



Patient Information

Children's Out-Patient Department



Statement of Values

Respect - Caring - Openness - Partnership - Teamwork
Fairness & Equality



The Uniforms we wear



**Clinical Nurse
Manager**



**Clinical Nurse
Specialist**



Care Attendent



Physiotherapist



Play Therapist



**Speech and Language
Therapist**



Children's - Post Graduate Student Nurse & Female Staff Nurse



Male Staff Nurse



Radiographer



Technial Services



Materials Management



Hygiene Services



**Non uniform staff which includes;
Fundraising, Medical Photography, Doctors, Dietitians,
Portering, Nursing Management and Clerical Staff**

Children's Outpatients

Approximately 46,000 children attend the National Children's Hospital Outpatient Department yearly. The majority of our patients come to the National Children's Hospital for the first time as an Outpatient.

This information leaflet is designed to help you and your child to prepare for your visit to the Children's OPD.

NEW Appointments

You will receive your appointment date and time in the post or by telephone. If this date is not suitable please contact the Out-patients appointments desk at **01-4142409/4142410** as soon as possible so another child on the waiting list can be given that appointment and a new one can be scheduled for you if requested. Approximately 6,000 children do not arrive for their appointments each year. These appointments could have been given to other children which would help to reduce the waiting time for all appointments.

Please cancel your child's appointment if you cannot attend. Do not attend if your child is unwell with diarrhoea or vomiting, flu like symptoms, has an infectious disease like chicken pox and measles or has MRSA as he/she can spread the disease to other children. Please contact us at 01-4142663/4143683, we will give you appropriate instructions and reschedule the appointment as necessary.

Location

The Children's Out-Patients Department is located on the ground floor of the hospital. Enter via the main hospital door, take the first right, followed by the next right to the children's check-in area. The "Lego" check-in desk is situated to the left.

On Arrival

Please register with the receptionist who will ensure that we have the correct details for your child and then take a seat until your child is called.



Lego Admission Desk

Play and Art in OPD

The Play and Art departments play a vital role in Children's OPD.

The Play department consists of Hospital Play Specialists/Therapists and volunteers who can provide support, preparation and distraction to children and their families attending OPD. The Art Department exists to improve the hospital environment and to provide therapeutic art and craft experiences for children. Professional artists play a significant role in the OPD on Monday and Thursday mornings, providing a child friendly environment through their arts and crafts. Toys and games are available in the waiting area. However, it is a good idea to bring a favourite book or a toy for your child. Every effort is made to make the experience as pleasant as possible for you and your child. We would appreciate your feedback and comments. Please complete the accompanying leaflet to help us.



We ask you to turn off your mobile phone (or place it on silent mode) prior to and during your child's consultation.



Consultation

Several different clinics will be in progress at the same time so don't be worried if children are called ahead of you despite them checking in later. Your child will be assigned a consultant. Our consultants work in multidisciplinary teams which consist of other consultants, non-consultant hospital doctors, specialist nurses and other allied health professionals. We cannot guarantee that your child will always see the consultant but be assured that he/she will be informed of all appointments and results. As we are a teaching hospital nursing or medical students may be present. If during your child's consultation you or your child are uncomfortable about this please tell your doctor and the students will step outside.

Some clinics are also held by specialist nurses, dieticians, speech and language therapists and physiotherapists.

You will be given a set time to attend the Out-Patients Department and we make every effort to adhere to this time. However some appointments run late, especially when a difficult medical diagnosis or treatment has to be explained, this obviously effects subsequent appointment times. We ask for your understanding and we will keep you informed about any delays.

We recommend that you write down any questions you wish to ask the doctor prior to attending the Outpatient Clinic. This helps to avoid forgetting any questions you planned to ask.

Next Appointment

The doctor will tell you if your child needs to return to the clinic. Return appointments can be made on departure from the clinic (where you checked in at the “Lego” desk) or by telephone.

It is important to give your correct mobile telephone number when making your next appointment as you will receive a text message three days before your next appointment to remind you of the date and time.

We also want you the parent/guardian to enjoy the experience however unfortunately for the safety of the children **no hot drinks** are allowed in the department .



Refreshments can be purchased from the Oasis Volunteer Coffee Shop, the hospital shop and/or the canteen. Children should be supervised at all times in the coffee shop.

Services in the Out-Patients

Surgical
Neurology
Endocrine
Ear, Nose and Throat
Orthopaedics
Dermatology
Psychiatry
Phlebotomy (Blood Tests)
Pulmonary Function Tests

Medical
Cardiology
Respiratory
Gastroenterology
Ophthalmology
Audiology
Psychology
Physiotherapy
Nutrition & Dietetics

Urology
Diabetes
Cystic Fibrosis
Dentistry
Development
Allergy
Speech Therapy



Children should never be left unattended in the hospital.