

Children's neurosurgery nurse specialists

Information for patients, parents and guardians

The children's neurosurgical nurse specialists provide support, advice and education for children and young people with conditions affecting the brain and spine, and their families and carers.

We are part of the team who look after children and young people who require neurosurgical treatment and/or have conditions including:

- hydrocephalus (a build up of fluid on the brain)
- abnormalities affecting the brain and/or spine
- head injuries

We will aim to introduce ourselves to you as soon as possible following your child's admission.

What we do

As well as offering support and information, we provide a link between you and the professionals involved in your child's care, including community teams. This helps to ensure there is effective communication between your family and the healthcare professionals caring for your child.

We understand that being in hospital can be a frightening and confusing experience for any child or young person and their family and/or carers, and we are here to support you during this time.

We can provide:

- information and support for you, your child and your family
- a link between the hospital and your home
- telephone support and advice for you and your child, and any healthcare professionals involved in looking after them
- support and advice after your child has been discharged from hospital
- specialist teaching and support for healthcare professionals

How to contact us

By telephone on: 07794 368342

or via email: kate.bailey@uhs.nhs.uk

The service is available Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm, excluding bank holidays.

If you're concerned about your child and it's outside of these hours, or we're unavailable, please call G2 Neurosurgery ward on 023 8120 6692.

If you need a translation of this document, an interpreter or a version in large print, Braille or on audiotape, please telephone **023 8120 4688** for help.

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