

# Job description

## POST

Registered Nurse

## SALARY

£28,407 - £34,581 per annum  
(pro rata where applicable)

## CARE GROUP

Surgery and Anaesthetics

## BASE

William Harvey

## CONTACT

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## Welcome to East Kent Hospitals

Kings C1 is a 27 bedded, mixed Trauma Ward, specializing in hip fractures of our older patients giving a mixture of Surgery and Medicine. Our patients, admitted through Accident and Emergency, are frail and vulnerable and require the care of professionals who are dedicated and understanding of their complex needs.

The Ward is busy rewarding and exciting and will provide excellent experience for anyone interested in surgical nursing. Our patient turnover is high and discharge planning is paramount to our success.

We offer a full package of benefits, including a car lease scheme; on-site childcare; generous annual leave in line with NHS terms and conditions; high street and public transport discounts; a 24/7 staff support service - and the little things that make life easier, like on-site Amazon lockers and fresh fruit and veg stalls.

### About us

We are one of the largest hospital trusts in England, with three acute hospitals and community sites serving a local population of around 700,000. We also provide specialist services for Kent and Medway.

We care about our patients and our people. We are focused on providing outstanding, safe patient care, and a positive working culture that benefits staff and patients alike. With our emphasis on staff training and development, a staff support scheme that's second to none, and a healthy package of benefits, it's easy to put down roots in East Kent Hospitals.



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## Role specific duties

Provide professional leadership, advice and guidance to junior nurses and healthcare assistants and foster collaborative partnerships with other disciplines. Communicate effectively with patients and their relatives, ensuring accurate and seamless information is conveyed and documented. Assist in the maintenance and monitoring of agreed standards, ensuring that any shortfall is brought to the attention of the line manager.

Ensure that all quality initiatives within the nursing environment are adhered to and that the highest standards of care are maintained at all times. Assist in the development of clinical protocols ensuring that these are reviewed in accordance with the needs of the service in conjunction with the Ward/Unit manager

Ensure that accurate and legible patient records are kept in line with professional and legal requirements. Promote and maintain effective working relationships and communications with consultants, medical staff, nurse colleagues and other multi-agency professionals.

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## Clinical

Undertake nursing assessments competently.

Act as the identified nurse for a group of patients by assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating their care.

Supervise more junior members of staff in giving and maintaining high standards of care.

Regularly take charge of the ward in the absence of a more senior member of staff.

Demonstrate leadership in supporting the patient pathway.

Act as the patients' advocate.

Liaise with all members of the multidisciplinary team

Participate in taking an active role in planning effective, timely, and safe discharges.

Be clinically competent in all areas of advanced practice relevant to the post.

Work in accordance with the Health Act (2006) and comply with national and

local infection control policies and procedures and any other related infection prevention policies or procedures.

### **Research and Training**

Assist in developing a research and evidence based approach to all nursing practice linking with Trust-wide colleagues.

Seek opportunities to create changes, which will enhance standards of care and practice.

Help to facilitate the development of reflective practice.

Participate in research projects within the ward/unit

Participate in the development and delivery of appropriate training materials / programmes to promote professional development.

Provide training and support to new and junior staff in accordance with Trust policies and procedures.

Act as mentor to student nurses and / or NVQ assessor

### **Quality**

Implement and promote nursing standards within the Serious about Standards' programme linked to Essence of Care, share with patients and welcome patient feedback.

Take part in regular audits of nursing standards and practice.

Take a lead role in monitoring the quality of care in your local area.

Assist in the investigation and resolution of complaints in relation to patient care, reporting to the ward/unit manager

Monitor all aspects of clinical governance locally including clinical incident reporting.

Regularly assess and act on the views of patients, relatives and staff about the standards of care experienced by recipients of the service.

### **Management**

Remain 'cost aware' and utilise equipment and resources in a cost-effective way.

Make recommendations where it is evident that appropriate changes may improve efficiency.

