

The Suites

There are four suites, 1, 2, 3 and 4, each consisting of 16 beds. Suites 2-4 are continuing care beds, some funded by the Local Health Board (not that you need to worry about that) and some are 'Trust' beds. There are a few respite beds on Suite 2 as well. Suite 1 is an assessment suite. Roughly half the beds are "assessment" and half are respite (most patients stay for about 1-2 weeks).

Assessment Process

The assessment process involves examination, MMSE, investigations (FBC, ESR, U&E, LFT, TFT, B12, Folate, Glucose - to find a reversible cause of cognitive impairment) and a CT Head (if not had one recently). The results are analysed and a diagnosis reached, all of which will need to be put on the discharge summary. (Discharge summaries are not required for respite admissions, unless there has been some medication change.) I have developed an in-patient admission assessment form that you may find useful.

Out Patient Clinics

Eva and Betsan (as she prefers you to call her) will involve you in the clinics. We have a few: anti-dementia medication (according to NICE guidelines), general OPD, memory clinic. They'll tell you about those and get you involved after you've had a while to settle in. They're quite straight forward and you'll pick everything up quite quickly.

Daily Routine

Consists of going round all the suites (aka a "ward round") to see what problems have arisen. Each suite has a "doctor's diary" that they write things in, so you know what jobs need to be done. You'll find there are a lot of charts to re-write and a few bloods to take (mainly from suite 1 and also suite 2 - remember patients started on clozapine need weekly bloods). Mondays are usually quite busy after the weekend, and there are a quite a few jobs in the dairies.

Tuesday morning is allocation meeting - they will explain to you what this is. Thursday morning is a multi-disciplinary ward round of the "assessment" patients (and sometimes we discuss the respite patients) on Suite 1.

General

You'll pick everything up quite quickly. There isn't anything overly complicated and the staff are very nice and will lead you in the right direction.

Names

Betsan Rosser	Consultant
Eva Korsinova	Staff Grade
Mary Latchman	Sister, Suite 1
Sian Lewis	Sister, Suite 2
Jenny Davies	Sister, Suite 3
Helen Davies	Sister, Suite 4