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# **Welcome to the Respiratory Assessment Unit (RAU)**

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You have been transferred here from the Emergency Department to allow for further assessment and monitoring of your condition.

The Respiratory Assessment Unit (RAU) is a special assessment unit for patients who are experiencing respiratory symptoms related to a condition affecting the lungs.

If you have any worries or concerns while you are in RAU, please speak to the nurse looking after you.

## Who will care for me?

Your care will be managed by a team of respiratory nurse specialists and overseen by a respiratory doctor. The team's aim will be to discharge you promptly, if safe to do so. You will then have a next day follow up with a respiratory nurse at home, until your condition stabilises.

## What will happen now?

You are likely to have further investigations while you are on the unit, and a period of observation and monitoring of your symptoms.

You may receive some medications to take home. Please tell the nurse if your symptoms worsen so we can ensure you are kept comfortable.

## How long will I be here?

Every case is individual, so it is difficult to give an exact time. We may need to wait for the results of tests to come back.

If your symptoms do not improve, the team will discuss and arrange admission to a suitable area for your condition.

## Why do I need a monitor?

The monitor will allow staff to observe your progress without the need to regularly disturb you.

## **Can someone stay with me?**

Space on RAU is limited, so we would ask that only one person stays with you. This may be in another area.

## **Can I leave the area?**

We would encourage you to remain in the unit during your stay. Toilet facilities are available, along with refreshments and sandwiches.

## **Comments and feedback**

The Respiratory Assessment Unit strives to provide a great experience. We appreciate your comments and feedback and will ask you to complete a Friends and Family Test provided on the unit.

## **Further information**

The following organisations may be able to provide you with support and information if you wish to find out more about your condition:

### **British Lung Foundation**

03000 030 555

### **Asthma UK**

0300 222 5800

[info@asthma.org.uk](mailto:info@asthma.org.uk)

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact:

The Lung Function Unit on 01384 244383

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

**This leaflet can be downloaded or printed from:**

<http://dgft.nhs.uk/services-and-wards/respiratory-medicine/>

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