



INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS

Information about ward 25 and information regarding consent

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The information in this leaflet will help parents and children overcome some of the natural worries they may experience when being admitted to Ward 25, the children's ward at King's Mill Hospital.

Introduction

The children's ward at King's Mill Hospital seeks to provide a caring service for each individual child and family. If you have any worries, please feel free to talk about them. We would rather hear about your worries and try to solve them, than leave you to ponder over them. We care for children in an environment furnished and equipped to meet their needs. Every child in hospital has full opportunity for play, recreation and education.

Getting ready for admission

To prepare yourself and your child for the experience of hospital, you may like to contact us to arrange a ward visit prior to your child's admission. If this is the case, please telephone and make arrangements on 01623 672246 or 01623 672483. We look forward to seeing you.

Facilities available on the ward

Telephone – There are public telephones situated throughout the hospital.

Washing and toilet facilities – Separate shower and toilet facilities are available on the ward for parents' use.

Residential facilities – Overnight sleeping facilities are available. Please feel free to discuss your needs with the nursing staff.

Play /school facilities - Qualified nursery nurses are available for a wide range of play facilities. There is a playroom and outdoor play area. A teacher and teaching assistant are available to provide education during term time.

Preparing to come into hospital

Items you will need for your child

- Change of clothes
- Nightdress/pyjamas
- Spare underwear
- Dressing gown
- Slippers
- Money/change for telephone
- Flannel/sponge/soap
- Hairbrush/comb
- Towel
- Toothbrush/toothpaste.

Please do not forget to bring your child's favourite toy, teddy, doll or comfort blanket. If your child has a dummy, feeding bottle or plastic drinking cup at home, bring them along too. Remember to leave extra day clothes for your child. Please label items. The hospital cannot be held responsible for any loss.

Things you may need

- a change of clothes for yourself
- small change for the telephone.

Further information

Canteen – Information about canteen facilities is available on the ward.

Information about your child – The nursing staff are there to help and inform all parents, so please ask your child's nurse about progress. All children are seen by a doctor every day and by a consultant at regular intervals. Arrangements can be made for you to see the doctor or consultant should you wish to do so.

Medical social workers – There is a Social Services Department in the hospital and nursing staff will contact a social worker at your request, should you wish to access their services.

A message to your son/daughter

When you arrive at hospital, you will be given a bed especially for you with a cupboard for all your things. Your mum or dad can stay too. A nurse will take your temperature and pulse and also check your blood pressure with a special

machine and weigh you on our weighing scales. The nurse will ask you and your mum and dad lots of questions and write it down on your own special chart. The nurse will answer any questions you may have. The doctor will see you and ask your mum and dad about yourself. The doctor may need to examine you at this time. There are usually lots of other children on the ward for you to make friends with and we have plenty of toys and games for you to share.

Legal authority to consent

Fathers who are not married to the child's mother or married after the birth of the child, do not automatically have parental responsibility and the legal authority to consent for your child's surgery.

Although, the law has changed concerning children born after December 1st 2003.

This information is to advise you to check who has the legal right to sign to give consent for your child. This ensures the appropriate person attends the pre-operative clinic. If this doesn't happen, your child may not be able to receive treatment.

Further changes to the law mean unmarried parents who have registered the birth of their baby together have equal parental responsibility.

This information is being sent to all parents of children attending King's Mill Hospital for surgery.

How to contact us

- **King's Mill Hospital** – 01623 622515
- **Ward 25** – Extension 6181 or 3063
- **Direct Lines** – 01623 672246 or 01623 672483
- **Address** – Sherwood Forest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. NG17 4JL

Further sources of information

Parentline Plus 0808 800 2222

Our website: <http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/>

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Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

The PALS team are available to help with any of your comments, compliments or concerns and will ensure a prompt and efficient service. Contact details:

- King's Mill Hospital 01623 672222
(out of hours answer phone)
Email: Pals.kmh@sfh-tr.nhs.uk
- Newark Hospital 01636 685692
(out of hours answer phone)
Email: Pals.nwk@sfh-tr.nhs.uk

If you need this information in a different language or format, please contact PALS, as above.

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