

Important information for wheelchair users/spinal injury patients attending the Pre - Op Assessment unit (POAU)

- Please wear accessible clothing for MRSA swabs which would be nose and groin and any potential wound swabs for patients who are able to change position within their chairs.
- If possible, please change your catheter bag on the day you come to POAU so if needed we can take your urine sample from the bag or be able to access the catheter port easily.
- Please bring a spare stoma bag with you.
- Please bring a spare dressing with you if you have any wounds that will require redressing if we need to swab them.
- Please identify what kind of catheter you have on the HSQ. (Health Screening Questionnaire)
- Please note when arranging your transport we do not have space for stretchers in the department so please book wheelchair transport and note we have no manual handling facilities here.
- You are able to access the waiting room in Day Surgery once you have booked in to POAU as there is more space and air conditioning.
- Please be aware we do not have porter services to transfer you to another department if you have additional appointment, please bring somebody with you who is able to assist you.

Please call us on 01722-362362 Ext 4551 and leave a message if you have any queries

