



## CHILDREN'S HOSPICE NURSE – BAND 5

<b>SALARY</b>	£29,553 - £36,265 per annum (AFC equivalent, dependant on experience)
<b>LOCATION</b>	Barnet (North London)
<b>HOURS</b>	37.5 hours per week (full time)
<b>CONTRACT</b>	Permanent
<b>JOINING BONUS</b>	£5,000 over 3 years, £500 on appointment
<b>REPORTING TO</b>	Children's Hospice Nurse Team Leader – Band 6

### JOB DESCRIPTION

At Noah's Ark Children's Hospice we need paediatric nurses to help babies, children and young people who are seriously unwell make the most of every day. We're looking for nurses who want to spend more time with the children they look after. You'll be based in The Ark - a stunning new building, set in a north London nature reserve. It's a place of laughter, play and real connection, with an atmosphere that's both supportive and inclusive.

With talented individuals who share our passion to improve the lives of seriously unwell children and their families, we're changing the landscape for paediatric palliative care in north and central London, as well as Herts Valley.

As part of our Specialist Care Team, you will care for children who are staying with us at The Ark and those visiting us for day care. Providing families with choice is central to Noah's Ark's care model, so you will also support children in their family homes and in community-settings.

### ABOUT YOU

You will be a newly qualified, junior or senior Band 5 nurse looking to use and develop your skills in the hospice sector.

You will have excellent clinical and communication skills, be creative and want to make a positive difference to the charity.

## **KEY TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROLE**

### **DIRECT PATIENT CARE**

1. Ability to provide high quality, effective patient care in The Ark, children's homes or the community.
2. Plan and review quality care in conjunction with parents, children and young people to ensure safety.
3. Act as an advocate for the child and their family.
4. Ensure fun is at the heart of the care we provide.
5. Ensure sensitivity, compassion and confidentiality are always paramount.
6. Follow all safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure staff, babies, children, young people and family members are safe whilst under our care.
7. Promote a high level of communication using a variety of forms to keep all relevant people involved.
8. Ensure a high level of professional documentation and record keeping using electronic and paper systems where required.
9. Administer medications according to Noah's Ark policies and procedures.
10. Maintain the nutritional status of all babies, children and young people according to their needs.
11. Maintain clinical skills and the knowledge necessary to provide holistic evidence-based care, and be open to developing new clinical skills where appropriate.

### **GOVERNANCE**

1. To actively identify, report and be involved in the incident process within Noah's Ark, promoting a blame free, learning and supportive culture.
2. To actively manage and promote effective use of resources and staff.
3. To work in accordance with the NMC professional code of conduct.
4. To participate in audits, collect and document service user feedback and research as required.

### **TRAINING**

1. Identification of learning need and professional development.
2. Deliver high quality and effective training to other members of staff and family members.
3. Complete all mandatory training and clinical training to support the role.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

	<b>ESSENTIAL</b>	<b>DESIRABLE</b>
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Registered Sick Children's Nurse or Registered Nurse (Child Branch).</li> <li>2. Relevant post-qualification experience at staff nurse band 5 level.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teaching qualification e.g. Mentorship, SSSA or a willingness to undertake qualification.</li> <li>2. Experience in supporting students on placement as a practice supervisor or practice assessor.</li> </ol>
<b>SKILLS / KNOWLEDGE / EXPERIENCE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Previous team nursing/management experience or experience of supporting students, junior staff nurses or support workers.</li> <li>2. Experience in leading a multi-skilled workforce or team or evidence of leadership of a multi-skilled workforce/team with support from lead nurse.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least 2 years post registration experience, including a minimum of one year's experience of nursing children with life limiting, life threatening or complex medical needs</li> <li>2. Demonstration of palliative care experience/nursing children with life threatening and life limiting conditions, including children with special needs.</li> <li>3. Previous experience working with children with tracheostomies and/or requiring long term ventilation.</li> <li>4. Experience with intravenous line care and therapies including parenteral nutrition.</li> </ol>
<b>APTITUDE / SKILLS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excellent clinical and mentoring support skills.</li> <li>2. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, transferable within a range of professional and family settings.</li> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Ability to plan and deliver clinical training opportunities to registered and non-registered colleagues.</li> <li>4. Ability to critically analyse research findings and promote relevant findings in clinical practice.</li> <li>5. Ability to work independently, autonomously and as part of a multi-disciplinary team.</li> <li>6. Ability to assess, develop, implement, deliver and evaluate programmes of care across the range of the hospice setting – in house and community.</li> <li>7. Good organisational, planning and time management skills.</li> <li>8. Ability to adapt and reprioritise at short notice based on the immediate needs of our young people and their families.</li> <li>9. Competent IT skills.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>BEHAVIOURAL / PERSONAL</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Respect for and understanding of the wide variety of roles within the multi-disciplinary team.</li> <li>2. Diplomacy and advocacy skills in relation to families, other external agencies and within Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.</li> <li>3. Ability to work within a palliative care environment.</li> <li>4. Positive attitude, proactive, enthusiastic, flexible, innovative and creative thinker.</li> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Ability to meet set targets and work to deadlines.</li> <li>6. Enthusiastic approach to work with a genuine passion to see Noah's Ark Children's Hospice succeed in its objectives.</li> <li>7. Proven track record of reliability.</li> <li>8. Ability to identify and use personal support systems and use supervision appropriately.</li> <li>9. Ability to work flexibly around the 24/7 service need/requirements. This includes short notice response to end of life care support and the nurse on-call rota.</li> <li>10. Live Noah's Ark values - kindness, courage and excellence.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>MISC</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhanced Disclosure &amp; Barring Service (DBS) check.</li> <li>2. Willing to undergo immunisation checks and immunisations where applicable.</li> <li>3. Full driver's licence.</li> <li>4. Provide evidence of a right to work in the UK.</li> </ol>	



