



Information for patients  
and carers

# Keeping your baby safe in hospital

## Safe and secure – Keeping your baby safe in hospital

We aim to provide a safe and secure environment for both mothers and babies and there are many measures in place to maintain security and safety on the maternity wards and birth centres. Your help and cooperation is essential in making sure that these measures are as effective as possible:

- The safest place for your baby is by your bedside throughout the day and night.
- Never leave your baby unattended.
- If you need to leave the department, your baby must remain in the department, within the locked doors (the secure area); please let a member of staff know where you will be.
- All staff employed by the Trust wear an identity badge with their photograph on it. You should always check the identity of any staff member caring for you or your baby. Staff are more than happy for you to request this information. This is particularly important if it is suggested that your baby should be taken from your bedside. If in doubt, do not hesitate to call another member of staff for assistance.
- Admission doors to mother and baby areas can only be opened by staff with authorised access. Please help us by asking your visitors to observe and cooperate with the security arrangements and visiting times. Please ask your visitors to be patient when trying to gain access using the video/ intercom system. These systems are in place for your baby's security. Full details about visiting arrangements can be found in the Visiting information leaflet in the Maternity leaflets section on the Trust Internet.
- Do not let any visitors into the ward when you are leaving or entering.
- Your baby should be wearing two identity bracelets around their ankles throughout their time in hospital, if either becomes detached or lost, please inform a member of staff immediately. In addition, electronic tags are also in use in some areas and can only be removed and disabled by a staff member.
- If your baby requires assessment or treatment in another area, you will be encouraged to accompany your baby. If you are unable to go with your baby, you can arrange for a relative or friend to go instead. A member of staff will always escort your baby.
- Finally, if you see anyone on the ward who you feel should not be there or who causes you any other concern, please tell a member of staff immediately.

## Avoiding accidents in hospital

- Never leave your baby unattended on the bed.
- If you feel sleepy put your baby back in the cot or call for help.
- Only close your curtains when privacy is essential (so that staff can easily check that you and baby are safe).
- At night, switch on your bedside light when feeding.
- Don't walk around with your baby in your arms, in case you should slip or trip. Please use the cot as a pram if you need to take your baby out of your room.

## Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please speak with a midwife.

## 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)

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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.

### **Lancashire Teaching Hospitals is a smoke-free site**

On 31 May 2017 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals became a smoke-free organisation. From that date smoking is not permitted anywhere on any of our premises, either inside or outside the buildings. Our staff will ask you about your smoking status when you come to hospital and will offer you support and advice about stopping smoking including Nicotine Replacement Therapy to help manage your symptoms of withdrawal.

If you want to stop smoking you can also contact the Quit Squad Freephone 0800 328 6297.

#### **Cantonese:**

如果你希望以另外一種格式接收該資訊，請和我們聯絡，不必猶豫。

#### **Gujarati:**

જો તમને આ માહિતી બીજી રચના કે ફોર્મેટમાં મેળવવાની ઈચ્છા હોય, તો કૃપા કરી અમારો સંપર્ક કરતા અચકાશો નહિ.

#### **Hungarian:**

Kérjük, vegye fel velünk a kapcsolatot, ha más formában kéri ezt az információt.

#### **Polish:**

Jeżeli chciał(a)by Pan/Pani otrzymać niniejsze informacje w innym formacie, prosimy o kontakt.

#### **Punjabi:**

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਫਾਰਮੈਟ ਵਿਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲੈਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਨਾ ਝਿਜਕੋ।

#### **Urdu:**

اگر آپ اس معلومات کو کسی اور صورت میں حاصل کرنا چاہتے ہیں تو برائے مہربانی ہم سے رابطہ کرنے میں ہچکچاہٹ محسوس نہ کریں۔

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