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Marriage and civil partnerships within the hospital

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please speak to a member of staff who can arrange it for you.

اگر به این بروشور به زبان دیگر یا در قالب دسترس پذیر نیاز دارید،
لطفاً با یکی از کارکنان صحبت کنید تا آن را برای شما تهیه کند.

Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formie,
proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil,
vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe
de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

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إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتيسيق
يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

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This leaflet is to help anyone who wants to get married, or to enter a civil partnership, while one partner is in hospital. In order to do this the patient will need to be, either an inpatient for a very long time, or they are approaching the end of their life and are unable to leave the hospital.

End of life patient

If you or your partner are approaching the end of life and want to get married, or enter a civil partnership in hospital please talk to the ward manager as soon as possible. The ward manager will explain the process to you. Following this they will immediately begin arranging the ceremony on your behalf.

Only a registrar of births, deaths and ceremonies, or a Church of England minister, can perform this service in the hospital.

It should be noted that for a service to take place within a few hours, or days, it will be subject to legal requirements and at the discretion of the registrar, or Church of England minister.

You will need to talk with the registrar, or Church of England minister to assess the legal documentation you will need to provide.

If you choose to have a service by a Church of England minister, or by another faith leader, or celebrant please talk with the spiritual care and chaplaincy service to support you with these arrangements.

If you would like a faith based blessing following a service performed by the registrar, please talk with the spiritual care and chaplaincy service to support you with these arrangements also.

Sometimes couples want to get married, or to enter a civil partnership, to ensure that the surviving partner will inherit the estate. If this is one of your reasons you should also consider seeking appropriate legal advice to ensure this.

The ward manager will provide a suitable room to conduct the service. During the service you will need two witnesses to sign the legal documentation. Also, you will need to pay for the licence and any certified copies.

If a legal ceremony is not possible, a service recognising your relationship may be appropriate and the spiritual care and chaplaincy service can support you with this.

Long stay patient

If you wish to get married, or enter a civil partnership, because you will be in hospital for a long time, the ceremony will need to follow the "Housebound" requirements set out by the registry office, or the Church of England.

You need to contact the registrar in the area of the hospital, or the Church of England minister from your home parish for further advice. If you would like a ceremony conducted by another faith leader or celebrant, please talk with the Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Service to support you with these arrangements.

If your situation meets the "Housebound" requirements, the registrar or celebrant of your choice will come to the hospital and perform the ceremony. You will need to pay for the licence and any certified copies.

When the time and date of the ceremony has been agreed with the registrar or celebrant, inform the hospital staff who will provide a suitable room.

Further support

If you have any further questions, please speak with the ward manager or Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Service. The contact details for the registry offices as well as the Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Service, can be found on the back of this leaflet.