PRACTICE PROFILE



Area		Location		Contact Number
Continence Service		SPA Office South Block, St Mary's		Tel: 01983 822099 ext 2457
Directorate	Community		Review of Profile due	Feb 2026
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Education Lead		Alison Spearman <u>Alison spearman@nhs.net</u> Elspeth Whittington <u>Elspeth.whittington@nhs.net</u>		
Education Lead Contact Details				
HEI Representative			Please contact the Academic Assesso	r for each student
HEI's using this Learning Environment			Open University and Portsmouth University	
Learning Environment Mission Statement		Continence is an important factor in a person's health and well-being at any stage of life. The Isle of Wight Continence Service aims to support and provide care, solutions and advice to those with needs; promoting and maintaining dignity at all times whilst enabling them to take an active role in society where possible. Our advisors are all passionately committed to providing individualised holistic care for each service user.		

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT PROFILE

General Information	Team includes team lead (Alison), 3 senior advisors (Elspeth, Brett & Sheridan), 2	
	advisors (Jennie & Donna), 1 administrator (kirsty) & 1 children's continence associate	
	practitioner (Vicky)	
Description of Service and Client Group	Community based service offering home visits and clinic appointments to adults	
	(18yrs +) with continence needs; bladder and bowel.	
Description of related services & Client group	Pelvic Floor Physio	
	Multiple Sclerosis Nurse specialist	
	Parkinson's Nurse specialist	
	Urology Nurse specialist	
	Community Nursing	
	Learning Disabilities Team	
	These are all adult (18yrs +) services	
	Children's Community Nursing (Vicky has a shared role)	

LEARNER INFORMATION

Work Patterns	Monday – Friday (excluding BH) 8-4, 8.30-4.30 & 9-5	
Dress Code	Uniform	
Induction/Orientation	On your first day we will show you round and provide you with a small induction booklet containing useful	
programme	information	
Staff / rest room facilities	Rest rooms are available at base and clinic settings.	
Expectations during	To gain an insight and understanding of the varying continence needs of the Islands population, the impact this	
placement	has on the individuals' health and well-being and how the advisors assess and meet their needs.	

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

Recommended reading/Websites	NHS England: Excellence in Continence Care (2019) <u>https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-</u>
	content/uploads/2018/07/excellence-in-continence-care.pdf
	Bladder & Bowel UK <u>https://www.bbuk.org.uk/</u>
	RCN continence resource https://rcni.com/hosted-content/rcn/continence/home
Common Abbreviations	UTI – urinary tract infection
	D&V – diarrhoea & vomiting
	Gp – general practitioner
	ANP – advanced nurse practitioner
	DN – district nurse
	TURP – Trans urethral resection of the prostate
	TURB – Trans urethral resection of the bladder
	TWOC – trial without catheter
	UI – urinary incontinence
	Px – prescription

	Abx – antibiotics
	CISC- clean intermittent self-catheterisation
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Specific learning opportunities	Learn about the different types of incontinence, assessment process & treatment
	options; opportunity to spend time with various members of the MDT.
Specific areas of expertise/clinical skills	Continence
Common Assessments /	Bladder scans
Interventions/Care pathways	Continence assessments & pathways
	Clean Intermittent Self-Catheterisation (CISC)
Models of practice experience e.g Hub & Spoke,	Students will be able to access placement visit opportunities to enhance their
Patient Journeys	experience with the Continence service. Agreement and discussion with the Practice
	Assessor is required.

MULTIAGENCY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES / RESOURCES

Multiprofessional learners accessing the	Nursing students and allied health professional students	
environment		
Professionals working in the environment	Specialist Nurses and Allied Health Professionals	
Opportunities to meet EU directives	Patients with learning disabilities, mental health needs, pregnant woman (maternity care)	
(Nursing)	and children (childcare and paediatric) regularly access the UTC. Care of the elderly,	
	general and specialist medicine and general and specialist surgery are all patients that may	
	use this service.	