

Laburnum Ward – Horton General Hospital

Laburnum Ward is a 28 bed acute general medical ward.

We work in four teams with a trained nurse and a clinical support worker in each team. We have a co-ordinator for each shift. Every morning at 9.15am we have a board round at the nursing station with the multidisciplinary team. We have a 'huddle' at 3.00pm to discuss any issues and updates.

Most common conditions are cardiac and respiratory, such as:

- heart failure
- myocardial infarction
- exacerbation of COPD
- pneumonia
- pulmonary emboli.

Contact details

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Location

First Floor, Medical Block, Horton General Hospital. Use the stairs or lift by the EAU entrance.

Key learning opportunities

- Basic nursing care
- Co-ordinating experience
- Admissions and discharge planning
- Case load management
- Key equipment training (bladder scanner, ECG and Observations)
- Tissue viability
- Infection control
- Diabetes management
- Nutrition

Suggested spoke placements

- Palliative care nurse team
- Maternity department
- Children's Ward
- Day Case / Endoscopy Unit
- Outpatients
- Diabetes Nurse Team
- Heart Failure Nurse Team

Typical shift patterns

Day 07:30 - 20:00

Night 19:30 - 08:00

Interdisciplinary learning

- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Phlebotomy
- Speech and language therapist
- Medical team
- Social workers
- Discharge team
- Dietitian

Useful reading for the placement

- [NMC Code](#)
- [Trust Values](#)
- [Heart failure](#)
- [COPD](#)
- [Pneumonia](#)
- [Pulmonary embolism](#)
- [NICE home care guidance](#)
- [RCN student site](#)