

How to find us

We are based in the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, accessible via the Accident and Emergency entrance. Follow the signs for Same day emergency care (SDEC). Alternatively, if attending via main entrance 1, follow the signs for Same day emergency care (SDEC).

The team

The SDEC team consists of medical doctors, a ward manager, deputy ward managers, staff nurses, assistant practitioners, health care assistants, housekeepers and ward clerks.

Plus a team of experienced medical/surgical staff, all with specific areas of interest.

We all work together to provide quality first class care.

Please help us by completing a Friends and Family card prior to discharge.

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends and carers.

Contact Us

Tel: 01942 822376 (Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm)

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Ask 3 Questions



Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?

How We Use Your Information

For details on how we collect, use and store the information we hold about you, please take a look at our "how we use your information" leaflet which can be found on the Trust website: wwl.nhs.uk

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, braille and other languages upon request. For more information please ask in department/ward.

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Same day emergency care (SDEC)

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What are we?

The Same day emergency care also known as SDEC, provides urgent assessment and treatment for patients who do not necessarily need an overnight stay in hospital.

You may have been referred by your GP or directly from the accident and emergency department.

Our aim

We aim to assess and treat you on the same day. You will be reviewed by a consultant followed by a treatment plan if required. Your GP will be fully informed of your attendance when you leave.

What to expect?

On arrival your details will be taken by the ward clerk and you will be asked to wait in our comfortable waiting area. If your clinical needs warrant it we also have a trolley area within the unit. You will then be assessed by a senior nurse whilst some basic investigations are carried out.

These may include:

- Routine Observations
- Blood tests
- ECGs
- Chest x-rays
- Scans

Following initial assessments and investigations a consultant will review you prior to discharge with a treatment plan.

We endeavour to have completed your assessment, investigations and treatment plan within 4 hours; however, some investigations and specialist reviews can take a while longer. We will keep you involved and aware of your plan of care, but please speak to staff if you require an update or further explanation.

We have a review clinic daily which you may also be requested to attend for follow up care.

We will offer you light refreshments during your stay.

Please ensure you bring any regular medications with you.

On discharge

Once you are ready to leave the unit we will discuss your plan of care with you and make you aware of any follow up care if required. Please inform us on the first instance if struggling to access transport home.

We will also send a copy of this information to your GP.

Please do not hesitate to alert a member of staff if you have any questions regarding your care.

Opening hours

At present we are open:
Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm
Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays
11am to 7pm

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