

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

Paediatric Cardiology – Waiting well

Introduction

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

- Aortic balloon valvoplasty
- Ablation
- Insertion of loop recorder or pacemaker
- Electrophysiology study
- Diagnostic catheter
- VSD closure
- Insertion of stent
- Arterial duct

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

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

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

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...

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

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	
Things I don't like	
Things that make me feel safe and comfortable	
Things that will make my time in hospital better	

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/>

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

GP surgeries are still open

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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. The NHS 111 service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Life Threatening Emergencies

For anything life threatening – please dial 999.