

Hospital passports

What is a Hospital passport?

A Hospital passport is a form that has been designed to support vulnerable patients when in hospital. It can be filled in by the patient or their carer. It provides basic but really important information such as how the person prefers to take medications and the support they need at meal times. It can be taken into hospital and kept by the bedside so that it is always available for hospital staff to read.

Who is it for?

The passport is for any patient who relies heavily on their carer to explain their wishes, preferences and/or care needs to hospital staff. This may be because the patient has a learning disability or dementia. When carers are not by the bedside then the passport can act as a quick guide/reminder for hospital staff.

How does it help?

The passport gives instant information on the patient's bedside support needs, as it is kept by the bedside. It does not replace the detailed information that is kept in the patient's file but complements it. The passport is an extra way to support all vulnerable adult patients.

How to get more copies?

If the passport needs to be updated then a new copy can be obtained by either asking the hospital staff for one (found on the intranet), or by contacting:

Camden learning disabilities service on **020 7974 3737**
or email uclh.referrals.learning.disabilities@nhs.net