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01/09

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Trained at Uni of Chester, spent time on NNU – chose to work here 4.5 yrs – All induction – top band 5 level – Specialist nurse NN centralised[?] to look after ventilated babies

4 nurses (2 x 6 1 or 2 x 5) try to adhere to guidelines 1:1 – lots of ITU babies 2 at a time or 3 HDU babies.

Waiting for opportunity to apply for Band 6 role – supervisory role usually but not always possible.

Good team, good rapport between med:
nursing staff - but different with consultants
- more wary of going to them
Escalation -> Band 6 -> SHO -> Reg
(not aware that this is written down)
Empowered to be heard certainly to more junior staff.

Delayed debriefs following deaths & other events – not everyone can join – reliant on nursing staff pushing for it – positively received but time for it to be acted on.

Supported by medical team but not so

Supportive as supported by nurse managers

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Some debriefs initiated by LL who had to ask for them.

Taken off nights so more protected on days – told rather than agreed with LL

Redeployed - have no contact with the NNU – referred to OH seen once – given leaflets

Only drs access support from network (or senior nurse managers).

Consultants not always empowering & supporting of nurses - slow to escalate to tertiary centres on occasion in LL's view.

Short of nursing staff, V[?] skill mix, lots of Bank & agency nurses. — most shifts have one agency.

LL will do 2 or 3 extra (12 hour) shifts a month and/or move shifts around to

cover gaps.

30th June – 2/52 AL -> meeting with EP ->
DDoN -> told period of supervision & training
- no prior warning - ? practice concerns –
no – statistically there all the time so –
(also others too) -> RCN -> meeting -> not
able to supervise so redeploy -> no

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contact – no others redeployed – scapegoated 2/52 now 10/52 – no reason or evidence to redeploy – waiting for this review before RCN increase role -> Launch a grievance.
Under impression RCPCH had asked for LL to be redeployed.

Redeployment done under? policy
Feeling very vulnerable. "Feels everyone has
turned their back on her."