

Advice and Information for Patients and Relatives and Carers Tagged Bays



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When you are in hospital it is sometimes necessary to increase the level of supervision for patients identified to be at risk of falling.

Some patients are required to be nursed in a **Tagged Bay**.

This means that there is a member of health care staff identified to be in the tagged bay at all times.

This is to ensure that patients are closely monitored to reduce the risk of harm from a fall.

When patients are identified at risk of falling, and a Tagged Bay is required, the following precautions are in place:

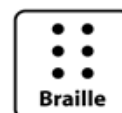
- A member of health care staff will be present at all times day and night in the bay to observe patients at risk of falls.
- Falls mobility monitoring may be used to alert staff that your relative or friend is trying to mobilise without assistance.
- Staff within the bay cannot leave the bay unattended at any time until they are relieved by another health care staff member.

There may be variations between day and night and therefore regular assessments are completed.

There may be a number of patients in the same bay at risk of falls being observed at the same time.

What can you do to help?

- Alert the staff member if your relative or friend is becoming distressed or agitated.
- Prior to leaving the bay please let the staff member know of your departure.
- If you require any other information please contact the nurse in charge.



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