

Lytchett

Lytchett ward is a 26 bedded general medical ward specialising in the care of older people. We have a dedicated multidisciplinary team within the ward including doctors, nurses, occupational therapist and physiotherapists.

Contact Details

Designation	Telephone
Ward staff	0300 019 8591 0300 019 8860

Personal belongings

We advise that personal belongings of high value or large sums of money are not brought into the ward. The hospital does not take responsibility for the safety of belongings for those patients who wish to keep them with them unless handed in and a receipt obtained. A hospital safe is available for those patients who do not have relatives to take these items home or who are unable to consent to taking responsibility for their possessions. We ask that if you take an item home from your relative than please inform the nursing staff so that this can be recorded.

Visiting times

We have set visiting times between 12.00pm-18.00pm. Currently due to the Covid 19 pandemic the way that visiting is managed has changed. All visitors must pre-book a time slot by contacting the ward clerk, please be aware that under current guidelines patients are allowed **1 visitor** a day only for **1 hour**. For those patients in exceptional circumstances the visiting restrictions can be adjusted but this is with the express agreement of the nurse in charge. Due to social distancing restrictions we are only allowed **1 visitor per bay** at any one time so please be aware that you may not be able to book the time you request if that slot is already taken. You will be expected to wear a surgical mask and sanitise your hands on entry to the ward, gloves and aprons are situated by the bay entrances and we encourage you to use these during your time on the ward. [visitor guidance here](#).

How to find us

Lytchett Ward is on level **-2** of the Philip Arnold Unit which is in the **YELLOW ZONE**. Please enter from the main entrance of the hospital and follow the yellow zone signs.

The ward is locked to maintain the safety of our patients, please ring the bell for entry to the ward and a member of staff will let you in. Please be aware that we may not be able to answer the bell immediately during busy periods on the ward. You will also need to be let out again by a member of staff.

Telephone enquiries

We ask that routine telephone enquiries are made after 11.00 to enable staff to undertake fundamental care such as medications rounds and patient care. Please be assured that staff will contact you before this if there is a need to and we ask that all relatives provide up to date telephone numbers to enable us to do so.

We ask that you nominate one member of your family to be the spokesperson for all telephone enquiries to support the nursing staff in undertaking essential nursing care for the patients.

Assisting with care

If you wish to assist your relative in their care needs, such as during meal times, please speak to the nurse in charge about this.

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Food and drinks

If you wish to bring in items of food or drink for your relative we ask that it is in its original packaging with a use by/sell by date clearly evident if it is not to be consumed immediately. We can only store food items that have this

information on them for reasons of safety and a ward fridge is available. We have squash at ward level and keep a small stock of orange juice and are happy for relatives to bring in additional drinks that your loved one may like to encourage hydration.

Parking

A multi-storey car park is situated on the main hospital site, the entrance to which is on Longfleet Road (a covered walkway from the car park (level G) leads to the main hospital). The payment terminal for the multi-storey is in the main entrance and accepts coins, notes or credit / debit cards.

Payment may also be made at the security/ car parks office which is also located in the main entrance next to reception (card only). Please make sure that you make payment before returning to your vehicle. The car parking office is in the main entrance next to the hospital reception. Motorcycles can be parked for free of charge in the designated motorcycle parking areas.

If your visiting is extended over a number of days due to special circumstances you may be entitled to a reduction in car park fees. To enquire about your entitlement please contact the ward staff who can give you a form (at the discretion of the Nurse in Charge) for you to complete and take to the Car Park Manager in the Car Park Office of the main entrance of Poole Hospital.

Meal times

Our meal times are 1pm-2pm and 5-6pm. As some patients are unable to express their likes and dislikes regarding food and drinks we welcome relatives letting us know what these are or assisting with completion of the menus to encourage good nutrition.

WIFI

Free Wi-Fi is now available to patients and visitors to the hospital, kindly funded by the Poole Hospital Charity. It can be accessed with the following steps:

- Turn your devices Wi-Fi on
- Select 'NHS Wi-Fi' from the available networks list
- Open your browser and follow the on screen instructions to register or log on.
- Enjoy your free Wi-Fi.



Friends & Family : Have your say

Directorate matron and management team support:

- If you wish to discuss any ideas or issues in more depth, please make an appointment with the Ward Lead or a Deputy.
- Please tell us how we are doing through the Friends and Family Test.
- Tell us what is working and what we could do better.
- Your comments will help us plan improvements to the care we provide.

For more information on the Friends and Family Test, visit www.nhs.uk/friendsandfamily to complete the form or scan the barcode.