treatment pathway. Admissions are supported from all the haematology and oncology wards.

A range of staff including a Clinical Support Worker, a Newly Qualified Band 5 Nurse, a Band 7 Team Lead and an FY1 Doctor were asked to briefly describe working in Critical Care; here’s what they had to say:

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