

Telephone enquiries

We are only able to give limited information over the phone.

Please nominate one relative or friend as the main contact for communication. The unit telephone number is 0118 322 6980 or email: bdu@royalberkshire.nhs.uk

Please call this number to make or change appointments.

Car parking

The nearest parking is located in the multi-storey car park on Craven Road, Levels 0-3. Parking for disabled badge holders is free of charge and the disabled bays are clearly marked. Please note that the Battle Day Unit does not provide parking permits.

Mobile phones

Use of mobile phones is permitted in the unit, but please be sensitive to the needs of other patients when using your phone during treatment.

Phone cameras must not be used under any circumstances.

Talk to us

Please speak to the nursing team if you have any queries or concerns about you or your relative / friend's care or discharge plans.

We value your feedback

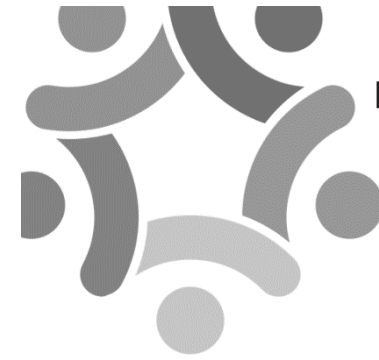
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Welcome to Battle Day Unit

Information for
patients,
relatives and

Battle Day Unit is a nurse-led minor procedure and medical infusion unit.

Our aim is to reduce hospital admission and to reduce a patient's length of stay in hospital.

Where is Battle Day Unit?

The Battle Day Unit is located next to Adelaide Ward on Level 2 of the Battle Block at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 8am-6pm.

Closed Bank Holidays and weekends.

What happens in the unit?

Patients from a variety of specialist teams, with a range of medical conditions, are referred to the Battle Day Unit (BDU). Within the unit, patients receive relevant tests, treatments, infusions, and procedures delivered by a team of highly specialised and trained nurses.

The unit includes treatment chairs, beds, and side rooms located within mixed-sex bays. Side rooms are

generally reserved for minor procedures and immobile patients.

What are the aims of the unit?

- To provide support to the different specialist teams in offering treatment and therapies that previously may have required hospital admission.
- To provide expert nursing skills in order to support symptom control and treatment.
- To support patients to access a more appropriate patient pathway – enabling them to go home and return as an outpatient instead of having to stay in hospital.
- To improve the patient experience by having a single point of contact after admission or on discharge from a ward.
- To provide an expert nurse-led service to meet the changing healthcare demands and be able to respond to new services as they arise.
- To reduce pressure on the wards and freeing up acute beds for patients.

Visiting

Visiting times are open and flexible during opening hours, which are Monday to Friday 8.30am-6pm.

Visitors are limited to one per patient and may be asked to leave while the patient is receiving personal or clinical care.

Visitors may be required to wear facemasks when necessary or when advised by staff, in line with infection prevention and control guidance.

Battle Day Unit team

Ward Manager Deophister Mbeba leads a team of dedicated nurses. Specialist clinicians and allied health professionals will attend as required.

Meals / refreshments

The Battle Day Unit provides hot and cold beverages to patients throughout the day. Sandwiches are not provided for patients attending the unit for long infusion treatments. Patients may wish to bring their own food if they are scheduled for an extended stay. The nearest refreshments facility to the unit is the Friend's Cafe in the conservatory on Level 1 Battle Block.