

Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner – Advice for Parents and Carers

Children's Services
Women & Children's Services
Diana Princess of Wales Hospital

This leaflet has been designed to
give you important information
about specially trained staff
dedicated to child care.



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Introduction

The aim of this leaflet is to provide you as parents or carers with all the relevant information regarding the role of the Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner (APNP); also known as Advanced Children's Nurse Practitioner (ACNP).

Benefits

Your child will be assessed by staff who have had specialist training to offer appropriate medical assessment and care / treatment which traditionally would be performed by a doctor as well as offering nursing support.

Risks

Please remember the APNP has undergone further training in order to function in this role. They work with and are supported by the rest of the Children's medical and nursing teams. The Consultant Paediatrician has overall responsibility for your child's medical management.

Alternatives

If you have any concerns about the role of the APNP please feel free to voice them to the APNP, nurse or doctor in charge of your child's care.

Who is the Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner?

The APNP is an experienced Registered Children's Nurse who has undergone further training to enable them to:

- Take a comprehensive medical history
- Carry out a systemic medical examination
- Plan appropriate medical treatment and nursing care

- Prescribe appropriate medication
- Review effectiveness of care and treatment

How do you know who is an APNP?

The APNP will introduce themselves and will have visible identification. They can also be identified by their uniform; they wear a navy uniform with yellow piping around the sleeves and collar.

Where do the APNP's work?

APNP's work in the Paediatric assessment and observation unit (PAOU) which is situated in the Accident and Emergency department, Children's ward (Rainforest ward) and Children's outpatient clinic.

Contact details for Further Information

Ward Manager Rainforest ward:
01472 874111 ext 7561

Children's Operational Matron
01472 874111 ext 7446

Concerns and Queries

If you have any concerns / queries about any of the services offered by the Trust, in the first instance, please speak to the person providing your care.

For Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital

Alternatively you can contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on (01472) 875403 or at the PALS office which is situated near the main entrance.

For Scunthorpe General Hospital

Alternatively you can contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on



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(01724) 290132 or at the PALS office which situated on C Floor.

Alternatively you can email:
nlg-tr.PALS@nhs.net

Confidentiality

Information on NHS patients is collected in a variety of ways and for a variety of reasons (e.g. providing care and treatment, managing and planning the NHS, training and educating staff, research etc.).

Everyone working for the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential. Information will only ever be shared with people who have a genuine need for it (e.g. your GP or other professionals from whom you have been receiving care) or if the law requires it, for example, to notify a birth.

Please be assured however that anyone who receives information from us is also under a legal duty to keep it confidential.

Zero Tolerance - Violent, Threatening and Abusive Behaviour

The Trust and its staff are committed to providing high quality care to patients within the department. However, we wish to advise all patients / visitors that the following inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated:

- Swearing
- Threatening / abusive behaviour
- Verbal / physical abuse

The Trust reserves the right to withdraw from treating patients whom are threatening / abusive / violent and ensuring the removal of those persons from the premises.

All acts of criminal violence and aggression will be notified to the Police immediately.

Risk Management Strategy

The Trust welcomes comments and suggestions from patients and visitors that could help to reduce risk.

Perhaps you have experienced something whilst in hospital, whilst attending as an outpatient or as a visitor and you felt at risk.

Please tell a member of staff on the ward or in the department you are attending / visiting.

Moving & Handling

The Trust operates a Minimal Lifting Policy, which in essence means patients are only ever lifted by nursing staff in an emergency situation.

Patients are always encouraged to help themselves as much as possible when mobilising, and if unable to do so, equipment may be used to assist in their safe transfer.

If you have any questions regarding moving and handling of patients within the Trust, please speak to a member of staff in the ward or department you are visiting.

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