

# My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

## Paediatric Cardiac Surgery – Waiting well

### Introduction

**Paediatric Cardiac Surgery** services provide care and treatment for children presenting with a range of cardiac conditions. The operations undertaken in relation to these diagnoses include:

- Closure or revision of atrioventricular septum
- Repair of coarctation of aorta
- Replacement/repair of aortic valve
- Repair of mitral or pulmonary valve
- Pulmonary valvuloplasty
- Shunt to pulmonary artery from aorta
- Anastomosis to pulmonary artery from vena cava
- Atrial septostomy
- Correction of tetralogy of Fallot

If your child is on a surgical waiting list, awaiting their operation date by a Cardiac Surgeon, there are some things you can do in the intervening period to prepare for your child's admission to the hospital. More information about Cardiac surgical pathways can be found via our South West ODN Network Website:

<https://www.swswhd.co.uk/en/page/babies-and-children-pathway>

The website below gives further information on the types of operations:

[Procedures](#) | [SCTS](#)

### Guidance for Patients

Whilst you are waiting for your child's operation, the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children website has useful information leaflets and videos available online via the following link:

<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/bristol-royal-hospital-for-children/childrens-website/>

We would particularly recommend viewing the video "A little Deep Sleep" which helps to explain what to expect on the day of surgery for your child:

<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/bristol-royal-hospital-for-children/childrens-website/operations-and-tests/going-to-theatre>

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If your child has additional needs and requires support during their admission to the hospital, you may find the below link to our “Hospital Passport” useful:

Bristol Royal Hospital  
For Children

University Hospitals Bristol **NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust

Hello, my name is

I like to be called

and I can respond to it.  
Please use my name when  
you speak to me.

Who are you?  
#hello my name is...

Insert photo  
of your child  
here

See instructions on the main webpage or  
in our leaflet

## My Hospital Passport

PREFERABLE INFORMATION Information about my likes, dislikes and comfort issues	
Things I like	good
Things I don't like	bad
Things that make me feel safe and comfortable	happy
Things that will make my time in hospital better	better

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### Web Link to Passport:

<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/bristol-royal-hospital-for-children/patient-and-family-support-services/disability-support-team/hospital-passport/>

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### What should I do if my child's health is deteriorating?

#### **GP surgeries are still open**

Please contact your GP surgery for advice if you feel that your child's condition is deteriorating. GP surgeries are still open but may be working differently to how they did before the COVID-19 pandemic.

GP surgeries can contact the Children's Hospital for advice if needed.

#### **Contact your Clinical Team at BRHC**

Please do contact your child's clinician if you are concerned their condition is deteriorating or you have any questions relating to their care under that service.

#### **Urgent Health Advice**

For urgent health advice, when it's not an emergency, please call 111 from any landline or mobile phone. You can also visit [www.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk). The NHS 111 service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### **Life Threatening Emergencies**

For anything life threatening – please dial 999.