

Admission for patients aged 16 and 17: choosing children's ward or adult ward


Children's Emergency

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If you have been given this leaflet, you are 16 or 17 years old and need to be admitted to hospital. You need to choose between being looked after by children's doctors and nurses on a children's ward or adult doctors and nurses on an adult ward.

Will I get
good care?

If we are asking you to choose, it means that the doctors in both places can give you really good care.

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We cannot give an answer, so it is best not to use this to decide where to go.

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You should talk to your parent or guardian if they are with you. You can talk to any of the doctors or nurses here. Ask all the questions you need to, we are all happy to answer.



Children’s ward are loud, colourful places.

- Most of the patients are young children or babies, who stay with a parent.
- If you want, 1 parent can stay overnight with you.
- The doctors and nurses are used to dealing with children. They might tend to talk to your parents (or guardian) first about how you are, about results or treatment choices. They will be very happy to talk to you as well.
- There are TVs, and toys, and you should be able to get onto the hospital Wi-Fi.
- Teachers from the Hospital school come onto the ward to help you with lessons if you are up to it.

Adult wards tend to be full of older or elderly patients. They can also be noisy.

- There are fewer relatives staying, though if you want, a relative may be able to stay at least most of the time.
- Doctors and nurses are used to dealing with adults. They will ask you (rather than your parent) how you are. They will talk to you about results and treatment choices.
- They will expect you to be able to talk to them, but you can have someone with you if you need, to help you with these conversations.
- The ward can ask a play specialist to come to get you things to do, but there are not toys and games on the ward. You should be able to get onto the hospital Wi-Fi.
- If you are up to it, teachers from the Hospital School can help you get access to some school or college work.

What
next?

Talk to your parent (or guardian) if they are with you, ask us whatever questions you need to, to help you decide. Remember we think that doctors in either area can give you really good care.

The quicker you let us know, the sooner we can talk to the team to help move you to a ward.

Don't forget
to tell us your
decision

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