

Working for us

Our Operating Theatres

About theatres at the Royal Derby Hospital (RDH) site

There are 3 main phases of care in the perioperative environment: Anaesthetics, Surgery and Recovery. The RDH has 36 operating theatres offering anaesthetic services, surgical procedures and post-operative recovery over wide range of specialities for the region. These are managed in two separate Divisions and are divided into operating theatre departments.

Operating Theatre Departments in the Division of Diagnostics, Surgery and Anaesthetics:-

Trauma & Orthopaedic (T&O) Theatre- There are 8 orthopaedic theatres

- As an orthopaedic team, we have one of the shortest lengths of stay in the country for primary hip & knee replacement.
- We cover a wide range of orthopaedic specialties, including complex arthroplasty revision surgery, major spinal surgery, arthroscopic ligament reconstruction, upper limb, hand, foot & ankle & trauma.
- **Surgical Theatres** – There are 9 general theatres offering maxfax, ENT, vascular, urology, upper and lower GI, bariatric, laparoscopic and robotic surgery
- **Recovery Unit** – A dedicated 14 bay recovery unit attached to T&O and surgical theatres
- **General DCU** – The unit contains a busy pre- assessment clinic, 3 day case theatres with a ward area
- **Ophthalmic DCU** - The unit contains, 3 day case theatres with a ward area
- **Urology DCU** - The unit contains pre- assessment and flexi cystoscopy clinics, a lithotripsy treatment room, and 2 day case theatres with a ward area
- **Hand DCU** – The Pulvertaft Hand Unit is a worldwide renowned unit, which contains a busy pre- assessment clinic, 3 day case theatres with a ward area
- **Hybrid Vascular Theatre** – Opening 2019
- **Gynaecology Theatres** – There are 4 gynaecology theatres which will include the breast pathway, a dedicated patient reception area and recovery unit
- **Obstetric Theatres** – Attached to the labour suite there are 2 busy obstetric theatres with a team staffed by a dedicated theatre service
- **Paediatric Theatres** - In paediatrics and adolescent surgery, all relevant sub-specialities are available. There are 2 theatres in close relationship to the children's wards; the theatre area has a dedicated recovery unit sympathetic to children of all ages.
- **Derby Private Health** - the dedicated private patient unit at the Royal Derby Hospital, will be opening a new, purpose built operating theatre offering a facility for our private business. The theatre, along with an associated recovery area, will accommodate a wide range of procedures including general, bariatric and orthopaedic surgery, giving staff the chance to work across a broad spectrum of specialist areas developing and maintaining a wide and varied skill base. All of our profits are being reinvested back into our Trust, supporting care to all our patients.

About theatre staff roles:-

See more about our perioperative roles ***'Working for Us' leaflet and the video 'Day in the life of an ODP'.***