



Make the  
break and join  
us in Somerset,  
and you'll find  
we're a Trust full  
of surprises.

As well as the many opportunities to advance your career, not to mention a great blend of professional autonomy and clinical support, you'll be working alongside people who place as much emphasis on delivering compassionate care as you do.

There is much on offer for you at Somerset Partnership. We provide a range of Community and Mental Health services; many led by nurses just like you. There are also a few pages about the county itself, with a map and some useful web links that will give you an insight into living and working in this beautiful part of the country.

**Community Hospitals:** Staffed by band 5, 6 and 7 Registered Nurses, these act as a key bridge between home and district (acute) hospital care, ensuring that a patient's stay in hospital is no longer than is clinically necessary.

**Community Mental Health Teams:** Based in various localities around the county, Community Psychiatric Nurses are integral to our multidisciplinary teams as they look to provide specialist services for people with severe mental health problems.

**Cardiac Rehabilitation:** Our teams help people regain their confidence and quality of life following a heart attack, angioplasty treatment or coronary artery bypass surgery.

**Older People's Day Hospitals:** Psychiatric Nurses, with support from Occupational Therapists and Psychologists, provide specialist day hospital treatments for older people with severe mental health problems, as well as specialist day care for people with dementia.

**Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS):** Providing a specialist service for children and young people who may be experiencing a range of mental health problems, our aim is to help each of them achieve a more fulfilling role within their community.

**Chronic Fatigue/ME Service:** Our team helps people with mild to moderate Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME) to self-manage their condition and so improve their quality of life.

**Community Matrons:** These experienced nurses work closely with patients and their doctors to plan and organise care in patients' own homes, helping them both improve their quality of life and reduce the chance of being admitted to hospital.

**Continence (Children & Young People):** Our Paediatric Continence Service aims to provide support to children, young people and their parents/carers as they manage a condition which can have a major impact on family relationships.

**Continence Service:** In offering support to people experiencing bladder and/or bowel problems, our team can also give advice on how to prevent the development of continence problems.

**Contraceptive & Sexual Health:** We help people choose a method of contraception that suits them, while also providing a Chlamydia Screening Programme and a Psychosexual Medicine Service.

**Court Assessment & Advice:** We provide assessment and advice for people with mental health problems who appear in the criminal courts.

**CRISIS Resolution Team:** An alternative to admission to people with mental health problems living in the community who require intensive daily support.

### **Diabetes Intermediate Care**

**Service:** Positioned squarely between GP surgeries and Acute Hospitals, this service provides support and education to people who care for those with type 1 and 2 diabetes. The team's specialist nurses are assisted by Diabetes Dietitians among others.

### **District Nurses and Community**

**Staff Nurses:** For housebound people with health or nursing care needs, our team of District Nurses and Community Staff Nurses make home visits to assess and meet each individual's needs.

**District Hospital Liaison:** Our team supports adults who have self-harmed or who exhibit other mental health problems. They also provide specialist training to staff in the hospitals where the patients have presented themselves.

**Eating Disorders Team:** Dealing with people who have an eating disorder, our team works to help each individual overcome their condition.

**Health Visitor Team:** These are nurses with a specialist public health qualification who promote the health and wellbeing of families with children under 5 years of age. The service is community-based, and draws on a team of community nurses and nursery nurses, who work with other professionals including GPs, midwives and social workers, as well as voluntary agencies such as Action for Children.

**In-Reach Liaison Team:** Aimed at older people with mental health problems, specialist Psychiatric Nurses (with input from Consultant Psychiatrists) provide psychiatric liaison support to acute and community hospitals across the county.

### **Learning Disabilities Service:**

Our highly specialist health service aims to meet the health needs of people with learning disabilities, and is designed to complement the work of mainstream health services.

**Leg Ulcer Service:** We assess and manage people with leg wounds that haven't healed after four weeks or more. Our team consists of Registered Nurses with a special interest in wound healing (and who have undergone training in Leg Ulcer Management) and Healthcare Assistants.

### **Memory Assessment Service:**

This county-wide service offers initial assessment, diagnosis and treatment for people who may be developing a form of dementia or other memory problems.

### **Mental Health Adult Inpatient**

**Wards:** In assessing and treating people who are experiencing acute mental illness, our aim is to provide personalised care in a modern environment that's therapeutic, stimulating and supportive. We also have a psychiatric intensive care unit, providing hospital admissions for those who are acutely unwell.

### **Minor Injuries & Urgent Care:**

Emergency Nurse Practitioners offer people who visit community hospitals with an injury high quality care and short waiting times.

### **Newborn Hearing Screening**

**Programme:** By identifying all degrees of deafness in newborn babies, from moderate to profound, this programme looks to give babies a better 'life chance' of developing speech and language skills.



### **Older Persons Community Mental**

**Health Team:** We provide specialist mental health services for older people with illnesses – from severe depression and anxiety to Alzheimer's and schizophrenia – with the aim of helping retain their independent way of life.

### **Older Persons Inpatient Ward:**

We provide an inpatient setting for older people with illnesses such as depression, severe anxiety, Alzheimer's and schizophrenia.

**Out-of-Hours Nursing:** Our Twilight Nursing and Overnight Nursing services are an extension of the District Nursing Service which we offer during the daytime.

**School Nursing:** Leading a team of qualified Nurses, Nursery Nurses and Support Workers, our School Nurses provide confidential advice, care and treatment to children and young people within schools and other community settings.

**Stroke Services:** When a person is transferred from an acute hospital after a stroke, we provide a rehabilitation service that helps them speed up their recovery while maximising their independence.

**Tissue Viability Service:** In this specialist area, where the focus is on wounds which are difficult to heal, our team addresses every aspect of wound care – from pain, diet and continence to lifestyle choices and using dedicated equipment.

**Young Parents Service:** We have developed a sustainable care pathway for teenagers who are, or who are about to become, parents. Our team aims to ensure they receive optimum support from the right professionals at the right time.