

# Welcome to Chesterman 2



## Information for patients Cardiology



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## Where is Chesterman 2?

Chesterman 2 is a cardiology ward, situated on C floor on the main corridor of Chesterman Wing (entrance 11).

There are 3 areas to the ward: the ward area, the trolley bay and the radial lounge.

## What type of procedures are dealt with?

We deal with a range of cardiac procedures including:

- Angiogram
- Angioplasty
- Pacemaker
- Internal Cardiac Defibrillator (ICD)
- Electrophysiological Study (EPS)
- Ambulatory heart failure
- Pre Assessment clinic

## When is the ward closed?

The ward closes on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

## Is there somewhere for my relatives to sit and have a drink?

Yes, the WRVS is situated in Chesterman Reception and is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 3.30pm (excluding bank holidays).

## If my family / friends bring me into hospital, how long can they stay?

They are welcome to stay for about 30 minutes until you are settled onto the ward. We would be grateful if your family / friends left after this time because we need to consider the privacy needs of the other patients.

You will need someone to drive you home once you have recovered.

**Please do not drive home yourself.** We will contact your family / friends when you are ready to go home.

## Can my relatives phone the ward?

The ward telephone number is:

- **0114 271 4346**

Please allow us more time to care for you by nominating one family member to phone and then circulate the information to other family members and friends.

## What will happen when I am admitted?

Please bring with you all your medication in their original boxes and take them as usual on the day of your procedure unless otherwise instructed.

- Make-up, including nail varnish, should not be worn.
- You will be asked to remove all jewellery before your procedure. Wedding rings can be taped.
- Eat and drink as usual on the day of your procedure unless instructed otherwise at pre-admission clinic.
- Please bring toiletries, a dressing gown and slippers (if you have them).
- Organise a friend or relative to bring you into hospital and collect you. You cannot drive yourself home from hospital.

## How can we help with infection control?

Infections can be spread in many ways. To reduce the risk please follow our simple guidelines:

- Visitors must not sit on patients' beds or chairs. We provide visitors' chairs. Please replace the chairs after use.
- Patients must not sit on other patients' beds or chairs.
- Possessions must not be shared with other patients.
- Please do not touch any pumps or equipment.
- Please do not bring children under the age of 12 years onto the ward.
- Visitors must not use the patients' toilets. Visitors' toilets are situated in the main entrance. Please wash and dry your hands after visiting the toilet.
- Do not visit if you are unwell, this includes coughs and colds. You should be free of symptoms for 48 hours before coming to the ward.
- Vomiting and diarrhoea - you should be free of symptoms for 72 hours before coming to the ward.

**Please use the hand rub provided as you enter and leave the ward.**

## Useful information

- The hospital has a chaplaincy service. St Christopher's Chapel is situated on the Vickers corridor and is open 24 hours a day. Prayer rooms are available for other faiths.
- If you require any information on giving up smoking or healthy eating, please ask a member of staff.
- If you have any concerns about your stay in hospital please feel free to speak to a member of staff. Alternatively a Patient Representative is available upon request.
- For safety reasons, we do not allow you to bring any electrical items into hospital with you. The exception to this is electric razors.
- Please would you turn off your mobile phone when you enter the hospital as they interfere with vital equipment and disturb other patients.
- We have nowhere to store valuables and do not accept any responsibility for your property.
- Please treat our staff with respect. Violence towards staff, threatening behaviour, offensive remarks and physical assault are not acceptable.

## Health and safety

### **Drugs / medication**

For safety, your own medication will be locked away.

### **Food**

Due to environmental health issues we do not have the facilities to store patients' own food on the ward.

### **Property**

Space is limited so please do not bring large amounts of property.

### **Security**

Please do not keep things on your locker top, items out of sight present less of a security risk.

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