



THE QUEEN'S  
**VETERINARY**  
SCHOOL HOSPITAL

## **Inpatient Overnight Care Policy – Small Animal Wing**

Diagnosis and treatment of conditions will often require admission to our wards and overnight care. One or more **Duty Intern** is present continuously for the nursing and care needs of our patients. The **Duty Residents** in medicine, surgery and anaesthesia are responsible for approving any changes to our patient care plans during the overnight period. On call **Senior Clinicians** in medicine, surgery, neurology, diagnostic imaging, anaesthesia and pathology are available for consultation if the duty residents need advice or support. On call **Nursing Staff** are available at all times overnight.

Regular observation/monitoring checks of all our patients will be carried out during the night, the frequency depends on the clinical needs of our patients. **Interns** will ensure all medications and nursing procedures are carried out at times indicated on Nursing Day Sheets (nursing plans) and Medication Sheets. Our Critical Care patients will be supervised at a level indicated in their care plans. In the event this requires continuous one on one care, staffing will be organised to accommodate this without impacting the level of care to our other inpatients.

**Interns** – MRCVS Qualified Veterinary Surgeons, with at least one year's experience in a UK primary care practice, who have embarked on a Junior Clinical Training Scholar course with a view to progressing to a Senior Clinical Training Scholarship in their chosen speciality.

**Resident** – MRCVS Qualified Veterinary Surgeons, usually with two or more years' experience, who have embarked on a Senior Clinical Training Scholarship to become a specialist in their chosen discipline.

**Senior Clinician** – MRCVS Qualified Veterinary Surgeons who have completed advanced training in the discipline, and who are Specialists or eligible to register as a Specialist.

**Nursing Staff** – RCVS Registered Veterinary Nurses

