

## Laura Godman

**Role:** Staff Nurse, William Budd ward

Laura has worked on William Budd ward for the last eight years, since she qualified as a nurse.

“When I started my training I didn’t plan on working in Oncology. My very last placement was on William Budd ward and I liked it so much that I decided to apply for a job once I qualified. I get huge satisfaction from my job, and it’s really rewarding work and we get to know our patients really well.

“I feel really privileged to be able to care for our patients when they are at a really vulnerable stage in their lives.

“Days on the ward are busy and varied. As well as caring for oncology patients, we also see acutely unwell haematology patients.

“In an average day we are likely to be involved in giving IV drugs, chemotherapy, complex discharge planning and end of life care. We get to constantly develop our communication and interpersonal skills, and we build up a good relationship with our patients, which is beneficial for everyone.

“The whole William Budd team is really lovely. Communication between everyone is always really good, and it doesn’t feel like there is a hierarchy – everyone helps and listens to each other.”

