

Paediatrics
Evelina London Children's Hospital
Royal Brompton Hospital

Your child's hospital identity bracelet

This leaflet explains why your child needs to wear a hospital identity bracelet while they're in hospital. Sometimes the identity bracelet is called an identity wristband.

An identity bracelet helps keep your child safe

We give each child a white identity bracelet to wear. If a child has an allergy, we give them a red identity bracelet to wear too.

Each identity bracelet has:

- your child's name
- your child's date of birth
- your child's hospital number
- a barcode

This means our staff can easily identify your child. This is why we need your child to wear their identity bracelets all the time.

How staff use the identity bracelet

The barcode on the bracelet has information that identifies your child on our computer systems.

You'll see our staff use the identity bracelet to check your child's identity before any procedure or test.

They use a handheld scanner to read the barcode. This is then processed by our computer systems to find the information we have about your child.

Doing this helps us to give your child the right treatment and medicine.

Support for your child

If your child has sensory needs or cannot wear an identity bracelet for some reason, please speak to your child's nurse. Together you can work out a safe solution for the time that your child is in hospital.

Contact us

Edward ward

Phone: 020 7188 7188 extension 53001

Sky ward – critical care unit

Phone: 020 7188 4503

Sky ward – intensive care unit

Phone: 020 7188 4500 and 020 7188 4501

Sky ward – respiratory unit

Phone: 020 7188 9805 and 020 7188 2860

Snow leopard ward

Phone: 020 7188 0107

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If you have any comments about this information, we'd be happy to hear from you.

email gstt.healthcontent@nhs.net

Language and accessible support services

If you need an interpreter or information about your care in a different language or format, please contact the department your appointment is with.

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phone 111 **web** www.111.nhs.uk

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