

Estates & Facilities

Electrical equipment brought in by patients

Patients may only use small electric items powered by:

- batteries
- a low voltage plug adaptor
- an inline charging adaptor with an output of less than 25 volts

The voltage is usually shown on the label attached to the adaptor casing. If you are not sure whether your adaptor or equipment is suitable, please speak to a member of staff. They may need to contact the on-site electrician for advice. In this case, the equipment cannot be used until it has been checked by the electrician. This could take up to 12 hours.

Before being used in the hospital, equipment, its in-line adaptor and mains lead must be visually checked for any damage by ward staff. Any damaged equipment, adaptors, plugs, mains leads or in-line adaptors will be immediately taken out of use and if needed, kept by staff until the item is repaired or replaced.

Items patients may bring in and use on hospital premises

Patients may bring and use the following items in the hospital:

- Laptop computers / Tablet computers
- Personal MP3, music, video or photo players (with earphones)
- Hand-held televisions (with earphones)
- Small personal DVD players (with earphones)



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- Personal CD players or radios (with earphones)
- Mobile phone chargers
- Patient-connected electrical medical devices

Items patients should not bring onto hospital premises

Patients should not bring any electrical appliance that runs on direct mains power (220-250 volt) such as:

- Portable televisions powered by mains electricity, such as a standard TV set)
- Hi-Fi, radio, CD or DVD players powered by mains electricity
- Hair dryers, hair tongs, hair straighteners, or similar appliances
- Mains extension leads
- Any cooking appliances, including kettles, toasters, or tea/coffee cup heaters
- Mini drinks fridges
- Fan heaters
- Tabletop cooling fans

The list is not exhaustive.

Electrical sockets are mainly for the use of medical equipment. Patients may only use an electrical socket when one becomes available that is not needed for clinical use.

The Trust reserves the right to prevent the use of, or remove, any electrical item that does not comply with this guidance or statutory regulations.

The Trust Fire Safety Manager

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The Trust Fire Safety Manager can be contacted between 9am and 4pm.

Patient Information

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format, please contact 024 76 96 8250 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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