

"Blackpool Victoria Hospital is a large District General Hospital serving the three surrounding boroughs of Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre. It has a population of 330,000 with some seasonal variation as Blackpool and the Fylde Coast attracts up to 16 million visitors a year.

The Department deals with approximately 90,000 new patients and 5,000 follow up patients per annum. The Emergency Department is forward-looking and uses an electronic patient records system. We are pursuing a quality agenda based around improving outcomes and reducing mortality in line with the College standards. We work closely with the adjoining Urgent Care Centre and have a co-located Intensive Care. The Acute Medical and Surgical Units with Ambulatory Care and Frailty service are above us, so that all acute services are in one block except paediatrics. All specialities onsite are 24h and we are part of the trauma network as a receiving units poke to the Preston hub.

The ED has 9 consultants, 12 middle grades and 24 juniors as well as nurse practitioners and advanced practitioners. There is 24-hour senior presence with 2 seniors on 24h/day throughout the week. The rota is compliant with the new deal and new contract with night shifts 1/6.