

Sharps Box Safety

You may have been given a box for the purpose of disposing of sharps that have a potential to cause injury, such as needles and glass objects, for the duration of your treatment.

Please keep these out of the reach of children, pets or other vulnerable people.

The sharps box lid should be partially closed but not fully closed, as this will cause it to self-lock.

You must not attempt to remove any objects from the sharps box as this may result in injury.

At the end of your treatment the Acute Care at Home Team Nurse will collect and dispose of your sharps box.

Medication Safety

You may have been prescribed medications. Most medicines should be stored in a cool dry place. The Acute Care at Home Team nurse can advise you on the best place to store your medications

Always keep them out of the sight and reach of children and pets and other vulnerable people

Where possible, you should always keep your medicines in their original packaging.

The best way to dispose of medicines that are no longer needed is to return them to your pharmacist or ask your Acute Care at Home Team nurse for advice on disposal

**The Acute Care at Home Team
welcome your feedback and
suggestions.**

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Acute Care at Home Team



Caring for you closer to home

Supporting people to be Safe, Well and at Home

We are a service that can provide treatments that may have been started in hospital or by your GP to allow you to remain at home or return home earlier.

Why can't all patients have Acute Care at home?

Although the list of conditions that can be treated at home is growing, not all can be treated in this way. Generally patients that require a hospital bed are too poorly and may need regular medicines and observation by nursing staff — even through the night.

What can I expect?

- You can expect to have an initial assessment by nursing staff.
- You can expect to be treated by skilled professional staff with a range of skills.
- You can expect to have your treatments explained to you and for us to undertake your care with your agreement
- You can expect us to monitor your condition at each visit and discuss any concerns we have with both you and a medical practitioner

How long will I be treated for?

The Acute Care at Home Team will look after you for as long as your treatment lasts and while you are well enough to be looked after in your own home or as close to home as possible. Depending on your treatment we can visit as frequently as 3 times a day.

Who will I be treated by?

The team is made up of staff nurses, sisters and Charge nurses and a manager, who is also a nurse. We are supported by your GP, the Acute GP service and your hospital consultants.

What if I should begin to feel worse at home?

You should contact the Acute Care at Home Team with any routine queries about your care. There may not be someone who is immediately available to speak to you, but you will be able to leave a message and someone will call you back, please be aware that this may not be until the following day.

Do not hesitate to call for help if you are concerned.

For more **urgent** problems, telephone the **NHS 111** service (available 24 hours a day) and inform them that you are being treated by the Acute Care at Home team or in an emergency dial **999**

The Acute Care at Home team's hours of work are 8:00am - 10:00pm

The Acute Care at Home Team are here to help, please let them know if ...

- You have any allergies
- You start to feel worse
- You have any questions or concerns not listed here

