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Beverley Thornton-Clarke

Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Beverley,

I'm writing to apply for the Band 6 Staff Nurse position on the paediatric respiratory ward. I've spent the last six years in acute care at University Hospitals Birmingham and Sandwell, currently working as a senior staff nurse on a 28-bed respiratory ward with 6 high-dependency beds, and I'm looking to bring that experience into paediatric nursing. A move I've been planning since completing the Trust's clinical leadership programme last year.

At UHB, I manage a team of 4 nurses and 2 HCAs per shift and have completed over 2,400 drug rounds with zero medication errors. I led a chest drain care improvement project that reduced complications by 31%, and I've mentored 3 newly qualified nurses through their preceptorship, all successfully signed off. During COVID, I volunteered for the surge ward at Sandwell and spent six months managing NIV and CPAP patients during peak admissions. That experience with respiratory care and high-acuity patients is directly relevant.

I chose Birmingham Women's and Children's specifically because of its reputation for specialist paediatric respiratory care and the teaching hospital environment. I'm currently completing my V300 independent prescribing qualification at Aston University, which I expect to finish by September 2025. I'd welcome the chance to discuss how my respiratory and leadership experience could translate to your ward.

Yours sincerely,

Amara Okafor