



The Specialist Professional Roles

MEDICAL COVER

The Consultant Neuropsychiatrist and Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine are both based in the Centre and have full responsibility for the medical and psychiatric care of the inpatients. Routine medical needs are met by the Junior Doctor. 24-hour Consultant and Junior medical cover is provided.

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

The Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist and the Assistant Psychologist provide assessment and advice on how to manage the cognitive, behavioural and emotional changes following brain injury. They work with the patients, their families and other members of the team.

NURSING

The Nursing Team comprises qualified General and Mental Health Nurses, and Rehabilitation Technicians and Assistants. They provide 24-hour specialist nursing care and treatment through the implementation of individual goal-orientated rehabilitation plans. The Rehabilitation Technicians and the Rehabilitation Assistants are actively involved in providing social activity programmes and therapy activities. The Positive Response Technique (PRT) is used for the management of challenging behaviours.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Occupational Therapists assess and treat patients with physical and mental health disabilities through the use of specific occupations, to enable individuals to reach their maximum level of function and independence in all aspects of daily living.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

The Physiotherapists assess the patients' physical challenges from brain injury, using specific neurological treatment approaches, including hydrotherapy, in order to meet the patients' individual needs, facilitate recovery and maximise their potential.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

The Speech and Language Therapists assess, treat and provide advice for patients with communication and swallowing difficulties. Therapy programmes are a combination of individualised one to one sessions and group work to attain maximum success in communication and safety of swallowing.

COMMUNITY LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR

The Community Liaison Co-ordinator provides a comprehensive community liaison service with other health professionals and external agencies. The main part of the role is to ensure that the patients receive well co-ordinated and effective, seamless discharge plans: also to provide relevant advice and support on placements and benefits to patients and their carers.

VISITING PROFESSIONALS

Pharmacy, dietetic and tissue viability services are provided by Frenchay Hospital. Podiatry and dental services are provided by visiting professionals. The Pat-A-Dog service visits twice a week.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

The Centre is accredited with the local university and colleges to take the following students: RMN and post-graduate diploma nursing students, physiotherapy and music therapy students, and clinical psychology trainees.