How do I find the Day Case Centre?
The Day Case Centre is located on B Road at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

To find the centre, follow the one-way system on B Road. The entrance to the Day Case Centre is on the left hand side (entrance 6).

Is there a car park?
The Day Case Centre has two dedicated drop-off and pick-up spaces outside the centre, though please note that you can only park in these spaces for a maximum of ten minutes. Longer term parking is available in the multi-storey car park on A Road. There are also some disabled parking spaces on B Road in front of the unit or on A Road.

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

Where do I go when I arrive?
You will need to report to the Day Case Centre reception at the time stated on your letter. Please note that the unit doesn’t open until 7:00am and closes at 8:00pm. If you choose to arrive before this time a seating area is available in the main hospital entrance on B Road (entrance 9).

If you wish, you may be accompanied by a friend, relative or carer. However, due to limited space and to preserve the privacy and dignity of other patients they will not be able to stay with you in most areas of the Day Case Centre. They are welcome to wait in our reception area or alternatively they may wish to make their own arrangements. If you feel there is a special need for your friend, relative or carer to stay with you then please discuss this with your nurse after you arrive.
The unit 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 and expected time in the unit 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. Lockers are available for day case patients, so you will be able to leave your belongings in your locker whilst you have surgery.

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

**Visiting arrangements**

The relative, friend or carer who will be collecting you will be contacted as soon as you are ready to go home. As previously mentioned friends, relatives or carers are welcome to wait in our reception area. Refreshments for them are available 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 details of 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 telephone number can be obtained from the nursing staff or Day Case Centre reception on arrival.

**Where can I find further information?**

For further information please ask for a copy of the Royal Hallamshire Inpatient Guide or download one from our website [http://publicdocuments.sth.nhs.uk/pil953.pdf](http://publicdocuments.sth.nhs.uk/pil953.pdf)