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# Welcome to The Myton Hospices Inpatient Unit

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We trust that you find this pack and the information it contains to be useful to you.

If for any reason you would like to discuss any element of our service, or your experience at Myton, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing **[feedback@mytonhospice.org](mailto:feedback@mytonhospice.org)**, or calling us on **01926 492518** or writing to us at:

The Myton Hospices - Feedback  
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Warwick  
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## ABOUT THIS BOOKLET



The staff and volunteers at The Myton Hospices would like to welcome you, your family and friends to Myton.

The team at Myton are warm and friendly and are here to support you and your loved ones. We are more than happy to answer any questions that you might have but we have put this booklet together with answers to some Frequently Asked Questions that might help you to settle in.



**We have hospices  
in Coventry,  
Rugby and  
Warwick**



**We provide all of  
our services free  
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thousands of  
people and their  
families**

**We are a charity  
and we rely on your  
generosity and  
support!**



**We care for people  
with a wide range  
of life-limiting  
illnesses**

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# Why am I here?

Patients come to Myton for one of two reasons:

- ① **Symptom control. e.g. pain, breathlessness, vomiting etc**
- ② **End of life care**

The length of your stay will depend on why you are here - for symptom control the average length of stay is 10 - 14 days. Myton does not provide long term care. Before you are discharged we will ensure that the care and support you need is in place to ensure a safe discharge.

# Who pays for my stay at Myton?

Inpatient care at Myton is provided free of charge. Myton is a registered charity and less than 17% of our funding comes from the NHS. Every year we have to raise millions of pounds and rely on donations and fundraising activities to pay for the services we deliver.

There are lots of ways you can help to fund our vital work, from joining our weekly lottery to donating good quality saleable items to one of our shops, and taking part in an event to shopping with us. If you would like to find out more about how you can support us please ask to speak to a member of the fundraising team or visit

**[www.mytonhospice.org/support](http://www.mytonhospice.org/support)**

# What do I need to bring?

Night clothes or pyjamas

Day clothes (you might not need to wear your night clothes for your entire stay)

Clean underwear

A dressing gown and slippers

Toiletries, including soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner

A razor and shaving products if required

A comb or hairbrush

Paper tissues

Glasses / hearing aids / dentures if you wear them

A small amount of money to buy anything that you might want

Things to occupy you such as books, magazines or puzzle books, and don't forget your phone charger

Medicines both prescribed and non-prescribed

Advance Care Planning documents such as your ReSPECt form and Preferred Priorities for Care if you have them

# What facilities are available?

- Beautiful gardens to sit and walk in
- Meals and drinks – food is cooked daily in our kitchens and the catering team will work with you if you have any specific dietary requirements
- Children's area
- Free parking
- Jacuzzi bath
- Lounge and dining area
- Smoking room – for patients' use only
- Tea and coffee
- T.V & radio
- Quiet rooms
- Vending machines for refreshments and snacks
- Wi-Fi

All facilities are provided free of charge for patients, including meals and drinks for patients, with the exception of the vending machine and the coffee shop/coffee machine.





# Some useful information



## ALCOHOL

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Inpatients can drink alcohol brought in by relatives within reasonable limits, relatives and visitors cannot drink alcohol unless they have specific permission for a special occasion.

## DISCHARGE PLANNING

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Myton is not a long stay facility. Often our patients will require only a relatively short time in our inpatient unit for symptom control and pain management. If a patient's condition is stable and can be monitored elsewhere, we would look into ongoing care with appropriate arrangements and support. The hospice team will work alongside an individual, and family members or carers, to ensure they are involved in future planning.

## FIRE

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The fire alarms are tested every Friday at 11am. This is only audible on the first Friday of the month. If there is a fire you will not be expected to leave the building and will be looked after by nursing staff.

## ILLEGAL DRUGS

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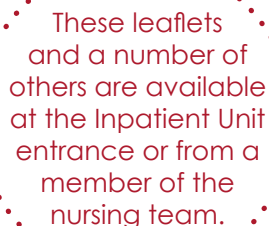
We operate a zero tolerance policy on the use of illegal drugs.

## INFORMATION LEAFLETS

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**Information leaflets are available to provide guidance and support on many topics, including:**

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Care in the last hours
- Complementary Therapy
- Falls Prevention
- Physio and Occupational Therapy
- Planning your Discharge
- Preventing Pressure Ulcers
- Supporting you and your family



These leaflets and a number of others are available at the Inpatient Unit entrance or from a member of the nursing team.

## **OXYGEN AND HAIRDRESSING**

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There are some health and safety issues in respect of hair styling equipment and the use of oxygen within our units, particularly in relation to fire safety. We would therefore ask that if you or your family wish to use hair styling equipment which has a heat source, for example a hairdryer, that you discuss this first with a member of the nursing team.

