

Suggested items to bring in with you:

Nightwear (and a change)

Dressing gown

Slippers or shoes.

Toiletries

Drink (e.g. squash)

Reading materials

Small amounts of money for telephone and TV.

Your doctors will need to know what medicines you are taking so it is important for you to bring these in with you.

In brief:

Avoid bringing any items of value or large amounts of money with you.

Ask family or friends to take things home that you do not need.

Hand valuables and money to staff for safekeeping.

Keep any retained items close by and do not leave your items unattended.

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Whilst the Trust cannot accept liability for your property that is not handed in for safekeeping we also recognise that the circumstances of your admission may make this difficult. This leaflet aims to advise you on what you might need and how to keep your property safe.

A planned admission

It is a good idea to plan for your admission and if possible arrange for someone to bring you in so that they can take any items such as clothes or property you don't need during your stay.

A bedside locker is available for you to use, but please remember that space on the wards is limited so only bring in items you will need and it is advisable that you mark them with your name.

As bedside lockers are not secure please do not bring valuables or large amounts of money with you. Any such items need to be kept in the ward or hospital safe, otherwise the Trust cannot be liable for loss or damage.

An unplanned admission

Clearly it is more difficult if you have had to come to hospital suddenly. In these situations it is best if a family member or friend could take your unneeded items home for you. If this is not possible then it is important that you hand valuables to staff for safekeeping.

Should you prefer not to do this then you will be asked to complete a disclaimer form indicating that you accept personal responsibility for their safety.

Returning items

If you have submitted property for safekeeping then staff will return it only to you and you will need to sign that you have received it.

Please note that patients who have deposited large amounts of cash for safekeeping may, on request have it returned in the form of a cheque.

Keeping your property safe.

Should you leave the ward for a walk or to go to the shop then you are advised to take any valuables items you have retained with you.

If you are to go for an investigation then staff can take your property into safekeeping for the duration of that procedure.

Security services

We have onsite security staff who regularly patrol the hospital and its grounds and have a large number of CCTV camera's keeping watch. Whilst not taking liability we will still take all opportunity to keep wards and departments safe and secure.

The security staff can also help you with advice or information.

They are located in the front foyer of the hospital