

Paediatrics  
Royal Brompton Hospital

# Your child's hospital identity bracelet

**This leaflet explains why your child needs to wear a hospital identity bracelet while they are in hospital. Sometimes the identity bracelet is called an identity wristband.**

## An identity bracelet helps keep your child safe

We give each child a white identity bracelet to wear. If a child has an allergy we give them a red identity bracelet to wear too.

Each identity bracelet has:

- your child's name
- date of birth
- hospital number
- a barcode

This is important information because it means our staff can identify your child. For this reason, we need your child to wear an identity bracelet all the time.

## How staff use the identity bracelet

The barcode on the bracelet has information that identifies your child on our computer systems.

You will see our staff use the identity bracelet to check your child's identity before any procedure or test.

They use a barcode scanner to read the information on the barcode. This is then processed by our computer systems to find the information we have about your child.

Doing this helps us to give your child the right treatment and medicine.



## Support for your child

If your child has sensory needs and cannot wear an identity bracelet for some reason, please speak to your nurse. Together you can work out a safe solution for the time that your child is in hospital.

### Contact us

Rose ward

**Phone** 0330 12 82411 or 0330 12 82412 (ask to speak to the nurse in charge)

### Was this leaflet useful?

If you have any comments about this information, we'd be happy to hear from you.

**email** [gstt.healthcontent@nhs.net](mailto:gstt.healthcontent@nhs.net)

### Language and accessible support services

If you need an interpreter or information about your care in a different language or format, please contact the department your appointment is with.

### Your comments and concerns

For advice, support or to raise a concern about any service or department contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS):

- Royal Brompton Hospital **phone** 020 7349 7715
- Harefield Hospital **phone** 01895 826 572

Or **email** [gstt.rbhh-pals@nhs.net](mailto:gstt.rbhh-pals@nhs.net)

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