

Planned surgery for ENT patients



Information for patients

You have seen a doctor who has advised that you would benefit from an operation. You may be contacted by the consultants secretary about this but the contacts given below are for your information. Please be aware that a withheld number will show on your phone when we contact you. During any communication you should expect:

- To be given a date for your pre-operative assessment (only if you did not complete an electronic pre-assessment questionnaire (ePAQ) after your clinic appointment)
- Asked about any holidays that you have booked or dates you are not available
- Asked to provide an up-to-date daytime telephone number and/or next of kin
- Asked to discuss provisional operation dates: you will be offered 2 dates with at least 3 weeks' notice
- You will be asked about being available at short notice

Secretary/Waiting List Co-Ordinator:

Professor Ray/Miss Sionis	0114 271 2239
Mr Mirza/Mr Eng	0114 271 2185
Mr Beasley/Mr Wu	0114 226 1189
Mr Yardley/Mr Oluwole	0114 226 8774
Mr Muruganinrajah/Mr Thevasagayam	0114 271 3322
Mr Watson	0114 271 1853

A letter with your confirmed date for surgery will follow nearer your surgery date. This will have the correct instructions about the need to stop eating and drinking, which will also be discussed at your pre-operative assessment. Once you have received this letter, **please telephone the secretary** on the above telephone number to confirm that this date is acceptable to you.

It is very important that you respond to this letter. Failure to do so, and not attending the appointment or continually cancelling your agreed date, could lead to your operation being cancelled and to you being discharged back to your GP.

Please remember, if you decide that you do not want your surgery please contact the consultants secretary as soon as possible so the theatre slot can be offered to another patient.

There are also options where there could be short notice availability due to last minute cancellations, therefore please advise the secretary if you are willing to be called at short notice.

Important information about arrangements for your surgery

You will be called 2 to 3 days before your planned operation date to check that you are generally fit and well.

Your surgery could be an all-day theatre list, a morning theatre list or an afternoon theatre list. It will take place at either the Royal Hallamshire Hospital or the Northern General Hospital, depending on the surgeon and the operation or procedure you are having.

If your operation is to be done as a day case you must arrange for a responsible adult to accompany you home and stay with you for 24 hours afterwards. Failure to do so could result in your operation being cancelled, as there are no overnight beds available for day case procedures. **Please note:** you could be discharged home at any time on the day of your surgery up until 10.00pm that evening.

It is necessary to change your operation date due to more urgent cases being listed. We will always aim to give as much notice as possible of this and although inconvenient, this is unavoidable.

On the day of surgery all patients are asked to arrive before the theatre list starts to allow the surgeon and anaesthetist to speak to patients and consider the order of the list. This is based on a number of factors that may have arisen, such as clinical urgency and recovery times for different procedures. Again, this may be inconvenient to patients but is unavoidable. Please be aware, you could be waiting a while on the day of your operation so you may want to bring a book or magazine with you.

After your surgery you will be given instructions about your post-operative care. You may already have any post-operative appointment booked, should you require one. If not, you will receive a letter through the post confirming the date and time of this outpatients appointment.



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