Information about the Acute Addiction Liaison Service for people with Alcohol or Drug Dependence

Acute Addiction Liaison Service for Inpatients

Please ask a member of the ward staff for more information.
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Your consent allows them to share the relevant information about yourself and your dependence with the appropriate services. This consent gives you access to the widest range of services available.

If you do not give your consent, this will not affect your right to be seen by the Acute Addiction Liaison Service. Although it may result in difficulties and delays in providing a full range of services to you when you leave hospital.

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- To meet the needs of our patients.
- To identify the needs of patients with alcohol and/or drug dependence and contact the appropriate services before going home from hospital.
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