



Information for  
patients and  
carers

## Paediatric Oncology

Shared Care Unit

## Welcome to Ward 8



We are a designated shared care unit for children with cancer who are receiving care and treatment from Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (RMCH). This means that your child can have some of their care here with us on ward 8 and still remain closer to home. We link closely with RMCH, and follow the same guidelines for care, we will update the doctors there regularly on your child's condition.

Ward 8 is based on the 1st floor at Royal Preston Hospital. It consists of a Paediatric Assessment Unit (PAU) including treatment room service, a High Dependency Unit (HDU), inpatient beds (8B) and isolation cubicles (8C) along with a daycase area.

You are welcome to stay with your child through-out their stay on Ward 8. You can be involved in your child's care and we aim to ensure the transition from hospital to home runs smoothly for you and your family.



If you are worried about your child's condition you should contact the Paediatric Assessment Unit for advice (01772 523632). You will be asked to attend PAU for an assessment.

On the Paediatric Assessment Unit you will be triaged shortly after arrival by a nurse who will record your child's observations and assess them. The doctors will then assess your child and a decision will be made with you regarding a plan of treatment.

If your child needs to be admitted they will be admitted to an isolation cubicle usually on 8c. We have four en-suite cubicles which we try to prioritise, however this may not always be possible.

Your child will have a nurse allocated on each shift who will attend to your child's needs on a regular basis and will be available if you require them. Please let them know if your child is in pain or you are concerned about their condition.

If you have any questions or queries during your stay please ask the nurse looking after your child, the sister in charge, ward manager or our Patient Experience Advisor. Further information about the ward can be found in the bedside information folders.

*Please remember to bring with you any medication your child currently takes, along with essentials such as nappies or specialist milk.*

Ward round occurs every morning between 9:30 and 12:00. You are welcome to attend so that you can speak to the doctor about your child's care. The ward will often obtain your child's blood for testing early in the morning (if required) so that the results can be back in time for the ward round and help decision making.

On Ward 8 we will support your child's Beads of Courage journey so please ask the nurses for your beads. We also have an 'End Of Treatment' bell to recognise key achievements

## **Facilities within Ward 8**

Within Ward 8 there is a parent's room, where you can make hot drinks and take a little time out. There is also a fridge and microwave available for use. There are vending machines outside the main doors to the ward, next to the lifts and on the ground floor.

For health and safety reasons, we ask that hot drinks are not brought onto the ward unless it is in a cup with a lid.

We can arrange a car parking pass, this is available 24hours after admission.

We have a play team who can provide toys and activities for your child. If your child is to be resident for some time the play team will initiate a programme to meet their development needs and stimulation. We also have a playroom and multi-sensory room available.

We are always looking at ways to improve our service so we will invite you to complete a questionnaire upon discharge and we welcome all feedback and ideas. Please discuss these with us during your stay if you wish.

## Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please contact

Paediatric Assessment Unit (PAU): 01772 523632

Ward 8C (Isolation): 01772 522496

High Dependency (HDU): 01772 523971

Paediatric Outreach: 01772 522939

## Sources of further information

[www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk)

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

[www.patient.co.uk](http://www.patient.co.uk)

[www.accessable.co.uk](http://www.accessable.co.uk)

All our patient information leaflets are available on our website for patients to access and download:

[www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets)

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Please ask if you would like help in understanding this information. This information can be made available in large print and in other languages.

### Gujarati:

આ માહિતીને સમજવામાં સહાયતા જોઈતી હોય તો કૃપાકરીને પૂછો. આ માહિતી મોટા છપાણામાં અને અન્ય ભાષામાં ઉપલબ્ધ કરી શકાય છે.

### Romanian:

Vă rugăm să întrebați dacă aveți nevoie de ajutor pentru înțelegerea acestor informații. Aceste informații pot fi puse la dispoziție în format mare și în alte limbi.”

### Polish:

Poinformuj nas, jeśli potrzebna jest ci pomoc w zrozumieniu tych informacji. Informacje te można również udostępnić dużym drukiem oraz w innych językach

### Punjabi:

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਮਝਣ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੋਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਕਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਪੁੱਛੋ। ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰਨਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

### Urdu:

دو سر ی زبانوں او ر بڑی اگر آپ کو ہی معلومات سمجھنے کے لیے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو ییچھپیا جس یبھ ابی دست بو یسکت ہے برا ئے مہر یان پو ے یچھہی۔ معلومات

### Arabic:

مطبوعة بأحرف كبيرة و بلغات إذا كنت تريد مساعدة في فهم هذه المعلومات يُرجى أن تطلب آخرى يمكننا تو فسير هذه المعلومات

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