

# Telephone pre-assessments for children and young people attending the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People



Information for patients, parents and carers

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## What's happening?

Prior to your child's admission to hospital, a **pre-assessment** is required. This is an essential part in the preparation required to ensure that your child is well enough to make the proposed surgery/ procedure.

## When and where will the pre-assessment take place?

The pre-assessment will take place over the phone 24-48 hours before your child's hospital admission. It will be between the hours 09.00-18.00, Monday- Friday.

## How long will it take and who will be calling?

The pre-assessment will take around 15-30 minutes. It is completed by one of the nurses from the Surgical Admissions Unit (Crichton Ward).

## Is there anything I need to do?

If you would like to give us a preferred telephone number for us to contact you on, please phone the Surgical Admissions Unit on receipt of this letter; their telephone number is on the admission letter.

Please make sure that the phone number you give will be able to accept the call from the hospital.

Write down any questions you might want to ask the nurse and keep them handy. There is space on the back of this sheet for you to use.

## What will I be asked?

The nurse will ask you questions about your child's past medical history, current state of health and any medication they are taking. If you'd like to write this down in advance then there is space on the back of this sheet for you to use.

The nurse will explain what will happen on the day of surgery, offer advice on recovery times, fasting instructions and answer any general questions you may have about your child's admission.

# **My notes for the telephone pre-assessment**

## **Child's medical history**

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## **Child's current medication**

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## **Child's current state of health**

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## **My own questions and notes**

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