

## Contact details

### Cardiac surgery intensive care C604

Beds 1-10 Tel: 0117 342 5941/5942

### Cardiac surgery high dependency A607

Beds 11-20 Tel:0117 342 0329/0330

Beds 21-25 Tel:0117 342 0326/0327

### Cardiac surgery C708

Tel: 0117 342 6552/5960

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This allows us to discover new and improved ways of treating patients.

While under our care, you may be invited to take part in research.

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## Cardiac intensive care unit (CICU) Information for visitors



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## Welcome to the cardiac intensive care unit (CICU)

We are a 24 bedded intensive care and high dependency unit admitting patients immediately after cardiac surgery.

The intensive care end of our unit includes beds 1-10, which is accessed from the Bristol Heart Institute (Zone C), level 6, ward C604. Patients are admitted straight from theatre to this area after cardiac surgery.

The high dependency entrance is located in the Bristol Royal Infirmary (Zone A), level 6, ward A607. The intensive care team and the cardiac surgeons provide medical cover 24 hours per day on the unit and will manage your relative's care.

All patients will be seen on a morning ward round and reviewed throughout the day.

As patients improve, they will be moved down the ward to the high dependency area, where they will continue to be closely monitored by the intensive care team in the early stages of their recovery.

When patients no longer require such close monitoring they are discharged back to the cardiac surgery ward (C708) in the Bristol Heart Institute when there

is a suitable bed available.

## Visiting

Visiting hours are:

8.00am-9.00pm

We welcome you in supporting your relative's recovery.

There are times we may ask you to leave for short periods to facilitate care or treatments and during ward round reviews.

Patients can tire quickly and require rest periods. We ask that there are only two visitors at a time per bed.

Please can we ask that visitors refrain from sitting on patients' beds and sit on the chairs provided.

Visiting by young children is at the discretion of the nurse in charge.

## On the day of your relative's surgery

We recommend you call:

0117 342 5941/5942

Please call after 2:00pm if your relative is first on the list.

Please call after 6:00pm if your relative is second on the list.

Please note surgery usually takes a minimum of four hours .

## Questions or queries?

We endeavour to provide high quality care for all patients in our unit.

We realise that this can often be a very difficult and concerning time for relatives and carers.

If you require any more information, have any questions or concerns at any time please do not hesitate to ask.

We are happy to help.

Thank you

**The CICU Team.**