## **CHARITY BENEFITS**

### **JOINING BONUS - £5,000 OVER THE COURSE OF 3 YEARS, AS OUTLINED BELOW:**

£500 bonus on top of your salary on appointment

£1,500 bonus on top of your salary at the end of year 1

£1,000 bonus at the end of year 2

£2,000 at the end of year 3

### **ANNUAL LEAVE**

25 days, rising by a day after each completed year up to 30 days. We also offer the ability to buy or sell up to 5 days annual leave each year.

### **SEASON TICKET LOAN**

An interest-free loan is available to all staff to purchase a season ticket.

### **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Each employee receives suitable training and development opportunities

### **PENSION**

Provided by Aviva, with contributions up to 8% (4% employee, 4% from employer). Nursing staff are offered the NHS pension.

### **FLEXIBLE WORKING**

Flexible working opportunities are available to staff dependent on the charity's needs.

### **LIFE ASSURANCE**

Staff will receive Life Assurance (Death in Service) provided by Canada Life Group Insurance. The benefit basis is 4x annual salary.

### **PAID MEMBERSHIP TO BLUE LIGHT CARD**

Staff will receive a Blue Light card membership giving discounts to a number of well-known brands and stores.

### **BIKE2WORK SCHEME**

Salary sacrifice scheme offering the opportunity to purchase a bike and accessories, with tax free payments spread over a period of time.

### **SUBSIDISED CAFÉ**

Freshly prepared hot and cold meals provided at The Ark daily at a subsidised rate.

### **STAFF REFERRAL SCHEME**

Monetary incentive for staff when they successfully recommend a candidate for an open position.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please send your completed application form to [recruitment@noahsarkchildrenshospice.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@noahsarkchildrenshospice.org.uk)

Please note, you will be required to provide evidence of a right to work in the UK.

The application form is available to download under the relevant vacancy at

<https://www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk/work-with-us>

If you would like to have a confidential discussion about this role, please email the HR Team at

[hr@noahsarkhospice.org.uk](mailto:hr@noahsarkhospice.org.uk) or call 020 8449 8877.

*\*Please be aware that Noah's Ark has a resident dog and a PAT dog. Occasionally families may also bring their pets to The Ark.*

We can't wait to  
hear from you!



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## About Noah's Ark Children's Hospice

### **ABOUT NOAH'S ARK CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

Noah's Ark Children's hospice helps babies, children and young people who have life-limiting or life-threatening conditions, and their families, make the most of every day. We are here to enable those we support to enjoy life as children, rather than as patients, as families, not just as carers.

Our expert staff and trained volunteers provide clinical, emotional and practical support for families across north and central London and Herts Valley. We carefully adapt our support for every child and offer it wherever it is required - whether in their home, their community or at our state-of-the-art children's hospice building, The Ark, in Barnet.

### **THE ARK**

Designed by families, for families, The Ark was opened in September 2019 by the Mayor of London. The Ark is a place of light and life, where you will find music, art, play and drama therapy; children blossoming in sensory and soft play rooms; and a fully accessible playground. The grounds offer wheelchair accessible outdoor experiences, including a Woodland Walk through a 7-acre nature reserve and a sensory walkway. At The Ark we are able to provide Specialist Care and Nursing for babies, children and young people, supporting their full clinical, emotional, social and practical needs. We have created a space where children who are seriously unwell are accepted as they are, safe to play, explore, express themselves and build confidence.





## OUR VALUES

Our values capture who we are, and what we expect from staff and volunteers. They are the 'Noah's Ark way', and are reflected in everything we do.



### KINDNESS

- We show compassion and empathy in all our interactions
- We put the child and family at the heart of all we do
- We are considerate: act thoughtfully and behave with integrity
- We go above and beyond
- We embrace diversity
- We create precious moments for children and their families
- We actively promote good mental health and look after our team
- We do not judge others for their differences



### EXCELLENCE

- We are exacting and passionate about our mission
- Our expert and dedicated team is tenacious and solution focused
- We are pioneering, creative and adaptable
- We collaborate and build partnerships
- We listen and learn
- We are considered and reflective
- We plan and grow responsively and responsibly
- We invest in our people



### COURAGE

- We are strong and ambitious in all we do
- We challenge the status quo, making bold resilience and aim to empower
- We help families and each other build resilience and aim to empower
- We act with candour and integrity
- We reach out to people in very difficult circumstances
- We do not shy away from making hard decisions or from challenging situations
- We are not afraid to ask for help