

# MY Career

## THE DEPARTMENT



Hello, my name is Rebecca Phillips and I'm the Head of Clinical Service for Urology at Mid-Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust and Barnsley Hospital Foundation Trust

Our Urology team is made up of enthusiastic and passionate individuals which currently includes 13 consultants, 4 Specialty Doctors, 4 Specialty Registrars, 6 core trainees and 6 Foundation trainees (2 at FY2 Level and 4 at FY1 Level). The clinical team is supported by a dedicated specialty-secretariat with office and networked computer facilities.

We have excellent facilities on all of our sites including state of the art clinical, operating and teaching equipment. Our acute service and our in-patient services are based in modern and spacious facilities at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield. We also provide out-patient and overnight/day services on our Dewsbury Hospital and Pontefract Hospital sites. We are in a urology area network with Barnsley Hospital, supporting their emergency on-call from Pinderfields and providing all elective urological services for their patient population locally. There are urology investigation units on all four sites which provide a significant proportion of our urology activity with three independent nurse cystoscopists, and plans to expand the nursing team into other areas of urological diagnostic procedures. The regional spinal injury unit is based at Pinderfields and we have access to two intuitive Da Vinci systems, one at Pinderfields and the other at Dewsbury. There is a fixed site lithotripter at Pinderfields, and high powered lasers at both the Pinderfields and Barnsley sites.

We are able to offer the full range of sub-specialist urology practice. In a year the Urology department will see 19,000 outpatients and undertake 6,500 elective and 4,000 non-elective procedures. The philosophy of the department is based on the active promotion of sub-specialisation, equity and team-working. The present post holders have a strong track record in terms of teaching and administration and remain committed to maintaining the high standards that underpin the excellent reputation of the department. Our last GIRFT report was excellent, confirming our standard of care remains within the top 10% of the country. We encourage change and will support innovation with a team well versed in taking ideas through the various stages of trust protocol. Recent appointees have made significant improvements to the pathways available to treat and look after our patients.

We are a progressive, innovative department and all our consultants are involved in teaching our medical students, junior doctors and specialty registrars, as well as ongoing professional development and education within our service. The department has a track record of supporting time away to act as faculty in regional, national and international courses, including the spinal injuries course which is recognised nationally. All consultants are freed up to support our weekly junior doctor teaching.

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We have a strong and continuing commitment to research, with a vision to expand our research collaboration with the NIHR as we strive towards becoming a University Teaching Hospital.

This is MY place to work. If you want to make it yours, get in touch and see what a career at Mid-Yorks could be like for you.

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