



# Anaesthesia Clinical Services Accreditation (ACSA) Accredited Departments

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Dr Val Luoma and Dr Ugan Reddy quote (ACSA leads):

*'The process for gaining ACSA accreditation in General Anaesthesia and subspecialty Neuroanaesthesia and Neurocritical Care presented a positive challenge for our department. It has been a fantastic opportunity to work together as a team to review, update and improve our existing processes, as well as nurturing the development of new ideas. We are proud that the care we provide our patients is confirmed as being of high quality and that we were able to make a meaningful contribution to the Royal College of Anaesthetist's 'library of good practice'. We look forward to our continued engagement with the accreditation process.'*

### Areas of good practice

#### Equipment, facilities and staffing

##### ■ Supervision and support

NHNN daytime anaesthetic service is consultant led and delivered, with trainees involved primarily in training rather than service provision. Trainees and clinical fellows reported that they were able to contact consultants from the department of anaesthesia any time of the day or night for assistance if required (2.6.4.2).

##### ■ Department staffing

The consultants at NHNN that the ACSA RT spoke to were dedicated and had a wide range of experience thus providing the department with the advantages to be gained from a stable and very experienced team. Recovery staff and ODPs that the ACSA RT spoke to indicated that they enjoyed working for the hospital, and many had worked there for a long time.

The ACSA RT observed that medical and non medical colleagues within the department supported each other well and it seemed an open and friendly place to work.

##### ■ Directions to emergency drugs and equipment

The ACSA RT observed large colour posters on the anaesthetic drug cupboards in the anaesthetic rooms that displayed a description of where to find drugs or equipment for a number of emergency situations e.g. malignant hypothermia, local anaesthetic toxicity etc. They felt that this was a very good way of ensuring that all staff are aware of where they need to go to get emergency drugs and equipment, particularly for staff who may be new or inexperienced.



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### ■ **Equipment**

The hospital offers a wide range of procedures and treatments in neurosurgery. The infrastructure in the basement of the building, including the first interventional operating MRI suite in Europe, was very impressive. The equipment available for anaesthesia was also up to date and well maintained (2.1.2.2, 2.1.1.5, 2.1.1.7).

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### Clinical governance

### ■ **Academic/research standing and output**

Members of the ACSA RT were shown evidence of considerable research and publication activity. The presence of a member of the department on the steering group and board of NAP5 was also noted.

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