Be aware of the sickness / absence control procedures and participate in any initiatives to reduce sickness absence.

Participate in department meetings when required and join the 'exchange of information' necessary to be involved in decision making processes at the relevant level.

Keep abreast of relevant information which may affect your area of responsibility and act as a resource for other members of the team, acting as a link nurse where appropriate

Act as an innovator for the department to facilitate the provision of a flexible and responsive nursing service.

### **Personal Development**

To keep abreast of current professional issues and maintain the knowledge and skills necessary to perform your role effectively.

Develop and maintain a professional portfolio

Ensure compliance with professional expectations as outlined in the NMC Code of Professional Conduct.

To participate in an annual appraisal with relevant reviews and to follow your personal development plan as agreed with your line manager.

## Your commitments

We are focused on providing outstanding, safe patient care, and a positive working culture that benefits staff and patients alike. This is why we ask you to:

- maintain the confidentiality of information about patients, staff and other health service business and adhere to data protection law
- comply with the Trust's policies and procedures, including infection prevention and control, risk management, health and safety, safeguarding children and adults, financial management and use of resources
- act at all times in accordance with the professional Codes of Conduct and Accountability relevant to your role
- participate in annual mandatory training.

We are a smoke-free Trust, and offer staff support to stop smoking.

## Values

We care about our values of caring, safe, respect and making a difference. We'll ask you to

demonstrate these values during the recruitment process and throughout your appointment – and you can expect us to do the same.

## Living and working in East Kent

Our large district general hospitals, specialist units and community sites provide a vibrant and diverse working environment with the extensive opportunities and teaching facilities you would expect of a large trust.

East Kent offers stunning countryside, beautiful beaches and charming places of historic interest, with easy access to London. With excellent schools, a wealth of leisure facilities and easy family days out on your doorstep, alongside beautiful and affordable housing stock, the perfect work-life balance couldn't be easier to achieve.

## How to apply

For more information or to arrange to visit us, please Sara Marsh (Ward Manager KDM) Contact details: [sarahmarsh1@nhs.net](mailto:sarahmarsh1@nhs.net)



## Person Specification

Requirements	Essential	Desirable	Method of assessment
Qualifications and training	Registered Nurse	Completion of Preceptorship	Application form and Interview questions
Clinical skills and experience	<p>Recent clinical experience in an acute Trust</p> <p>Delivery of evidence based practice</p> <p>Demonstrates patient focused approach</p> <p>Ability to communicate clearly, both written and verbally. The ability to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post.</p> <p>Patient focused approach</p> <p>Basic IT skills</p> <p>Well developed verbal &amp; written communication skills</p> <p>Ability to develop working relationships with others</p> <p>Time management and personal organisation skills</p>	<p>Previous experience at Band 5 within specialty</p> <p>Evidence of facilitating learning in practice</p> <p>Evidence of on-going personal + professional development</p>	Application form and Interview questions
Governance	<p>NMC Code of Conduct</p> <p>Clinical Governance</p> <p>Risk management</p> <p>Understanding of current issues in nursing</p>		Application form and Interview questions
Personal/professional attributes	<p>Calm under pressure</p> <p>Ability to work flexibly and collaboratively. Good interpersonal skills.</p> <p>Ability to work on own initiative using sound decision-making and problem solving skills</p>	Ability to manage conflicting and complex issues	Application Interview and Application
Other requirements	<p>To be aware of and adhere to the Trust's Vision, Mission and Values.</p> <p>Current understanding of key issues facing the NHS both locally and Nationally</p>		Interview and Application

