

Your named (registered) nurse



Patient information leaflet

Your named nurse is:

If you need help to understand this leaflet or would like it in a different language or format (such as large print, Braille or audio) please ask a member of staff.

Who is my named nurse?

When you are admitted, you will be given a named nurse. The name of your nurse appears on the front of this leaflet.

Your named nurse will introduce him/herself to you as soon after your admission to the unit as they are able to.

What does my named nurse do?

Your named nurse has the overall responsibility for your continuous care while you are an inpatient here. Please approach him/her if you have anything you would like to discuss about your care plan. He or she will:

- make sure that you and your relatives/carer (if you wish) are involved in each step of your recovery
- talk to all those involved in your care, making sure that they are kept informed of any significant changes in your health and your journey to recovery
- act as your inpatient care co-ordinator regarding the development and monitoring of your agreed care plan. This is part of the Care Programme Approach (CPA) - please see separate leaflet in this ward pack.
- liaise regularly with your community care co-ordinator, if you have one, keeping them informed about your progress and recovery
- attend multi-disciplinary CPA review meetings as appropriate and prepare reports for, or be in attendance at, any Mental Health Act Review Tribunals and Manager's Hearings. Tribunals and Managers Hearings are for patients detained under sections of the Mental Health Act who have the right to appeal. They can decide whether you should be discharged from the section of the Mental Health Act.

Your named nurse is responsible for all documentation about your assessment and care plan, including keeping a written record of your (and your relative/carer's) views about the contents of your care plan.

Your named nurse will listen to you and take steps to address any areas of concern you may have. If you wish, he/she will approach any member of your care team on your behalf to address any concerns you may have.

What happens when my named nurse is off duty?

When your named nurse is off duty, he/she will make sure that an associate nurse is available to cover their duties. You will be told who the covering associate nurse is when your named nurse is absent from the ward.

Can I only approach my named nurse?

No - if you need any help or further information about anything while you are on the ward, please ask any member of the ward staff. They can contact your named or associate nurse if it is necessary.