

Our Team

Rebekah Overend

Lead Nurse, Faculty of Children's Nurse Education



My name is Rebekah and I am the Lead Nurse for the Faculty. My background as a Nurse is in paediatric surgery and I have been working in the Faculty since its inception. I work alongside colleagues to facilitate courses, especially those in Critical Care, but also have an interest in professional development and retention of the nursing and nursing support workforce. Being an educator has given me new perspectives on what is needed to progress Nurses in their career and it brings me joy to see others flourish, in whatever way that makes them feel a sense of achievement.

I have just completed my MSc in Teaching and Learning for Health Professionals so understand the challenges of study whilst working! I enjoy reading, music....and roller coasters!

Dr Julie Menzies

Clinical Academic Nurse Researcher



My name is Julie and I am a Clinical Academic Nurse Researcher, with a background of working in Paediatric Intensive Care. My role is new within BRHC and has two main aspects: 1. to design and lead my own research focused on improving the care and management of critically ill or injured children and 2. to support others working across BRHC to develop questions and take them forward as service evaluation/ audit/ quality improvement and research projects.

Research active organisations have better patient outcomes and improved patient and staff satisfaction. I'm passionate about the role nurses can play in identifying important questions which address quality and safety and then leading change based on the best evidence. If you have a question you'd like develop please get in touch

Alison Georgiou

Paediatric Nursing Associate Educator & Clinical Skills and Practice Development Educator



Hello, I facilitate the paediatric training for trainee nursing associates at BRCH and support education and skills training for Band 2-4 Health Care Support Workers. I also contribute to Clinical Update training for Registered Nurses. I am also the departments support for ward-based Clinical Support Facilitators, teach clinical skills, and have link roles centring around Enteral Feeding, Medicines Safety and Nurse Practice Group amongst others. I also provide opportunities for clinical supervision and guided reflection.

I love being in the fresh air, particularly pottering in my garden.

Alison Jones

Lecturer Practitioner for Haematology, Oncology and BMT



I am responsible for the education of nurses who are caring for children and young people with cancer both within the Children's hospital and within the South West shared care region, in the absence of Emily Parsons who is on maternity leave. I have previously been a Clinical Support Facilitator on Starlight ward (ward that cares for children and young people receiving treatment for cancer) at our children's hospital for 6 years and enjoy teaching and supporting staff to learn new skills and increasing their understanding of paediatric oncology, haematology and BMT.

Away from work I have 2 young children who keep me busy!

Alison Wood

Nurse Educator Specialising in Cardiac Care



Hello, I'm Alison, I worked on the cardiac ward for many years in a senior nursing role before moving into the education team in 2019. I have maintained a clinical role on the ward since this career progression which has helped me to stay current with cardiac nursing care as well as enabling me to provide bedside teaching, helping nurses to connect the theory with practice.

I currently run the foundation cardiac courses, which are well attended, not only by cardiac nurses working in the children's hospital, but also nurses working across the Southwest and South Wales cardiac network region. In addition, I run an enhanced level cardiac course, contribute to other faculty run courses and stand-alone study events.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, tending to my garden and practicing my skills with a bow and arrow at an archery club.

Amie Milkins

Administrative Assistant



Amie administers and markets all FCNE and FCNE affiliated education. This includes being the point-of-contact for internal and external stakeholders.

Amie is also the administrator for the Paediatric Disability Team within our hospital.

Dan Speakman

Lecturer Practitioner Specialising in Nephrology



I have worked on the Nephro-Urology ward for many years, moving from a Charge Nurse position to an education role in 2017. My role is split educationally and clinically 70:30, working once a week in the haemodialysis unit and with the majority of my time focusing on the education of nephrology nurses. I have developed a long term learning pathway for nursing staff that join our ward, delivering two multi-day education courses as well as two South West regional study days on dialysis and renal transplantation.

I like to keep active and love spending hours trail running in the nearby ranges, training for ultra-marathons, or road cycling and cycle touring.

Diane Pearce

Interim Lead Educator for Nursing Support Roles



Throughout my 25 years in our children's hospital I have worked in roles from staff nurse through to more recently ward manager for the surgical unit.

I have always been interested in education and supporting all staff within their roles. I am therefore especially looking forward to working with the nursing support roles as they develop and evolve, especially with the national changes that are afoot amongst this workforce.

Donna Tremayne

Long Term Ventilation Practice Educator



I am Donna and I have recently joined the Faculty of Children's Nurse Education as the Long Term Ventilation Practice Educator for Bristol Children's Hospital. I have worked at BCH for 14 years and always worked on the Medical ward and High Dependency Unit, initially as a Band 5 and then continued my career as a Band 6. My role is split and I continue to work 1 day a week on the ward which means that I am able to share up to date knowledge with both of my roles.

I have always enjoyed teaching and caring for patients on long term ventilation and I am now able to combine them. I am looking forward to further developing the education provision for BCH and hopefully across the South West region. Outside of work I enjoy going for long walks by the coast and getting lost in a good book.

