

Neonatal Qualification in Speciality (QIS) Foundation Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal ODN



The Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal QIS Foundation Programme allows the nurse who is newly qualified or new to neonatal practice to gain knowledge of the pathophysiological processes, aetiology, nursing care, and medical management across various neonatal conditions. The aim is to ensure that learners can provide high-quality care for neonates and their families while considering the broader medical, ethical, and emotional context. The programme will support the learner with the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate care in a safe and effective manner and gain proficiency in working within a multi-disciplinary team and in line with relevant guidelines and policies.

The course structure for the Neonatal QIS Foundation Programme is designed to offer a mix of teaching and learning methods:

Online Learning:

- o 10 modules available through an online education platform
- Each module is assessed individually.
- Completion is expected to take between 4–6 months.

Face-to-Face Study Day:

- Mandatory for practical training in areas of resuscitation, family-integrated care, and clinical skills.
- o Includes trust-specific content based on local needs.
- o Delivered locally by unit education teams with support from experts.

Capability Booklet:

- o A document to consolidate theoretical knowledge through clinical practice.
- o To be completed within 12 months of starting the Neonatal QIS Foundation.
- Requires sign-off through observation, reflection, or simulation (Case Studies and Simulations are available on the platform for learners who cannot complete certain clinical practice requirements)

Study Time:

- o Minimum requirements include:
 - 15 hours of clinical practice per week.
 - 45 hours of online learning.
 - 7.5 hours of face-to-face study.

This approach blends theoretical learning, practical experience, and reflection to develop competency in neonatal care.

The programme adheres to National QIS Standard published by NHSE (2024).

Access

If you are working within a neonatal Unit in Yorkshire and Humber, please contact you unit educator who will support you in accessing the programme. For all other enquiries please contact, Nicola Hunt (Neonatal Nurse Educator) via Nicola.hunt23@nhs.net.