



Infection Prevention and Control Department

Moving out of cubicles

Information for parents and carers

During the winter and early spring large numbers of children are admitted to Alder Hey with respiratory infections or diarrhoea and vomiting, therefore the demand for cubicles can be greater than the number available.

When this occurs, babies or children who do not have an infection, or who are not at high risk of developing an infection, may be moved out of a cubicle onto a multi-bedded bay.

This allows us to isolate the children with infections, so protecting other children from catching these illnesses.

It may also be necessary to move children who have had an infection out of a cubicle when they are no longer infectious.



It may be necessary to place children with the same infection with other children in a bay - this is called a cohort. This practice can reduce the time children who need a cubicle will have to wait in A&E before being admitted.

Sometimes it is necessary for children who have infections or carry resistant bacteria to be moved out of a cubicle and into an area of the ward behind mobile screens (KWIK screens).

The decision to move a patient out of a cubicle is never taken lightly and is done with the advice of the Infection Prevention & Control team as the safety of all our patients is our number one priority.

For further information about the prevention & control of infections please discuss with your child's nurse or contact the Infection Prevention & Control Team directly on 0151 252 5485.

This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment. This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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