

Attending the Royal United Hospital Bath

As an 'outpatient'.....

Arriving at the RUH, whether by bus or car for an appointment, you will probably come in through the main entrance.



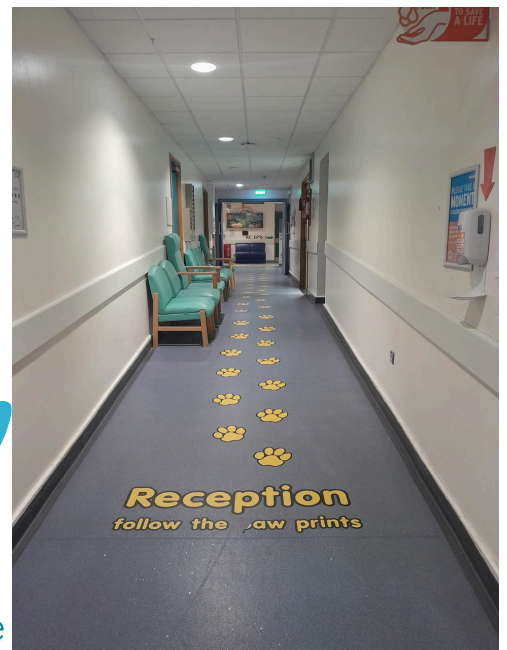
Entrance here.

You will then find your way to B12. This is the Children's Outpatient Department. There is a bell on the right that you need to ring to ask for access to the department.



Press the bell here.

Then walk up here. Follow the footprints!



When you follow the footprints, you will end up here - in the waiting area.



For your appointment, you will most likely go back up towards the way you came in, and you will probably be seen in one of the consulting rooms.

This is the nurses' station. They'll smile and say hi.'



The consulting rooms are these green doors

You came in this way!



Does it look familiar?



On the ward / as an 'inpatient'.....

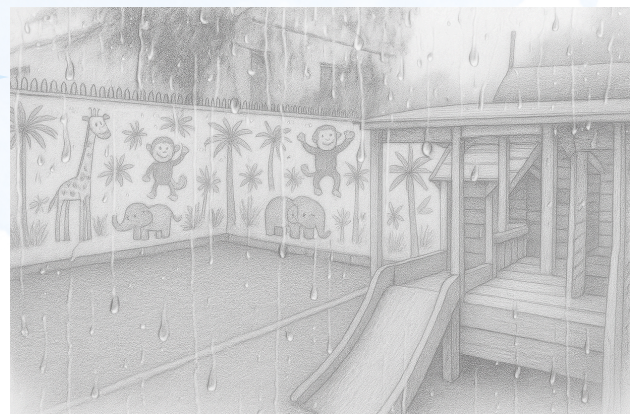
If you get admitted as an inpatient (usually through A&E) you'll come through these doors into B15. This is Children's Inpatients.

This is generally referred to as being 'on the ward'.

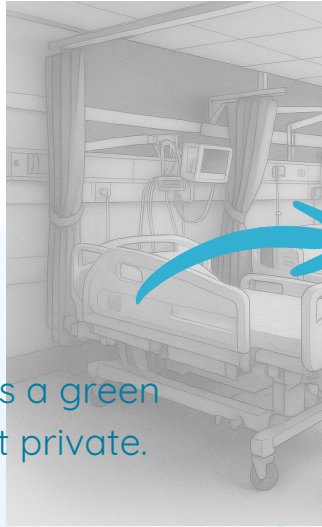


There's an entry bell here.

Milo, Tessa, Juno and Aya were admitted here. This is the inspiration for The Rainbow Ward. Hopefully it isn't raining and you can see the animals out the window more easily.



The main department has smaller bays and rooms leading off one central corridor. This is what an empty bay looks like. There are usually 6 beds, 3 on each side of the room.



Each bed area has a green curtain to make it private.



There are also smaller bays with 2 beds and even single rooms, but you are unlikely to be placed in one of them.

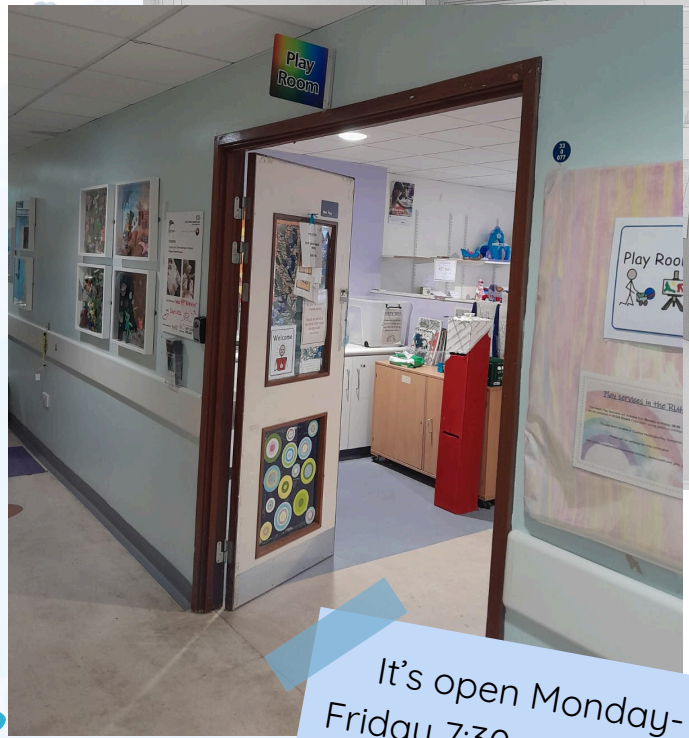
You'll get a bed, a movable 'desk', a little cabinet to put your things in and a space for an adult to stay with you.



This is the nurse's station. The whiteboard behind the desk will contain every patient's name and age, as well as which nurse is responsible for you.

If you are well enough, you might be able to 'walk to ward' and explore a little.

This is the Play Room. It has activities, DVDs, fiddle toys etc to make sure you don't get bored if you're staying on the ward for a few days.



It's open Monday-Friday 7:30am- 3:30pm.

The Health Play Specialists are based in the Play Room. Their job is to visit every child on the ward to make sure they're ok. They can help prepare you for surgery or explain complicated medical procedures through play.

You will be safe on the ward.

