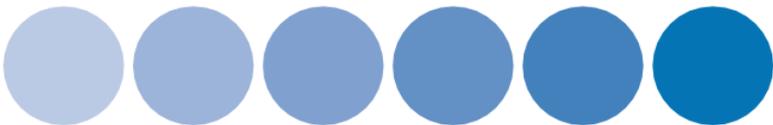




**Barnsley Hospital**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC)



*Patient Information Leaflet*

# Welcome to the Same Day Emergency Care Unit

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SDEC is the provision of same day care for emergency patients who would otherwise be admitted to hospital.

Under this care model, patients presenting at hospital with relevant conditions can be rapidly assessed, diagnosed and treated without being admitted to a ward, and if clinically safe to do so, will go home the same day their care is provided. (NHS England 2021)

Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust runs a Surgical SDEC and a Medical SDEC. You will be told which one to attend.

If you are being discharged from the Emergency Department to return to SDEC the next day please ensure that the Emergency Department has the correct telephone number for you. You may be given an appointment time to attend SDEC before you leave the department.

To find both SDEC departments enter the hospital through the Emergency Department entrance and turn right. Follow the corridor until you see both departments sign posted.

## **What will happen during your visit?**

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You will have been referred by a clinician who feels that you require an assessment and/or treatment by a specialist in Acute Medicine or Surgery but that you do not require admission to hospital.

It is not expected that you need to bring any nightwear etc, but where possible please bring your own regular medications.

### **Initial assessment:**

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You will be greeted by a member of Nursing staff who will complete an initial assessment, they will ask you to explain your symptoms and the background leading up to your illness. They will take a set of observations and may take blood tests and insert a cannula.

### **Investigations:**

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Both Nursing, Medical and Surgical staff will arrange investigations, such as blood tests, x-rays and scans. There will be a period of waiting for results to be available, during which your condition will be monitored by the staff within the unit.

### **Treatment plan:**

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Once your results are known, you will be reviewed and a treatment plan will be made for you, which will usually commence on the unit. Where possible, arrangements will be made for you to continue the treatment at home.

## **Next Steps/ Clinic returns:**

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Once your stay in SDEC is complete, and a hospital admission is not required, you will be able to go home. Staff will let you know the next steps before you leave. Follow up may be required, this may include returning to the unit for repeat investigations or review of treatment. An appointment date and time will be provided and you may need to go for x-rays/scans prior to returning. But this will be explained to you prior to leaving.

If a short hospital stay is needed, this will be discussed with you and you will be transferred to the Acute Medical Unit/Short Stay Unit or a Surgical Ward, where your ongoing treatment and management will continue.

**If you have any queries or concerns after you leave the unit please call us to discuss or if your condition worsens call your family doctor.**

**Medical SDEC Telephone: 01226 432452**

**Surgical SDEC Telephone: 01226 436313**

The NHS Friends and Family Test is your way to feedback on your experience of the care received in Medical and Surgical SDEC. We value all comments and feedback, as these are used to improve the service we provide.

If not already provided, please ask a member of staff and they will be happy to provide one.

Appointment Instructions/Time and Date:

If you need this information in an alternative format, please contact the Patient Advice and Complaints Team on 01226 432330.

Если Вы хотели бы эту информацию на другом языке или другом формате, типа большой печати, пожалуйста звоните 01226 432330

Jeśli potrzebujesz te informacje w innym języku czy w innej postaci, na przykład dużym drukiem, proszę dzwonić na numer 01226 432330

如果您想索取這些資料的中文譯本或以其他形式編制的版本（如大字體），請 致電01226 432330

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