The small print



<b>Band</b>	Band 5
<b>Salary Scale</b>	<p>£28,407 - £34,581 per annum (pro rata, if applicable)</p> <p>Progression through the pay scale will be determined on an annual basis. It will be subject to the post holder demonstrating the required standards of performance, conduct and completion of statutory and role specific training.</p>
<b>Hours of work</b>	Full and part time vacancies
<b>Annual Leave Entitlement</b>	<p>Annual leave entitlements are based upon the following lengths of NHS service (pro rata if applicable):</p> <p>On Appointment = 27 days After five years = 29 days After ten years = 33 days</p>
<b>Pension Scheme</b>	<p>As an NHS employee you will be entitled to join the NHS Pension scheme and will be enrolled from your first day of service, if you meet the eligibility criteria. Employees who are not eligible to join the NHS Pension Scheme may instead be enrolled in the Trust's Alternative qualifying scheme, NEST.</p> <p>Your remuneration will be subject to the deduction of superannuation contributions in accordance with the relevant scheme.</p>
<b>Contractual Notice</b>	<p>Bands 1-4 = 1 Month notice Bands 5-6 = 2 Months notice Band 7-9 = 3 Months notice</p>
<b>Probationary Period</b>	<p>New staff appointed to East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust in this post will be subject to a 6 month probationary period. During this time you will be required to demonstrate to the Trust your suitability for the position in which you are employed. This period may be extended at the Trust's discretion and is without prejudice to the Trust's right to terminate your employment before the expiry of the probationary period. In the event that a decision is taken to terminate your contract of employment during or at the end of your probationary period, you will be entitled to a notice period in line with the statutory timescales, which for employees with less than one year's service is one week.</p>



## Dimensions

<b>Financial and Physical</b>	Manages	To have an understanding of local resource management and the cost implications of service delivery / changes.  Patient Valuables safe storage and security Responsible for Safe Use of Equipment  Responsible for maintaining stock Control Patient Care.
	Impacts	Ensuring use of stock and equipment efficiently.
<b>Workforce</b>	Manages (Bands and WTE)	Responsibility for supporting junior nursing colleagues and healthcare assistants within the nursing team
	Located	William Harvey Hospital, Ashford
	Impacts	
<b>Other</b>		Flexible approach to working patterns. All terms and conditions are in accordance with the Agenda for Change national terms and conditions.

## Communications and working relationships

Internal	<p>Patients</p> <p>Ward managers</p> <p>Clinical and administrative team</p> <p>Multi-disciplinary team</p> <p>Domestic staff</p> <p>Matron</p> <p>Senior site matron</p> <p>Site clinical managers</p> <p>Operational managers</p> <p>Capacity flow manager</p> <p>Waiting list staff</p> <p>Medical Staff</p> <p>Other wards and departments</p>
External to NHS	<p>Friends/Relatives/Carers</p> <p>Public</p> <p>Private care sector</p>
Other	<p>District Nurses/Practice nurses</p> <p>GPs</p> <p>Social Workers</p>



## Environment

Category	Description/Definition	Frequency/Measures
<b>Working Conditions</b>	Exposure to highly unpleasant conditions including verbal aggression. Frequent direct contact with body fluids and foul linen when undertaking clinical duties.	Frequent
<b>Physical Effort</b>	This post will involve moderate to intense physical effort for several long periods during a shift as part of the clinical team	Frequent
<b>Mental Effort</b>	Requirement for intense concentration for delivery of service and decision-making. Work pattern will be variable according to the needs of the service with frequent interruptions from members of the multi-disciplinary team, ward staff, visitors and telephone inquiries.	Frequent
<b>Emotional Effort</b>	Exposure to highly emotional or highly distressing circumstances including clinical situations, and management situations e.g. redeployment, grievance, and disciplinary proceedings. Supporting staff to deal with traumatic incidences and distressed patients and relatives.	Occasional

## Most challenging part of the job

To maintain credibility and flexibility as a competent practitioner in an ever-changing environment, while continuing to develop professionally in line with the demands of a responsive nursing service focused on the needs of patients.

We confirm that the details of the above post as presented are correct. This is a description of the duties of the post as it is at present. This is not intended to be exhaustive. The job will be reviewed on a regular basis in order to ensure that the duties meet the requirements of the service and to make any necessary changes.