Emily Parsons

Lecturer Practitioner for Paediatric Oncology, Haematology & Stem Cell Transplant



I have worked on the I'm responsible for the education of the nurses caring for cancer patients within our children's hospital and our shared care centres in the South West. I facilitate oncology education throughout the year including a university accredited module with UWE. I love teaching and supporting nurses to develop their knowledge and understanding of paediatric cancer care. I feel privileged to work with an incredible team, along with caring for such amazing patients.

Away from work I love the seaside; especially Stand-up Paddle Boarding in Cornwall. I also love to travel around the world and have climbed the highest mountain in South East Asia.

Eve Hallam

Lecturer Practitioner specialising in PICU



In my role I am responsible for coordinating clinical and theoretical education for nursing staff on PICU. This involves planning, delivering and evaluating teaching sessions on the Paediatric Critical Care (PCC) courses, clinically supervising nursing staff on the PCC courses, and assisting with the wider education and training needs on PICU.

Hannah Brightman

Paediatric Critical Care Educator



My role is split between providing education on the PCC L3 and PCC L1&2 courses, as well as working 30 hours a month clinically in the critical care areas across the children's hospital - PICU, Medical HDU, Burns HDU and Cardiac HDU.

Clinical shifts allow me to orientate and embed within the Trust, uphold and develop my own clinical competence, as well as inform the paediatric critical care courses to effectively respond to knowledge demand.

I previously worked on PICU at Birmingham Children's Hospital, joining the PICU Education Team before transitioning into higher education at Birmingham City University where I was an Assistant Lecturer on the Nursing Associate Apprenticeship and acquired my AHE Fellowship in Teaching and Learning Practice.

I have a passion for nurse education and regularly volunteer with international charities to provide education and nursing in Africa.

Hayley West

Clinical Nurse Educator specialising in Critical Care Level's 1 & 2



My I have worked in various roles including Adult, Neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Care alongside a Baby Unit specialising in medical, surgical, cardiac level 1 and 2 care, SW Critical Care Audit, Paediatric Critical Care Outreach and Clinical site.

I joined the Faculty when it was set up in 2014 as a Nurse Educator for High Dependency and became course lead for the Paediatric Critical Care Level 1 and 2 course at the end of 2019. I work alongside colleagues to facilitate courses and study days in Bristol and around the Region alongside supporting the clinical needs of nurses within the Childrens Hospital. I have also been involved with National educational projects. I completed a Diploma in Teaching and Education in 2020

I enjoy spending time outdoors walking and cycling and doing yoga.

Lucy Edwards

Lead Educator for Nursing Support Roles



I lead and advocate career pathways and development opportunities for bands 2-4 within BRHC, standardising education and role expectations. I provide clinical education for healthcare support workers from the start of their careers providing development and progression opportunities. My clinical practice started in NICU at St Michaels followed by Penguin ward and latterly 4 years at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Each of these roles has had a focus on general, gut and neonatal surgery.

I have been working within education for a number of years and hold a PGcert in Clinical education with my last role as a Senior lecturer and Co-Programme Lead for the Childrens Nursing programme at UWE.

Matthew McCall

Service Coordinator



I assist our Lead Nurse in ensuring all FCNE administrative work meets the high standards our department prides ourselves in. With an ever-evolving picture we need to ensure that our processes are as simple as possible in this often over-complicated world to ensure that our stakeholders, whether internal or external, can focus more time on the clinical needs of their own departments.

Meg Sims

Clinical Educator for Nursing Support Roles



Rebecca Swinbank

Paediatric Practice Development Educator



Sarah Shinn

Nurse Educator specialising in neurosciences care



I joined the Faculty in January 2018 following 25 years of Neuroscience nursing in the acute and high dependency setting both as a Ward Nurse and Manager. I am the module lead for the Foundation and Advanced Neuroscience courses.

Away from the Faculty I like walking my dog Monty in the sunshine and visiting the South West to find a nice cottage to retire to!

Susie Gilbert

Operational Lead – Paediatric Clinical Skills Education



I am responsible for the planning and delivery of both UHBW's Safeguarding Adult and Children training, Clinical holding techniques and the Paediatric Orientation Programme for our newly qualified nursing colleagues.

The practice development and teaching of various paediatric clinical skills such as IV management, venepuncture, cannulation and immunisations I find hugely rewarding. I particularly enjoy being able to influence clinical practice through education, supporting staff to deliver high quality care to our patients and their families.

Zoe Coppin

IV Education Nurse



I provide clinical education and practice support to IV practitioners within BRHC. I provide classroom and ward based teaching, assist with trouble shooting problems related to IV Practice and provide IV practitioners with clinical support.

I love teaching and supporting others; enabling them to develop both their IV management skills and confidence in practice and subsequently empowering them to provide exceptional patient care.

I have 2 small children who keep me very busy and I love to be in the great outdoors!