



Nursing and Midwifery

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NHS Lothian Haematology Nurse

About Ward7/Haematology Day Unit at Western General Hospital:

We are a 6 room and 23 chair ambulatory care unit which operates 7 Days a week. The unit is open from 8:00am to 8:00pm and is staffed with different shift patterns/start and finishing times. We treat approximately 45 patients per day with each staff member having a patient caseload. We see patients with various haematological malignancies and disorders. This involves supporting each patient's full cancer journey from diagnosis to remission as well as caring for palliative patients. We give outpatient treatment to haematology patients, which include systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT), blood product transfusions, iron infusions and bisphosphonates. We treat outpatient autologous stem cell transplants and follow up care of allogeneic stem cell transplants. Caring for immune compromised patients. We also do minor procedures such as CVAD removal/insertion, Bone Marrow Biopsies, venesections and lumbar punctures.

Job description:

Multiple opportunities exist for enthusiastic Staff Nurses who are keen to work on the Haematology Day Unit (Ward 7) at the Western General Hospital. You will be working closely with Consultants, Clinical nurse specialists, Pharmacists and other Allied Health Practitioners. This presents an opportunity to assist with a rapidly growing and developing service, working in a collaborative team environment.

There are Permanent Full Time & Part Time positions available. We have a Flexible roster with short shifts and long shift patterns available – ideal for people who need to work around other commitments. We are supportive of candidates wishing to do limited and flexible shifts – this includes shift starting and finishing times.

Whilst Haematology/Oncology experience is highly favourable, Ward 7 is keen to support and upskill staff to complete SACT training. This role presents an excellent opportunity to broaden your clinical skills in caring for immune compromised patients. We're looking for staff nurses at various stages of experience to come in and grow with us. Applicants must be willing to train in chemotherapy administration, intravenous cannulation, and central line management, venesections. Together with a Clinical Nurse Education specialist and senior ward staff you will be mentored and supported in your training to develop necessary skills to work on the unit.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- Proven ability to provide high quality patient care.
- Developed assessment, clinical reasoning, problem solving and prioritization skills
- High motivation to learn
- Demonstrated ability to practice autonomously or be supported in working towards this.
- Demonstrated ability to practice collaboratively as part of a multidisciplinary health care team
- Highly developed interpersonal skills
- Completed SACT training (or be willing to train)
- Excellent communication and time management skills
- Care and management of peripheral and central access devices (or be willing to train)
- Assisting doctors with procedures and providing pre and post procedure care and education
- Providing emotional support to patients, families and carers
- Support the Charge Nurse in the day-to-day operations



