Children’s Clinical Decision Unit
Information for patients and parents
Welcome to the Children’s Clinical Decision Unit

Following review in the Emergency Department (ED) or at the request of your GP your child needs to come to the Children’s Clinical Decision Unit (CCDU). This could be for further observation, continuation of treatment or to await results.

The Children’s CDU is on Level 1 of the main Hospital.

Staffing

A team of two qualified nurses and a care support worker staff the unit 24 hours a day. The nurses wear royal blue scrubs and the care support workers wear light blue. If your child needs anything, or you have any concerns, please let the staff know. A doctor will work in the unit between 10.00am and 6.00pm. There are two Advanced Nurse Practitioners who wear dark blue scrubs with green piping. They are experienced, specially trained nurses who are able to assess and treat your child.

Discharge (going home)

Your child could stay on the unit for up to 24 hours before being either discharged home or admitted to the appropriate children’s ward.

If your child is able to go home, their nurse will give you any medications or advice you will need to care for them at home.

After discharge home, if you have any concerns about your child please contact your GP.
Facilities on the unit

We will provide food for your child while they are on the unit.

We have a selection of ready-to-feed baby milks, plus cows’ milk and squash.

We will also provide cereal, sandwiches or baby jars if your child is hungry.

Single-use bottles and teats are also available.

The toilet is near the waiting room, next to the staff room. Other toilets are along the corridor.

Unit rules

Due to limited space, only two adult visitors per child are allowed. We are not able to allow other children, including siblings, on the unit. Please stay with your child while they are on CCDU.

Please turn off mobile phones while you are on the unit as they can be disruptive to medical equipment and other parents. You may use mobile phones in the corridor.

Hot drinks must be bought from vending machines or one of the cafés. For safety reasons, please do not bring hot drinks on the unit.

Contact numbers

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