

Stepping Hill Hospital Stockport

Stepping Hill is geographically well situated for Manchester trainees, and as part of Healthier Together we will be one of the four specialist sites for Surgery in Greater Manchester. It has always had an excellent nursing reputation and used to run the Emergency Medicine training scheme as the ancestor to ACCS.

Investment to assist flow and for Healthier Together has seen an expansion of the Department by 8 majors cubicles and an expansion of resus to make 6 beds will start in 2017, as well as a £20 million new surgical and medical assessment building. We are a regional tertiary referral centre for stroke, where patients are seen in the hyperacute stroke unit within the ED by the stroke team, suitable patients are thrombolysed and all are admitted to a dedicated stroke unit. We cover a wide geographical area, and as a Trauma Unit we see significant number of Major Trauma patients as evidenced in our recent TARN report with excellent mortality figures regionally and nationally.

We see approx 92,000 new patients/year, including 17,000 children in the dedicated Paediatric Emergency Department, where we host ST3 trainees, and the Clinical Director is dual trained in Paediatric Emergency Medicine. We have a team of ENPs who see minor injuries until midnight and we will soon have 10 qualified ANPs integrated into the medical workforce. There is an 8-bedded CDU where we admit patients under our care on several protocols and an ACU run by the Acute Physicians which we stream to. There is a co-located Ambulatory Illness stream run by GPs 8am-midnight. The Acute Physician of the day runs the medical take, generally from the ED. Assessment units for paeds, gynae, surgery and urology enable direct streaming from triage. Our comprehensive paperless documentation system has improved quality and safety, but shortly this will be replaced by a Trust-wide electronic patient record integrating prescribing, ordering, results, XR viewing and notes into one system.

The rota has for many years been STEM compliant. We have 8.5 WTE consultants, having recently recruited 2 new members. US has long been used in Stepping Hill, with one Level 2 and two Level 1 trained consultants, and fascia iliaca blocks are routinely performed. We have just purchased a further US machine and a portable device for difficult cannulation to add to the machine we already have. We are in the middle of an international recruitment drive for middle grades with the intention of splitting the middle-grade rota into two tiers.