

ABOUT WRIGHTINGTON, WIGAN AND LEIGH TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is a major acute trust serving the people of Wigan and Leigh. Innovative and forward thinking, the trust is dedicated to providing the best possible healthcare for the local population in the Wigan Borough and surrounding areas



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BENEFITS OF JOINING OUR TEAM



Rotations: We have an excellent rotation consisting of twelve clinical areas. You will have the opportunity to rotate across these areas to develop a wide range of clinical skills. The rotations are six monthly, working across our hospital sites.

Band 5 development programme: All newly appointed band 5's complete a comprehensive preceptorship training programme to ensure they have the necessary skills to become a successful occupational therapist. You will have a dedicated Preceptor with regular supervision and 1:1 meetings.

Continued Professional Development (CPD): On each rotation you will be encouraged to participate in your own professional development. There will be opportunities to attend in-service training and join internal/external courses.

Job Progression: We have lots of opportunities to progress and your colleagues will support you with the transition to band 5-6. As an experienced Band 5 there will be an opportunity to apply for the band 5-6 Development Pathway. At Band 6 there are static and rotational posts and development into non clinical roles.

Research: As a Trust, we are very keen to develop and support research activity. We have a research department and many occupational therapy staff who are actively involved in research. We are looking for graduates who have an enquiring mind and would like to be involved in research studies.

Health and Wellbeing: The health and wellbeing of our colleagues is a major priority. The Steps4Wellness team and our wellbeing strategy raises awareness of wellbeing activities. Promoting healthy lifestyles and positive mental health. We have a Wellness lounge where staff can rest, relax and chat with colleagues. We have bike facilities to encourage more active travel.

Staff Benefits: Our staff are very much valued, and this is why we offer an extensive range of employee benefits such as Birthday day off, maternity and paternity leave, adoption leave, careers breaks, study leave, compassionate leave, carer leave and annual leave. If possible, we can accommodate flexible working opportunities including part time working, Job sharing and compressed hours. Whilst waiting your HCPC registration you will be employed as a Band 4.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BAND 5 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is spread across a number of sites.



Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (RAEI)

Is located north of Wigan city centre. The hospital contains over 500 beds, an A&E department and various services from trauma orthopaedics to cancer services. The hospital covers both adult and paediatric services.

Wrightington Hospital

This is our elective site containing two active inpatient wards, one private ward and various day case wards. The hospital and the services form a centre of excellence in orthopaedics, and we complete a wide range of surgeries from routine joint replacements to complex upper and lower limb surgeries. Within the hospital there is a specialist hand team, a wide range of outpatient clinics and a large outpatient physiotherapy department.



Leigh Infirmary

Provides day case surgery, diagnostic services, outpatient clinics, endoscopy. There is a large outpatient physiotherapy department based in the health centre.



Thomas Linacre Centre

This site is used for outpatient clinics from general surgery to paediatric services.



BAND 5 ROTATIONS

Inpatient Specialities

Acute Stroke Unit (ASU): The service offers inpatient assessment and early rehabilitation to patients in the acute phase of recovery post stroke. This includes functional and cognitive assessments, mental health screens and the use of a range of treatment modalities to treatment conditions associated with stroke. Assessment of Capacity and facilitation of discharge planning are also part of this role. There is opportunity for MDT working alongside Physiotherapy, Speech and Language therapy and orthoptist services.

Acute Medicine: Based at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, you will be part of a supportive team, providing in-patient Occupational Therapy to the medical wards. You will have the opportunity to learn about elderly care, respiratory, cardiac and gastro conditions. The acute service operates within the Discharge to Assess model. Working within an integrated discharge team. Your assessments, which will include physical and cognitive function, will determine the most appropriate individual discharge pathway from hospital. The team link into Better at Home and Re-ablement amongst other services.

General Surgery: There are three general surgical wards at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, covering the specialities of urology, colorectal, breast and gynae. You will work as part of the multidisciplinary team providing Occupational Therapy interventions, with the aim of establishing the most appropriate discharge to assess pathway for individuals as they leave hospital. You will be based alongside your physiotherapy and discharge team colleagues, within the integrated discharge team hub. Supported by the wider team of Occupational Therapists, your experience is also likely to include cross cover of other specialities including trauma orthopaedics and medicine. There is an ongoing business case for Occupational Therapy on intensive care.

Trauma & Orthopaedics

This rotation is mainly focused upon the busy trauma unit at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary. You will gain knowledge and experience of recovery from a variety of fractures including limbs, hips, pelvis and spine. Working alongside the multidisciplinary team you will practice within the principles of the Discharge to Assess model. You will become skilled at in-patient assessments to determine the most appropriate discharge pathway from hospital to meet an individual's cognitive and physical needs, whilst optimising their recovery plan. You will help individuals to overcome their injury and the associated difficulties with activities of daily living and prescribe compensatory equipment.

Elective/Lower Limb Orthopaedics

Our inpatient therapy team at Wrightington Hospital provide pre and post operation care and treatment for patients undergoing elective orthopaedic surgery. Patients are assessed pre-operatively to identify equipment needs, establish support needs and to collaboratively set goals to facilitate a safe discharge post-operatively. On the wards, patients are assessed and treated based on information within their pre-operative care plan. Treatments are evaluated and developed further to ensure patients maintain and improve independence and quality of life on discharge.

Community

Intermediate Care IMC

You will gain experience working within the bedded areas across the Wigan borough. We have two IMC facilities one in Leigh, Richmond House, which is a ten bedded residential unit and one in Pemberton, Alexandra court, which is a 40 bedded unit. There are also a number of other care homes across the borough who have spot purchased step up /step down beds which may have patients who also require therapy input. Patients are admitted to these units from both community (step up) and following an inpatient stay in a hospital (step down). They are generally deemed unsafe for rehabilitation at home due to the level of support needed but don't require this rehabilitation in a hospital setting.

You will gain experience working with patients to optimise their rehabilitation potential to be safely discharged back to their chosen accommodation, whether that be back home or an alternative place of safety. You will gain experience working with the wider multidisciplinary which will include outside agencies such as the reablement team

Community Therapy & Falls: Our Community Therapy Team offers rehabilitation to patients at home; we provide therapeutic interventions to improve patient's independence and quality of life. The Community Therapy Team provides falls prevention advice and intervention to help reduce the risk of falls. Our team works to reduce the risk of hospital admissions where possible.

Paediatric Community Therapy: The Paediatric Community Occupational Therapy Team are able to support children and young people aged 0-16 years old and young people up to the age of 19 (if they are attending special schools) who live in the Wigan Borough and are registered with a GP Service in Wigan or Leigh. Their support is offered to children who are experiencing significant difficulties with everyday functional skills due to a physical, motor or sensory based need that impacts on their independence and ability to participate in everyday activities.

