

Leighton Emergency department

Numbers: Leighton : 57000 attendances year
Victoria Infirmary Minor Injury Unit : 25000 attendances per year

Staffing

Consultants: Dr David Matthews (Clinical Lead)
Mr Paul Knowles
Dr Joanna Scott
Dr Jo Tillett
Dr Seif Ahmad
Dr Tim Smith
Dr Carol Darlington
Dr Stephen Ovington
Dr Richard Lowsby

Middle Grades:

3 Trust Grade Doctors (ST4-6 equivalent)
4 ST4-6 (6 Funded)
1 ST3
5 GP STs
3 FY2
AP – 4
ENP – 10

The Emergency Department at Leighton hospital serves the populations of Crewe, Sandbach, Tarporley and surrounding Cheshire and North Staffordshire. Its rural location makes it an ideal place to come and work and train. The population we serve is a highly polarized mix of the Cheshire set, the farming community and urban conurbations like Crewe and Winsford.

Major trauma bypasses directly to the University hospital North Midlands (Stoke) but we still see a large number of trauma cases either via Nwas or that self-present, which unusually comprises a significant number of agricultural injuries. We have two busy minors departments (one at Victoria infirmary, Northwich) both of which are ENP delivered. There are good training opportunities in minor injuries including joint manipulation, fracture reduction and the use of Biers blocks.

The department is underpinned by a highly motivated consultant team who encompass all aspects of modern EM and enthusiastically deliver training to our doctors, nurses and those in advanced clinical roles.

Dr Matthews is the clinical lead. Dr Scott is the associate director of post graduate education at the trust. Dr Ahmad is an RCEM examiner and TSTL. We have consultants that are instructors in all relevant life support courses. Within our midst we also have a PHEM consultant in Dr Smith. Dr Tillett is dual accredited in Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Mr Knowles is the Trust trauma lead and Dr Darlington has an interest in education and has a PGcert qualification and leads the middle grade teaching programme. We have a good grasp of your curriculum needs and are responsive to requirements of our trainees. Dr Lowsby is a dual accredited ICM and EM consultant.

We encourage and support trainees to involve themselves in the junior doctor teaching programme and also involve trainees in management aspects of training such as complaints,

Like most EDs we are in a state of change and flux with projects from capital builds to IT investment being made which allows trainees many developmental opportunities away from the curriculum requirement.