

Ward - Charles Wolfson

Telephone:

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Visiting times:

- For partners: 08:00-22:00
- For family and friends: 14:00-19:00

Please note: children may not attend with partners excluding between the hours of 14:00-19:00

The Charles Wolfson ward is a 12 bedded low dependency paediatric/neonatal ward. It is open 24 hours, 7 days a week and looks after babies from birth up to 1 year.

The ward provides supportive care to babies transitioning from hospital to home and allows one parent to 'room in' with their baby. The aim is to empower parents/carers with the knowledge and skills to prepare them adequately for discharge home with their baby. The ward also provides care for babies with a variety of medical and surgical needs that can be admitted from A&E or any of the other children's wards.

Babies may be admitted to Charles Wolfson ward for a variety of reasons eg, feeding issues, difficulty maintaining temperature, jaundice, courses of intravenous antibiotics, intravenous hydration, recovery post surgery.

Safety and security

Please keep belonging to a minimum and anything of any value keep with you at all times. For health and safety reasons please inform a member of staff if you are wishing to leave the ward at any time. We are committed to treating all patients (and families where possible) with privacy and dignity in a safe, clean and comfortable environment.

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For health and safety reasons please try not to interrupt nursing staff when they are

administering medications.

Routes of admission

You may have transferred from the Lady Mary ward, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), the Emergency Department, or one of the Children's wards. On admission to the ward you will be allocated a nurse and your nurse will show you around the ward, your nurse will ask you questions regarding your baby to determine the plan of care effectively. Your bed will enable you to sleep next to your baby, occasionally it may be necessary to move you to another bed space in order to accommodate the changing clinical requirements of the ward.

Food and drink

No breakfast trolley is supplied on the ward, however, there are cereals, tea and coffee available in the Parent's Room for carers and parents that resident overnight. If these do not appear to be readily available, please speak to a staff member who will get this rectified.

Ward facilities

- We are committed to treating patients with privacy and dignity in a safe, clean and comfortable environment.
- Showers are available if required.
- Parent's room available for visitors, no children are permitted in this room and no overnight stays allowed.
- Patientline - beside card phone plus free TV/war payphones.

Discharge

Parents/carers should be able to provide transport on discharge home, and only in exceptional circumstances will hospital transport be booked for discharge.

We will endeavor to try and provide you with as much notice as possible about discharge. Please ensure that you have your own car seat available if you are taking your child home in your car.

We will contact your health visitor and midwife when discharge is planned/undertaken in order to ensure that they follow up your care in the community.

Disabled Go accessibility information

Finding us:

Head straight through the Rosie reception area, past the Pavilion cafe. Take lift B or the stairs to level 2 and follow the signs to Charles Wolfson ward.