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Information for patients
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The purpose of the SAU is to provide assessment and treatment of acute surgical conditions. The unit is designed for assessment and if you need to be admitted for ongoing care you will be transferred to your consultant’s larger ward.

The unit has 10 beds divided into 2 four bedded bays and 2 single side rooms all of which have their own en-suite bathroom, this is strictly for patient use only. There are also toilets situated in the waiting area.

On arrival to the unit you will be assessed by a nurse and the specialist medical team in charge of your care will be contacted. As each medical team has differing commitments throughout the day you may not be seen in order of arrival and there may be a delay in your Dr attending. If you have any concerns about your condition or if you feel you have been overlooked please speak to the nurse in charge of the unit for further information.

Due to the nature of the unit, we do ask that a maximum of one relative/companion only stays with you whilst you are assessed.

If you require admission your relative/companion will be given the ward number to contact us at anytime, or your relative is most welcome to wait in the main atrium/cafe bar until visiting time. If you have a concern with this please see the nurse in charge to discuss.
The visiting times are
14.30 – 16.00 & 18.30 – 20.00 (daily)
We do ask for visitors to comply with these times as the unit has
protected meal times and the nurses have specific jobs to complete.

The meal times on the unit are:
Breakfast is served between - 07.00 and 07.45
Lunch is served between - 12.30 and 13.00
   (Soup/sandwiches)
Tea is served between - 17.30 and 18.00
   (Hot meal)

Tea and coffee is served at regular intervals throughout the day.
Staff on the unit
The Unit is managed by Senior Sister Julie Kidd. Matron Tracey Berry is the Matron responsible for the Unit.

There is a sister on each shift who is responsible for coordinating the care and treatment of all patients.

There are two teams of nurses with a qualified nurse and a healthcare assistant assigned to each team.

Please ask whom your nurse is if you have not already been informed

The Uniforms that the staff wear are as follows:
Navy Blue = Senior Sister and Sister
Royal Blue = Registered Nurse
Pale Blue = Health care Assistant
Navy blue/white blouse= Ward clerk
Green = Ward House Keeper
Blue Polo Shirt and Trousers = Ward domestics

We aim to keep you informed of your plan of care at all times and to make your time here as stress-free as possible. Any comments good or bad can be given to the nurse in charge of your care. The Unit is managed by Senior Sister Julie Kidd and arrangements to speak to her personally can be made between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Any of the ward sisters are available to speak to without appointment throughout the day.

The telephone number for the Surgical Assessment Unit is: 01924 542600 or 01924 542601
As patients are transferred frequently throughout the day to the in-patient surgical wards we are unable to telephone relatives to inform them of your transfer. However, you are welcome to use the telephone to ring them yourselves or we will redirect any visitors if you have already been transferred.

Consent to treatment
Before you undergo any treatment or procedure it is important that you understand any risks, benefits and alternatives before you agree to treatment. Some treatments and procedures require written consent (for further information please see patient information leaflet “consent to examination and treatment”). If you feel unsure about giving your consent please ask a member of staff for further information.

Diagnostic tests
During your stay you may need tests to find out more about your condition. The ward staff will arrange your tests. Information leaflets are available about some of the tests please ask your named nurse.

In the event of an emergency
If you have a ‘living will’ please bring this to the attention of the medical team. If you have any other issue’s for example blood transfusion or resuscitation please discuss this with the medical team on your admission to hospital.

Valuables/personal effects
Please do not bring in valuables, jewellery or large sums of money. If this is unavoidable, please ask a relative to take them home for you. If this is not possible, hand in any valuables to the nurse in charge of your ward on arrival. Personal effects such as glasses, dentures, hearing aids, etc will be regarded as patients responsibility. The Trust cannot accept liability for the loss of items that are not handed in for safekeeping.
The telephone numbers for each of the Surgical Wards are as follows:

**Pinderfields Hospital**
Ward 28 (Plastic Surgery) 01924 541905  
Ward 31 (Orthopaedics) 01924 542311  
Ward 32 (Orthopaedics/ENT/Max Fax) 01924 542323  
Ward 32a (General Surgery) 01924 542329  
Ward 33 (General Surgery) 01924 542333  
Ward 34 (Uro-gynacology) 01924 542343  
Ward 38 (Surgical Short Stay Unit) 01924 541800  
Ward 37 Surgical Assessment Unit 01924 542600

**Dewsbury District Hospital**
Ward 12 (General Surgery) 01924 816012  
Ward 14/15 (Orthopaedics) 01924 816014
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To contact any of our hospitals call: 0844 811 8110
To book or change an appointment call: 0844 822 0022