## **PETS**

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We actively support and encourage family pets to visit you during your stay but there are some associated risks that we need to manage to ensure the safety of patients, visitors and staff. Please speak to a member of the team before arranging for a pet to come to the hospice. Please note pets can't stay overnight.

## **SMART SPEAKERS**

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Unfortunately due to confidentiality and privacy issues you cannot use smart speakers such as Echo dot, speakers with Alexa or any similar products at The Myton Hospices.

## **SMOKING**

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When a patient chooses to smoke, it is important that they only do so in the designated smoke room. In most cases, patients are fully capable of retaining smoking materials including matches and lighters and of managing their smoking activities safely and without supervision.

There can, though, be circumstances where patients show signs of confusion, and may lack capacity to smoke safely. When these occasions arise staff will take possession of the patient's smoking materials and store them in a safe place. Our intention is to maintain safety and not unreasonably restrict patients from smoking. Wherever possible, this will be carried out in partnership with the patient and any other relevant persons, including families, relatives and visiting friends to enable arrangements for an appropriate level of supervision to ensure that the patient can smoke without presenting danger to themselves or others.



## **SURVEYS**

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We undertake surveys and research questionnaires to help us refine and improve our services. We would appreciate your help if you are asked to participate. If you have any feedback that you would like to share with us please let a member of staff or volunteer know, or you can email **[feedback@mytonhospice.org](mailto:feedback@mytonhospice.org)**

## **VALUABLES**

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Please leave any valuables and large amounts of money at home. If you do have any valuables with you please ask a member of staff to store them in our safe.

## **VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION**

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Myton will not tolerate violence or aggression towards its staff, volunteers, other patients or visitors.

# Who will be looking after me?

We will work with you to understand your needs and create an individualised care plan.

Our multi-disciplined team is made up of a wide range of staff and volunteers including:



**Nurses, nursing assistants and student nurses**



**Doctors**



**Physiotherapists**



**Occupational therapists**



**Counsellors**



**Complementary therapists**



**Pharmacists**



**Lymphoedema team**



**Catering and domestic teams**



**Pastoral care team**



**Volunteers**

# Information for visitors



## **ALCOHOL**

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Visitors cannot drink alcohol unless they have specific permission for a special occasion such as a wedding.

## **FIRE PROCEDURE**

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If the fire alarms sound please leave the building and go to the Fire Assembly Point in the car park. Your loved one will not be expected to leave the building and will be looked after by nursing staff. Candles should not be lit anywhere in the hospice.

## **LAUNDRY**

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Unfortunately we are unable to offer a laundry service so please help your friends and relatives by doing their washing.

## **MEALS FOR VISITORS**

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Meals and snacks are available anytime between 9am and 5pm daily, last orders by 4.30pm. Please order from the menu at Reception.

Visitors may be offered tea/coffee during the patients' round but there is the facility for staff or volunteers to make tea and coffee at other times if appropriate. There is also a vending machine for drinks and snacks, and a coffee shop in reception.

## **PRIVACY**

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If you see a green light above the door to a patient's room please do not enter as this indicates that some clinical care is taking place. If your loved one is in a shared room you may sometimes be asked to leave the room, for example if another patient is being admitted or being seen by the consultant on their ward round.

## RELATIVES ACCOMMODATION

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We have very limited accommodation for relatives that may be available for you to use. This is allocated according to need and is reviewed daily. This accommodation is provided free of charge and should be left as found. Donations to help cover the upkeep are greatly appreciated.

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## SMOKING

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Visitors are not permitted to smoke anywhere inside the hospice. Please only smoke at the designated smoking area outside.

## VISITING

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We appreciate that this is a very difficult time for you and we hope this information will help with any queries you may have whilst visiting your loved one.

Visitors are welcome at any time, please sign the visitors register on arrival and sign out when leaving. If you intend to visit after 8pm can we ask that you ring the Inpatient Unit and advise them of your approximate arrival time. This will ensure our staff are expecting you when you arrive at the entrance to the hospice. We also ask you to keep noise and visitor numbers to a minimum after 8pm to ensure our patients are not disturbed. Please keep your mobile phone on silent at all times when in the hospice and we would appreciate it if you don't use your mobile phone in communal areas or just outside patient rooms.

Children are welcome to visit and there are toys and activities for them. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Pets may be brought in but can't stay overnight. Please keep dogs on a lead in public areas and we ask that you clean up after them. Prior to visiting it is essential that nursing staff are informed if pets are fed on a raw meat diet.

# Donate by text

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by your donation  
amount to 70460 to  
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MYTON5 to donate £5.

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one standard network message charge.



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and just **17%** of our  
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It costs over  
**£15.3 million**  
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to our patients and their  
loved ones

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If you are able to  
make a donation  
we would really  
appreciate it.

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