Welcome to Ward J84
Information for patients
Welcome to Ward J84. We hope that your stay will be as comfortable as possible and that you will find the following information helpful.

Ward J84 has 32 beds with eight side rooms and six bays. One of the bays is a High Dependency Unit (HDU) and is the only mixed sex bay. We aim to protect your privacy and dignity during your stay here. Each bay has its own toilet and shower room. All side rooms are en-suite.

During your stay with us you may meet different members of our team. The team works together to provide the highest quality of service and cater for all your needs.

The team includes:

- Thoracic Surgeons
- Ward Sisters, Staff Nurses and Student Nurses
- Thoracic Surgical Nurse Specialist
- Clinical Support Workers
- House keepers
- Ward Clerks
- A number of speciality services including pharmacists, physiotherapists, dietitians, occupational therapists, social workers, and pain nurse specialists.

Contacting us

Ward J84 telephone number: 0113 206 8384
Visiting Times
For the first few days following your surgery, we advise only close family and friends come to visit you. This will allow time for rest periods and will help your recovery.

*Our daily visiting times are:*

12.00 midday - 8.00pm

*Visiting times are restricted for the following reasons:*

- to allow you time to rest and recover;
- to allow time for nursing care;
- to prevent infection;
- to make sure you are not disturbed during mealtimes;
- to allow the ward to be cleaned.

Please keep your visitors to only two at a time. If you have any difficulties with visiting, please ring the ward before setting off and speak with the nurse in charge. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. We discourage visits by children under five years of age.

Telephone Enquiries
The Ward receives lots of phone calls from family members. It would be helpful if just one nominated person calls for information about you after 11am. They can pass on information and messages to other family members and friends as you wish. Please be aware that staff cannot give out detailed information over the phone.

Preventing hospital infections
Please use the alcohol hand gel at the entrance to the ward when you arrive and when you leave. Wash your hands frequently and carefully especially after using the toilet and before you eat.
Hand wipes will be given to you at mealtimes so you can clean your hands before you eat. Remind your family and friends to wash their hands too. Please bring only essential items into hospital to prevent your bed area becoming cluttered and difficult to clean.

**Electrical Equipment**

Any electrical equipment, including laptops, mobile phone chargers and TVs may need to be checked for electrical safety before being used in the hospital. This is hospital policy. Please inform a nurse if you have any electrical equipment that needs to be checked. Mobile phones are not permitted in the HDU bay due to monitoring equipment. Mobile phones are allowed in other areas of the ward. Please be considerate of other patients who may be unwell or recovering from surgery.

**Hospital Chaplains**

There is a faith centre in Bexley Wing on Level 1. If you would like a visit from a Chaplain whilst you are in hospital, please ask a member of staff to contact them on your behalf.

**Car Parking**

Car parking is available in the multi-storey car park behind Bexley Wing and also on Beckett Street opposite the hospital. Car parking charges apply.