

What is a nursing associate?

Nursing associate is a new nursing role in England that bridges the gap between health care support workers and nurses.

Nursing associates are trained to work with patients of all ages and in a variety of settings in health and social care.

In England the first nursing associates qualified and became regulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in 2019. The first nursing associates at Queen Victoria Hospital will qualify in 2020.

Nursing associates training at the QVH have been Health Care Assistants (HCA's) before starting the course, and, therefore have a very good understanding of the care needs for patients at QVH. Nursing associates deliver hands-on patient-centred care as part of the nursing team. This includes observations, medicine administration, ECG and wound care management, which gives nurses time to manage more complex patient needs.

Nursing associates will be subject to the same professional regulations as nurses, including revalidation and fitness to practice. They work in all departments including Peanut ward, Canadian wing, Critical Care unit, Recovery Unit, day case and outpatient areas.

Nursing associates are trained to be accountable professionals who:

- Promote health and prevent ill health
- Provide and monitor care
- Work with multi-disciplinary teams
- Improve patient safety and quality of care

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If you would like any further information please speak to any of our nursing associates or trainee nursing associates based in various departments around the hospital.

Nursing associates at QVH



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