



JOIN OUR TEAM

Sterile Services Department



WORK BASE+LOCATION:

Harrogate District Hospital



SERVICES PROVIDED:

Without the work of the Sterile Services team, the equipment and medical devices used in surgical procedures could be potentially life threatening rather than life saving and are a vital link in the operating chain and one upon which patient safety depends.

The reusable medical devices decontamination life-cycle is necessary to ensure all medical devices are safe for further use. The life cycle is made up of the following processes: acquisition, cleaning, disinfection, inspection, disposal, packaging, sterilisation, transportation and storage before use.



SERVICES PROVIDED:

- The department reprocesses around 180,000 individual medical devices per month. The qualified technicians handle around 2000 different types of surgical instruments ranging from the basic scissor to the very latest in surgical design and innovation. The department also reprocesses around 1,400 flexible endoscopes each month.
- All instruments are cleaned and disinfected by the latest state of the art Washer Disinfectors, thereby providing consistently high levels of decontamination (chemical disinfection for flexible endoscopes). Each instrument is then individually examined by hand, by a qualified technician prior to clean steam sterilisation at 134°C.
- The whole process is computer controlled and every instrument set and supplementary medical device is tracked by a unique Dot Matrix marking system or barcode providing full patient traceability. This ensures that the Trust has a robust tracking and traceability system for patient safety.
- We provide decontamination services to both main theatres and the Day surgery unit, we also process instruments for the Dental and Podiatry departments in the hospital and in the Community.
- Endoscopes are processed for the Endoscopy department and clinical investigations unit.
- We also have contracts with several private clinics in the area.
- Our opening hours are:-
Monday – Friday 06.00 – 22.00
Weekends and Bank Holidays – 08.00–16.30



JOB ROLES:

We have various roles in the department:

Technicians (Band 2),
Senior Technicians (Band 3) and **Team Leaders** (Band 4)
work various shifts eg 06.00–14.00, 10.00–18.00, 14.00–22.00

Office and Admin Staff (Bands 2&3) cover a range of shifts between the hours of 06.00 & 17.00

- Uniforms are provided for all staff and we have a laundering service for all clinical uniforms.
- Apprenticeships in Healthcare science are available to all technical and progression is something that is achievable for all staff.



FURTHER INFORMATION:

It is the department's policy to conform to the requirements of the quality system standard BS EN ISO 13485:2016. It is essential that every member of the department and those others that have some form of accountability are aware of our commitment to all applicable regulatory requirements, quality assurance, and continuous improvement and complies with the established procedures within the quality manual. This is widely communicated and understood within the organisation.



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