

## NORTH WESTERN DEANERY – INFORMATION FOR TRAINEES

### Unit Name and description

Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust

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### Rota

- Two tiered rota
- On call frequency - 1:8
- Resident Consultant – present 0830-2200 weekdays and for at least 4 hours weekend daytime and again for evening ward round to ensure compliance with Ockenden ward rounds
- On call start times – 0830 and 2030
- Local teaching frequency - weekly
- Number of deliveries - 2100

### Scanning

- Basic Obstetric scanning Y
- Basic Gynae scanning Y
- Scan trainer available N
- Intermediate fetal scanning Y
- Intermediate early pregnancy Y
- Intermediate Gynae scanning Y

### Professional development opportunities

- Management Y
- Research Y
- Local leadership opportunities Y
- Teaching Y

### Local Courses

- Prompt
- Fetal Surveillance
- Saving Babies Lives
- Avoiding Brain Injuries in Childbirth programme due to commence Jan 2025

### Special interest clinics

Endometriosis

Recurrent Miscarriage

Vulvoscopy

Oncology

Medical disorders and diabetes

Multiple pregnancy

Pre-term Birth

Ambulatory gynaecology and hysteroscopy

**SITMs available at this unit**

**Gynaecological Surgical Care v**

**Management of complex non-malignant disease v**

**Oncology v**

Management of Subfertility X

Chronic pelvic pain X

**Colposcopy v**

**Complex Early Pregnancy and non-elective Gynaecology v**

**Therapeutic Hysteroscopy v**

Menopause Care X

Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology X

Robotic Assisted Gynaecological Surgery X

Safe Practice in Abortion Care X

**Urogynaecology and Vaginal Surgery v**

**Vulval Disease v**

**Fetal Care v**

**Prenatal Diagnosis v**

**Pregnancy Care v**

**Maternal Medicine v**

**Premature Birth Prevention v**

Perinatal Mental Health X

**Supportive Obstetrics v**

We are currently **unable** to provide the following training opportunities

Management of subfertility

Chronic pelvic pain

Menopause care – hoping to offer this in the future

Paediatric and adolescent gynaecology

Robotic assisted gynaecological surgery

Safe practice in abortion care

Perinatal mental health

We look forward to welcoming you to Chester and are moving into our fantastic new Women & Children's building in summer 2025 which will showcase modern facilities for all of our patients. The clinical teams have been heavily involved in the planning and design process from conception and we are excited to see our vision brought to life.

We provide consultant cover on our emergency gynaecology assessment unit over several sessions per week to provide emergency ambulatory procedures such as Word catheters for

Bartholin's abscess, MVA for surgical management of miscarriage and paracentesis for malignant ascites. The majority of our hysteroscopic procedures are also performed in an outpatient setting. We provide gynaecological surgical training in laparoscopic, open and vaginal hysterectomy and are a BSGE accredited endometriosis centre. We are an oncology unit with a weekly MDT meeting to discuss cases, feeding into the regional tertiary oncology service.

Our teaching programme runs weekly for resident doctors, supported by the fetal surveillance midwife and consultants for discussion of interesting CTG cases, interesting gynae cases, CBD and portfolio opportunities. We also have regular whole department audit and teaching update sessions that occur on various half days throughout the year when elective work is stood down to allow all, except the on call team, to attend.