Theatre and recovery

Appointment?

Yes

OPD appointment staff should contact patient/main carer to arrange suitable appointment time.

If further information, advice or support is required contact the Learning Disability Liaison Nurse

Appointment arranged

Is the procedure or investigation to take place under General or local Anaesthetic?

General

Nursing staff from the patient’s ward should contact the appropriate Operating Theatre **24 hours** in advance where possible to discuss any specific patient needs. This information should also be conveyed to the Recovery Room staff

Recovery Staff to make patient a priority for pre-operative visit

Theatre staff will inform the Acute Pain Nurse and request a pre-operative visit

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Once the procedure is complete the recovery nursing staff should contact the ward to notify the main carer that the procedure is complete. If necessary the main carer may be present in the Recovery Room

Where possible, the patient should be escorted back to the ward by a recovery nurse or ward nurse who is known to them

Local

Arrange, if possible, for the patient to be accompanied to theatre by someone known to him or her

(i) PREPARATION FOR THEATRE

The following issues should be covered during the pre-op/domiciliary visit between, patient, nursing staff and main carer:

1. The patient's previous experience of anaesthesia and surgery
2. Behavioural patterns during recovery of anaesthesia
3. The patient's communication needs

The main carer, parent or guardian may wish to accompany the patient to anaesthetic room and/or be in attendance during recovery

The ward nurse should remain in the anaesthetic room to provide continuity