

Alzheimer

Hospital care

We are all being asked at present to change the way we live our lives, so that those at most risk of coronavirus are kept as safe as possible.

This leaflet is designed to answer some of the questions you may have about what will happen if you need hospital treatment for coronavirus or any other health condition.

Our NHS is still open for everyone and you should still:

- Telephone 999 if you require emergency assistance
- Telephone your local hospital if you have a planned appointment to check if this has been cancelled and what you should do if you experience problems
- Contact your GP by telephone for non-urgent health problems.

For the most up-to-date Coronavirus information please go to:

www.nhsinform.scot

www.gov.scot/coronavirus

For further information and support please contact Alzheimer Scotland's 24 hour Freephone Dementia Helpline:



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Normal hospital visiting is unfortunately suspended at this time and it is only in very limited circumstances that family members or close friends will be able to visit whilst you are in hospital.

Staff appreciate that this will be unsettling for you and your loved ones and they will consider your needs on an individual basis. Whenever possible they will work with you to ensure that you can remain as connected as possible to those closest to you, via alternative means such as:

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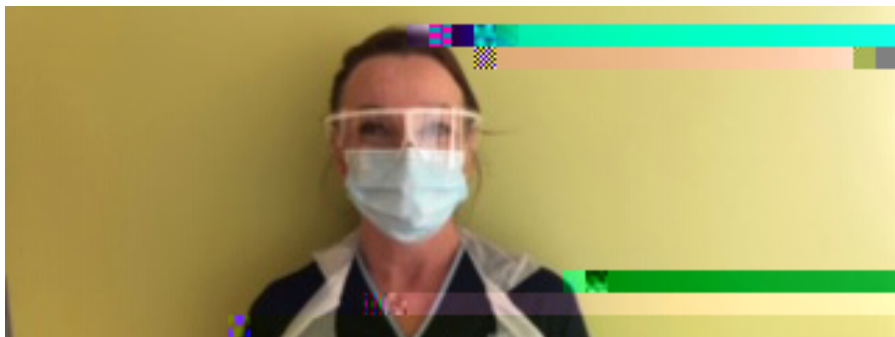
Don't worry if you are not familiar with using online chat or video calling services as staff are normally able to help with this. Likewise if you need help reading cards or letters received from family and friends, staff can help with this.

Helpful hint: You are welcome to bring your personal mobile telephone, iPad or tablet into hospital. It is useful if you can also bring in a charger for each device and if you label all items with your name or initials.

At this time, hospital admissions tend to be on an unplanned basis. It is therefore a good idea to prepare a list (or basket)

(PPE)

Due to the current outbreak of coronavirus, hospitals have implemented new measures to help keep patients and themselves safe. This includes the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as:



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If you require to come into hospital, you will be cared for by a team of staff who will work very closely together to support the needs of you and your family. Members of the team may include:

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Helpful hint: There are also staff in hospital who have specialist training in dementia care e.g. Dementia Champions and Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Nurse Consultants, who can help to provide additional support and advice. Hospital staff will be able to help you and your family link with them.



