

## Contact Details for the Unit

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm  
01 878 4317

Remember it is important that we have your up to date contact information. Please tell us if you change your phone or move home.



Your Child's Consultant is

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Main Hospital Number  
01 878 4200

Metabolic Unit 01 878 4317



**Please remember to wash your hands  
or use hand gel when visiting the  
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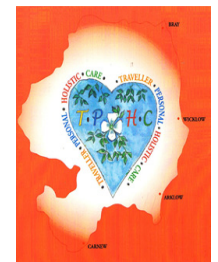


# Metabolic Out Patient's Department

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## What is the Metabolic Unit?

The Metabolic Unit is a specialised unit within our hospital which provides care and support for children and adults with a metabolic condition.

## What is a metabolic condition?

It is a medical condition where the body has a problem changing food to energy. There are many different types of metabolic conditions.

## Who will I meet in the Unit?

We have a number of health professionals you may meet when you attend. These include:

- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Staff Nurses
- Dietitians
- Medical Consultants
- Junior Hospital Doctors
- Social Worker
- Clinical Psychologist
- Play Specialist
- Administration Staff

## How often will my child attend the Unit?

Your child's metabolic condition will last for their lifetime. Your child will attend our unit until they become an adult and then will be transferred to the adult metabolic centre.

## Will my GP be informed of my child's metabolic condition ?

Yes, the consultant caring for your child will write to your GP to inform them of your child's progress.

It is important that you tell us if you change address or telephone number.



## What will I do if I have an emergency with my child out of hours?

If you are worried about your child outside the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm you can contact the hospital by phone on 01 878 4200 and ask to speak to the Metabolic Doctor on Call

## Is there any support or entitlements to help us?

Every person's circumstances will be different. When you visit us you can talk about support and entitlements with a member of our team during your visit.

## Other questions you may want to ask

As parents you may have a number of questions about your child's condition. Your questions may include:

- How did my child get this condition?
- Will my child be very sick?
- Will my child be able to go to school?

You will get a chance to ask any questions you may have at your clinic visit.

