

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

Paediatric Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy Surgery (SDR) – Waiting Well

Introduction

Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy Surgery is a procedure offered for children between the ages of 3 and 11 with Cerebral Palsy and Spasticity. The surgery itself is carried out under general anaesthetic and takes around 4 to 5 hours.

If your child is on a surgical waiting list, awaiting their operation date by a Neurosurgeon, there are some things you can do in the intervening period to prepare for your child's admission to the hospital. More information about SDR surgery can be found on the SDR page on the University Hospitals Bristol and Weston Trust website:

http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/bristol-royal-hospital-for-children/what-we-do/paediatric-neurosurgery/selective-dorsal-rhizotomy/

Guidance for Patients

Whilst you are waiting for your child's operation, the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children website also has useful information leaflets and videos available online via the following link:

http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/bristol-royal-hospital-for-childrens-website/

If your child has additional needs and requires support during their admission to the hospital, you may find the below link to our "Hospital Passport" useful:



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Web Link to Passport:

http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/bristol-royal-hospital-for-children/patient-and-family-support-services/disability-support-team/hospital-passport/

What should I do if my child's health is deteriorating?

GP surgeries are still open

Please contact your GP surgery for advice if you feel that your child's condition is deteriorating. GP surgeries are still open but may be working differently to how they did before the COVID-19 pandemic.

GP surgeries can contact the Children's Hospital for advice if needed.

Contact your Clinical Team at BRHC

Please do contact your child's clinician if you are concerned their condition is deteriorating or you have any questions relating to their care under that service.

Urgent Health Advice

For urgent health advice, when it's not an emergency, please call 111 from any landline or mobile phone. You can also visit www.nhs.uk. The NHS 111 service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Life Threatening Emergencies

For anything life threatening – please dial 999.