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Treatment at the **Robert White Radiotherapy** Centre - Dorchester

In combination with radiotherapy planning at Poole Hospital

Radiotherapy Department Patient information

Radiotherapy planning at Poole Hospital

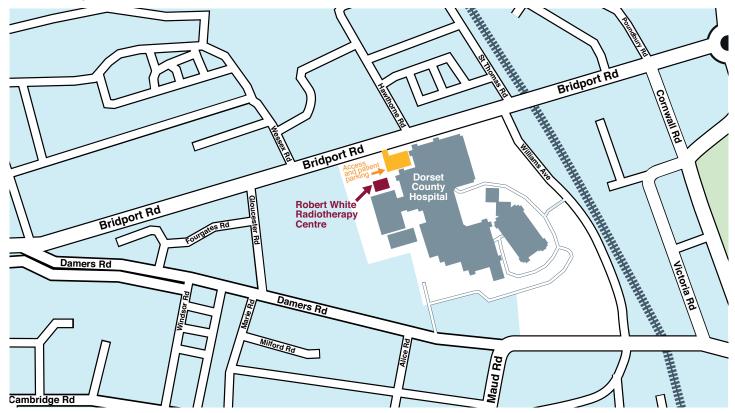
For your course of radiotherapy treatment, you will need a planning appointment. This appointment will be at Poole Hospital and your appointment letter has all the details of the scan and what you need to do. During this appointment you will be told when your treatment will begin.

Radiotherapy treatment at the Robert White Radiotherapy Centre -**Dorchester**

When your treatment has been planned, your radiotherapy treatment will be at the Robert White Centre at Dorset County Hospital.

Getting to the Robert White Radiotherapy Centre - Dorchester

The centre is located at Dorset County Hospital and is accessible through the main hospital building, or via Bridport Road.

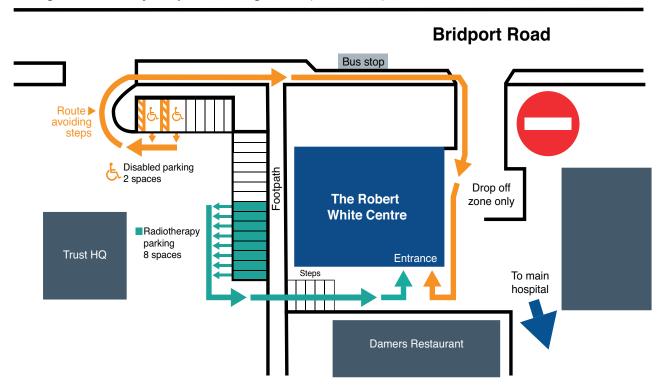


Please come to the radiotherapy main reception entrance on the ground floor of the building, you will be greeted by a member of staff who will book you in for your treatment and show you around the department.

There is a car park for radiotherapy patients only. This can be used for the duration of your treatment. A parking permit will be given to you on the first day of treatment by the radiotherapy reception team. There is no charge for car parking.

The patient car park that is currently used will be closed for a minimum of 9 months while building works goes on at Dorset County. Therefore, we have alternative car parking that is available for our Radiotherapy patients, which is illustrated in the map below.

Parking arrangement for Robert White Radiotherapy Patients during Dorset county hospital building works (not to scale):



The building is open to patients from 8am until 5.30pm.

In the waiting room there are toilets, a water fountain, and mobile phone charger points. There are also some cancer information booklets on different topics. You may find these useful during your treatment. Depending on your treatment type, you could be in the department from 15mins to over an hour.

On your appointment list you may have a review. This is time with a specialist radiographer to talk about your side effects and ask any questions that you or your family may have.

Complimentary therapy at Dorchester during your radiotherapy

Reflexology is available to all radiotherapy patients for free at the Robert White Centre. Reflexology uses gentle pressure on your feet to help you relax. If you would like reflexology, please let the radiotherapy team know. Appointments can be booked alongside your treatment appointments.

Services at Poole

Sometimes you may need to travel to Poole Hospital, although this will only be when necessary. This may happen if the machine is not working, in which case you will need treatment in Poole instead.

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