How do I find the Theatre Admissions Unit (TAU)?

The unit is located on A Road at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

To find the unit, follow the one-way system on A Road and go past the outpatient’s main entrance (opposite the multi-storey car park). The entrance to TAU is set back from the road on the right hand side. There is a ramp for wheelchair access.

Is there a car park?

Limited parking is available in the multi-storey car park on A Road. There are also some disabled parking spaces on A Road itself.

Please ask your relative or friend to speak to our reception staff about parking when arranging to collect you after surgery.

Where do I go when I arrive?

You will need to report to TAU reception at the time stated on your letter. Please note that the unit doesn’t open until 7:00am and closes at 10:00pm. If you choose to arrive before this time a seating area is available in the main outpatient’s area on A Floor (opposite the multi-storey car park).

If you wish, you may be accompanied by a friend, relative or carer. However, TAU is also a recovery area and therefore not suitable for young children or babies. If you have children we recommend that alternative childcare arrangements are made for the day of your surgery.

What time will my operation take place?

Please be aware that your admission time is not the time when you will go into theatre. Full information relating to your position on the theatre list will be discussed when you arrive. We do try
to offer staggered admission times so you aren’t kept waiting where possible, but in some cases there may be extended waiting times.

**What should I bring?**

You should bring **minimal** property for an overnight stay (even if you are only a day case patient). Please leave any valuables at home or with a relative. Following surgery we will take your belongings to the post-operative ward or alternatively relatives are welcome to take responsibility for them.

Please ensure that any medications are labelled and left in TAU in case they are needed during your stay.

**Visiting arrangements**

TAU adopts an open visiting policy but we do encourage relatives or friends to wait in our reception area once you have gone into theatre.

Refreshments for visitors aren’t available within the TAU reception area but can be located close by in the main hospital building.

**Discharge arrangements**

If you are having day surgery with sedation or under a general/spinal anaesthetic you need to ensure that a responsible adult is with you for the first 24 hours post-surgery and that they escort you home as well. You will need to make your own transport arrangements for your discharge unless pre-arranged by the hospital in advance.

For some local anaesthetic procedures (without sedation), you are free to leave unaccompanied. Please speak to a member of staff beforehand to check.

On discharge you will be given clear discharge and wound care advice, including any follow-up appointments.

**Can my relative/friend call to find out when I am ready to be collected?**

Your relative or friend is welcome to contact the unit or post-operative ward for further details. The relevant telephone number can be obtained from the nursing staff or TAU reception on arrival.

For further information please refer to the Royal Hallamshire Inpatient Guide