

Information about the Intestinal Failure Unit Ward B4



This leaflet was developed with the help of patients and relatives.

Under the Human Tissue Act 2004, consent will not be required from living patients from whom tissue has been taken for diagnosis or testing to use any left over tissue for the following purposes : clinical audit, education or training relating to human health, performance assessment, public health monitoring and quality assurance.

However, if a patient objects to the tissue being used for any of the above purposes they should immediately inform a member of staff who will inform the pathology laboratories of your wishes.

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Car parking

Information regarding passes for long term visitors can be obtained from nursing staff or the housekeeper.

Infection control / handwashing

Visitors are asked to wash their hands on entering and leaving the ward and to refrain from sitting on beds.

Property

It is advisable not to bring valuables with you. A locker will be provided for limited personal belongings and clothes.

Smoking

Please be aware that the Trust operates a smoke free policy.

Contacting us

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Welcome

The Intestinal Failure Unit (IFU) has an international reputation as a centre of excellence.

The unit was the first of its kind in the UK and is one of only two national designated centres for treatment of complex intestinal failure patients in the country.

The unit admits between 40 to 60 new patients a year from other hospitals or home throughout the UK and beyond.

Approximately 90% of all patients admitted will require parenteral nutrition and approximately 50% will require it for a period after discharge.

Parenteral nutrition is a way of giving your body nutritional or fluid requirement directly into a vein.

Waiting

Due to referrals nationwide and the specialty of the unit, you may have to wait for a while until a bed becomes available. The referral list is reviewed on a regular basis. It is possible you could be assessed in our outpatient clinic.

Your stay

In order for our specialist team to treat you, it is possible that your stay may last for several weeks and in some cases months. When you arrive various tests and investigations will be booked for you. As your health improves you will be encouraged to take time off the unit and spend time at home for a few hours, or overnight.

Our facilities

We appreciate that you are far from home and we will endeavour to make your stay with us as comfortable as possible. With this in mind we offer:

- A relative's room for overnight stays (prioritised on clinical need)
- Free TV and radio
- Free laundry and ironing facilities
- A patient's fridge
- Drink making facilities
- Dedicated telephone lines for incoming calls to patients
- Pay telephone

Close to the unit within the hospital there are several cafes, a bistro, gift shop, boutique, pharmacy, hairdressers, newsagent, religious requirements, patient advice and liaison service and cash points.

IFU staff

The IFU is staffed by a team of health professionals and support workers.

Skilled and specialist nurses will assess, plan, implement and evaluate your care.

A doctor is available 24 hours a day. Your team of doctors will review your progress each day and plan treatment.

The physiotherapy team will help you with any mobility issues.

A pharmacist will check daily that all your required medications are available.

The dietitian will carry out a nutritional assessment, and monitor your nutritional progress on an individual basis.

Our clinical psychologist will offer emotional support if needed.

Our occupational therapist will ensure that you will have any necessary aids or adaptations made in your home and for when you are discharged.

Student nurses have supervised placements on the unit.

Other staff will be involved as necessary. The housekeeper can assist with general enquiries.