

Patient Information Leaflet



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The Burdett Institute
of Gastrointestinal Nursing 

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Coming to hospital, whether as an inpatient or as an outpatient, or as a relative of a patient, can be an anxious time. Our Social Worker is here to offer you and your family practical help and emotional support. If you feel that it would be useful to see her, please do not hesitate to ask any doctor or nurse. Or you can ring her yourself (number below) to fix a time or to talk on the phone.

Sometimes she can see you without an appointment - it is always worth asking. If she is busy, she will fix another time with you.

The Social Worker can offer the following practical help:

- general advice on financial benefits and where to get more detailed advice
- information on community services which you may need when you leave hospital
- convalescence if you should need this.

The Social Worker is on hand to offer support, and in some cases counselling, to patients and their relatives. It can often help to talk things through, and even problems which appear insoluble can seem less so when shared.

So, if you feel that you would like to see our Social Worker, please arrange an appointment.

Contact details:

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