

The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine

ICM Unit Brief

Part 1 Hospital Details

1.1 Hospital name

University Hospital North Durham

1.2 Full address (you **must** include postcode)

North Road
Durham
DH1 5TW

1.3 Hospital Telephone number

0191 333 2333

Part 2 ICU Department contact details

2.1 Direct telephone number to Department

0191 333 2019

2.2 Faculty Tutor name

Dr Iain Cummings

2.3 Faculty Tutor Email address

iaincummings@nhs.net

Part 3 Unit Structure

3.1 Number of Beds

10 (+10 COVID SURGE)

3.2 Number of admissions

691 per year

3.3 Percentage of elective vs emergency admissions

20% Elective. 80% Emergency

3.4 Overview of case mix within the unit

Combined Level 2/3 Unit with admissions from General Medicine, Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery, Gynaecology, Orthopaedic Trauma and Revision Surgery, and Plastic Surgery.

3.5 Names of Consultants, roles and areas of interest

Name	Role	Area of interest
Dr Chris Dawson	Consultant	Site ICM Lead
Dr Rakesh Bhandary	Consultant	IT/EPR Lead
Dr Paul Bush	Consultant	FICE Mentor & Foundation Educational Supervisor
Dr Iain Cummings	Consultant	FICM Tutor, ICNARC, Organ Donation, Transfer Medicine Lead
Dr Alastair Duggie	Consultant	RCoA Tutor
Dr Dominic Errington	Consultant	
Dr Sian Hughes	Consultant	Paediatrics
Dr Claire McGregor	Consultant	End of Life, Rehabilitation
Dr Niraj Niranjan	Consultant	Airway Lead
Dr Matthew Wayman	Consultant	Governance Lead
Dr Hannah Whinn	Consultant	Guardian of Safe Working

3.6 Details of research projects being undertaken within the unit

Participation with portfolio studies – most recently FLOELA, A-STOP, Genomics, Recovery, Remap CAP, ISARIC, and the Organ Donation National Audit
About to start SIGNET and MOSSAIC

3.7 How is the unit staffed?

Weekdays: One consultant 0800-1830 assisted by second “HDU” consultant 0800 - 1230
One-Two trainees/Trust Grade Doctors 0800 – 2000
Foundation Doctor 0800-1600

Out of Hours: One consultant 1800-0800 (0800-0800 Weekends)
One Trainee / Trust Grade Doctor 2000-0800 (dedicated to Critical Care)
On site support from Anaesthetics ST3-7

Part 4 Training

4.1 Details of training opportunities on the unit

Placements provided for Core, Intermediate, and Higher Anaesthesia ICM training, as well as ACCS. We could also support part of advanced training in partnership with a tertiary centre. There are Trust Grade jobs available in the department and we would be happy to work with Advanced Critical Care Practitioners.

We also have a Foundation 1 post and provide Foundation taster weeks.

Exposure to practical procedures such as percutaneous tracheostomy, vascular access, bronchoscopy; thoracic ultrasound, ECHO (including FICE mentorship), and regional anaesthesia.

4.2 Details of departmental teaching

Formal ITU teaching is scheduled as part of a weekly Wednesday afternoon teaching programme. There is also an online Journal Club.

4.3 Details of clinical governance meetings days and / or M & M

Governance and M&M takes place every 4th Wednesday.

4.4 Number of trainees on each tier of the rota

One tier of ITU on call: Nights 1:10, ICM block trainees usually do 1:4 long days (0800-2000) but no weekend daytime shifts.