

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

Paediatric Spinal Surgery – Waiting Well

Introduction

Paediatric Spinal Surgery provides care and treatment for children presenting with a wide range of orthopaedic spinal conditions. The surgeries and treatments undertaken include:

- Scoliosis correction surgery
- Hemivertebrae correction surgery
- Bracing programs for spinal curvature
- Spinal injections for skeletal back pain

If your child is on a surgical waiting list, awaiting their operation date by a Spinal 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 paediatric spinal surgery conditions and treatment can be found via our South West ODN Network Website: <https://severnspine.nhs.uk/patient-area/paediatric-spine-conditions-and-procedures/>

We would particularly recommend viewing the video "Journey Through Scoliosis Surgery" which helps to explain what to expect on the day of surgery for your child:

<https://youtu.be/FIC9w4iW1Ko?list=TLGGKiNT04RPwNgxMTAzMjAyMg>



Guidance for Parents

Whilst you are waiting for your child's operation, the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children website also 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/>

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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:

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

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

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.

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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.