

What is an amenity bed?

An amenity bed is available to NHS patients who wish to pay for the privacy of a single room whilst their treatment remains on the NHS. The hospital has a number of en suite and single rooms with limited facilities, subject to availability.

Is this the same as being a private patient?

Having an amenity bed is not the same as being a private patient as no fee is paid to the treating specialist and all other aspects of your treatment provided are the same as for all our NHS patients.

A private patient pays for a Consultant led service and is usually able to access treatment faster than it is available to an NHS patient. Having an amenity bed will not entitle the patient to access treatment any quicker.

Can I book an amenity bed?

Amenity beds cannot be booked, only requested as they are subject to availability. Although we make every effort to fulfil your request, there is no guarantee that an amenity bed will be available when you are admitted. If a side room is required for a patient for clinical reasons, they will take priority.

What is the cost?

- £50 for a patient occupying a side room for a daycase procedure.
- £65 per night for a side room with limited facilities (sharing toilet and shower/bath)
- £80 per night for an en suite room

With the exception of patients who occupy a side room for a day, the above charges are based on the number of nights spent in the amenity bed, starting from the day of admission, regardless of the time of admission. No charge will be made for the day of discharge.

What happens next?

Once your form is received by our office a request is put through on the hospital system which alerts the ward you are going to that you have requested an amenity room. You will be advised when you are admitted on to the ward whether or not a room is available for you. Please note, forms cannot be processed without a signature.

What happens if my admission date is changed?

Your request will be carried forward to your new date. There is no need for you to contact us to advise us that your admission date has changed.

When will I need to pay?

When you have been discharged from hospital, we will raise an invoice for the number of nights you spend in an amenity room.

How can I pay?

Payment can be made by cheque or credit/debit card. Patients are given the option to submit their card details on the request form where payment will be taken once you have been discharged, or alternatively an invoice can be sent to you.

For any further details please contact:

The Private Patients Office: 01702 385336 (option 1)

Please return your signed form to:

The Private and Overseas Patients Office, Ground Floor, Education Centre, Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex S50 0RY, or by fax on 01702 385901 or scan and send via e mail to claire.wood@southend.nhs.uk



Request for single room accommodation

NHS Number: or U

Patient Hospital Number: D or U

I,
(Full name of patient OR person giving undertaking)

Of

.....
(address of patient OR person giving undertaking)

Hereby undertake to pay you in respect of

(name of patient)

I am due to be admitted to Southend Hospital on

Signed: Date:

(signature of person giving undertaking to pay)

I wish to pay by credit/debit card Please send invoice

Card Number: Issue No:

Valid from date: Expiry date:

Security code: (last three digits on back of card)

Payee signature: Date:

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