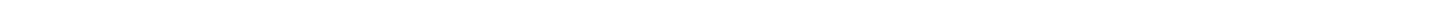




Sandwell and West Birmingham
NHS Trust

Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) Unit

Information and advice for patients



The SDEC Services at Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust provides same day emergency care. This means that patients are assessed, diagnosed, treated and able to go home on the same day without having to stay in hospital overnight.

Arrival

You may have been referred to SDEC by the Emergency Department, your GP, the ambulance service, a hospital ward, outpatient clinic, primary care or other healthcare facility. Please make yourself known to reception when you arrive.

Assessment

Your first assessment will be carried out by a healthcare practitioner. This allows us to determine the best place for you to be seen and some of the tests/ investigations you may need.

Review

A healthcare practitioner will assess you and decide a treatment plan based on their findings.

Investigation

This could be blood pressure, blood tests, x-rays or other scans. We will begin your investigations as soon as we can.

Further tests or possible senior review

Sometimes we may need to do some more investigations and your clinician may need advice from a specialist to help to decide the best treatment plan for you.

1. Home

We always aim to get you home the same day with a treatment plan in place.

2. Admission

Usually admission is not required. However if you need to stay in hospital, we will find a bed for you as soon as possible.

Contact details

Medical SDEC City Hospital

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Medical SDEC Sandwell Hospital

0121 553 1831 ext 3740

Surgical SDEC

0121 553 1831 ext 3500

Frailty SDEC

0121 553 1831 ext 3692

Obs & Gynae SDEC

0121 507 4925

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Paediatric SDEC City Hospital 01215543801 ext 4019

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