

## NW ICM Unit Guide

**Hospital:** Blackpool

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**Contact number for Unit:** 01253 303440

**Number of beds:** 14 general ICU. 18(ish) cardiac ICU

**Name of consultants, roles and any specialist interests:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Specialist interest</b>
Wendy Aubrey		Advanced vascular access, Echo.
Chris Clarke	FICM examiner	Education. Wisdom & experience: (TPD ACCS; Ex RA, ICM TPD....)
Jason Cupitt		Echo, US, organ donation, portfolio studies
Rob Downes		Data & ICNARC
Dan Kelly	FICE mentor	Echo & US guru
Raj Nichani	FICE mentor	Echo (TTE & TOE). Runs exam practice day. Education.
Nigel Randall		Quality improvement / management.
Rob Thompson	Faculty tutor	
Simon Vaughan	Head of dept	RCOA examiner

**Junior doctor shift patterns:** Hybrid on call pattern. Oit of hours on calls generally single handed with consultant supervision, although may supervise ACCS

**Consultant shift pattern:** 2 consultants on crit care each week giving continuity of care

**ICNARC case mix:** Approx 1000 admissions / year. High bed occupancy.

**Patient populations unique to unit (e.g. transplant, hepatobiliary, neuro, etc):** Busy DGH in deprived area: plenty of acute general medical & surgical crit care. Also tertiary cardiology & haematology. Cardiothoracic ICU available

**FFICM exam practice (consultants willing to Viva):** 1 FICM examiner, 1 RCOA examiner. Blackpool hosts exam course, so most consultants familiar with format. 1 consultant is author of exam guide.

**Frequency and type of governance meetings:**

Regular governance and mortality meetings. (Monthly)

**Management opportunities:**

Always opportunities to become involved in QI, audit, teaching etc.

**Unit teaching programme:** Most teaching informal and ad hoc. However all consultants 'hands on' with heavy presence on shop floor, so plenty of opportunities to explore decision making and complex cases. Large teaching commitment to US and TTE, especially by mentors.

**Access to FICE accredited supervisors:**

2 in general ICU, 1 cardiac anaesthetist also. Excellent machine with image storage. Lung US also strong.

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**Other training opportunities available on the unit:**

True multidisciplinary ward rounds.

Crit care rehabilitation very strong, including follow up clinic.

Regular exposure to paediatric cases (stabilisation prior to transfer)

Cardiac ICM available

**Research opportunities:**

Participation in portfolio studies. Trainees welcome to get involved.

**Advanced year trainees:**

Yes: Excellent preparation for consultant life. Placements can be tailored to individual requirements. Sometimes (not guaranteed) 2nd on call opportunities.