



Ward 3B Teenage Cancer Trust Unit (TCT)

Privacy and dignity for teenagers and young adults

Information for patients and families

Introduction

National guidance tells us we should offer separate facilities for female and male patients who are teenagers or young adults to provide maximum privacy and dignity**.

Same sex accommodation

There are four teenage cubicles within the Teenage Cancer Unit (TCT), each with their own toilet and shower facilities. There are also two day care beds on the TCT Unit to nurse day case teenagers and young adult patients. There is one toilet and one shower to share amongst these two beds.

Unfortunately due to environmental restrictions we can't always provide a bed space within the TCT Unit, we will though always discuss, agree and provide the most appropriate bed space for you. Sometimes we will provide a cubicle on the children's side of the Unit with en-suite facilities and you will have access to the teenage facilities including the Den.

Occasionally it may be necessary for a young person to change bed spaces during their hospital stay but we will try to keep this to a minimum.

Bathroom facilities

To meet the needs of all teenagers and young adults on the TCT all cubicles have their own toilet and shower facilities.

Chaperones

All teenagers and young adults have the right to ask for a chaperone and to request that professionals of the same sex to care for them. We will always try to provide this, especially for private procedures. Please be aware that there may be times when this could be difficult without forward planning.

Who to contact for further details

Michelle Drake, Megan Brice, Samantha Moore (Teenage Link Nurses)
Janet Smith (Ward Manager) or Jeanette White (Unit Manager)
Robert Sefton Teenage and Young Adult (TYA youth worker)

** Delivering Same Sex Accommodation (DSSA) in Young Adults, Department of Health 2010

This fact sheet 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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