

What if I am taken ill whilst in the Day Hospice?

Trained nursing staff are always on duty in the Day Hospice. If you become ill during the day, a nurse will assess your condition and take whatever action is appropriate. This may mean phoning your GP and arranging an appointment for you to be seen. We may make arrangements for you to go to hospital.

In a more serious situation, for example a collapse or a cardiac arrest (when the heart stops beating), staff will provide basic life support and use of an automated defibrillator in an attempt to re-start your heart; we will also call an ambulance.

Some patients have made the decision that they would not want to be resuscitated in the event of a cardiac arrest, and may have discussed this with their GP or consultant.

If this applies to you, and you would like the opportunity to discuss this further, please let us know.

If you would like to see the notes that we keep about you, please speak to one of the nurses. You will also need to make the request in writing to the Head of Clinical Services.

An information leaflet called 'What Information Is Collected About You: A Patient's Guide' should have been included in this pack. If you have not been given this leaflet, please ask.

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