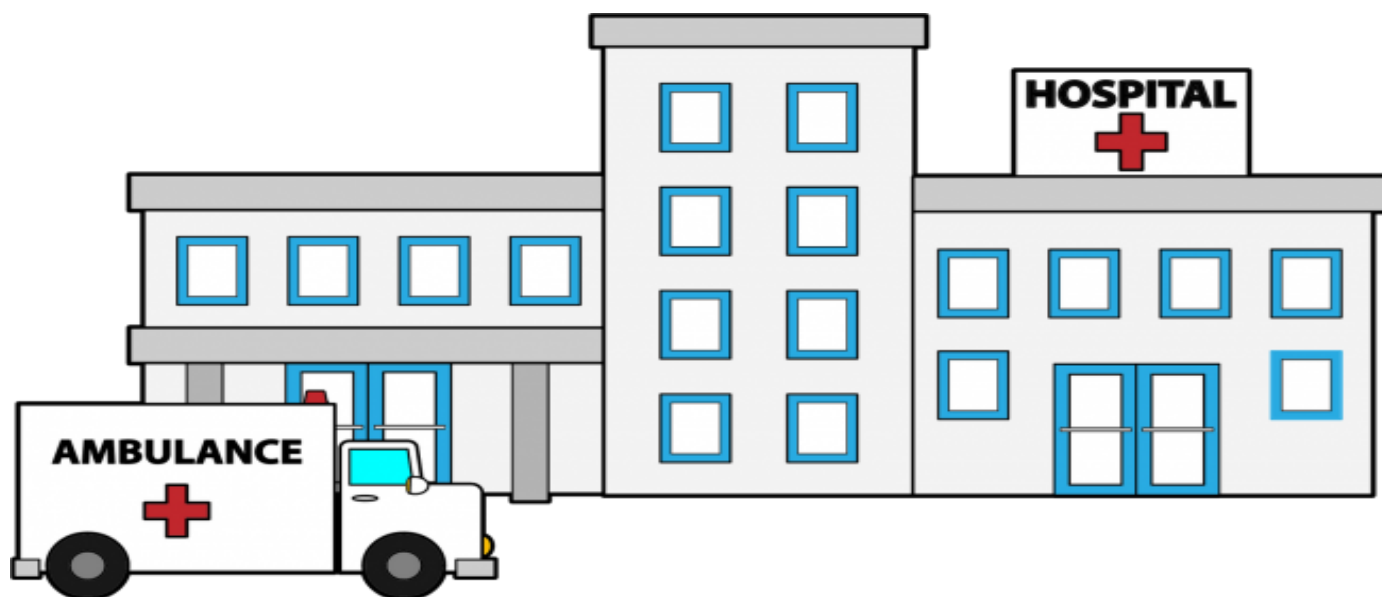


# Going to the hospital because you are poorly with symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)



**If you need support with your admission, please contact the Learning Disability Liaison Nurse**

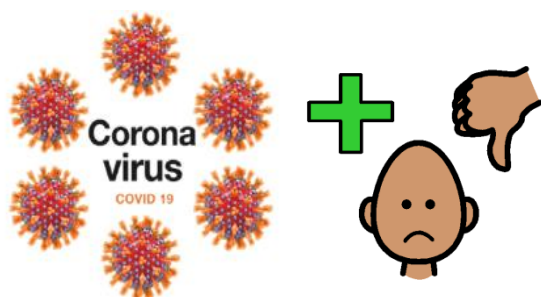


**Jo Blades**

**07795 126 473**



**Karen Pearce 07917 184 539**



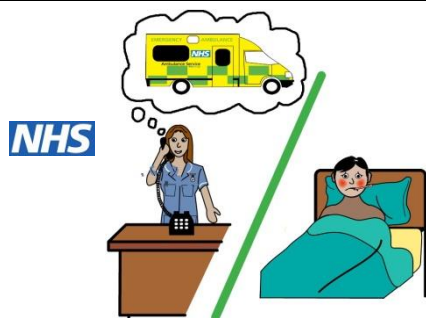
You have the symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID -19).



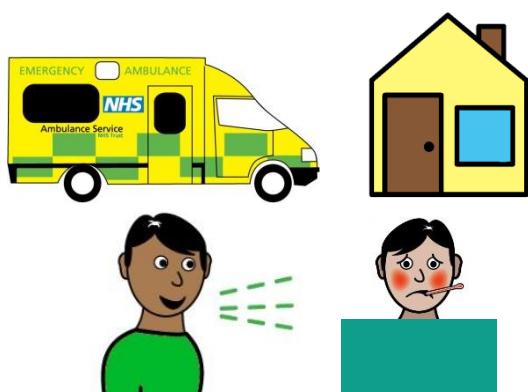
Follow the self-isolation guidelines,  
(stay inside your home).



If your symptoms are getting worse and you feel really poorly ring **NHS 111** for advice.

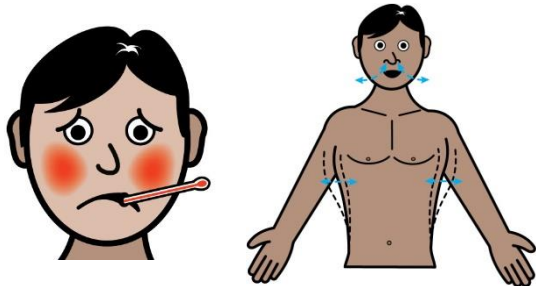


If the person you speak to thinks that you need to go to hospital, they will call an ambulance.

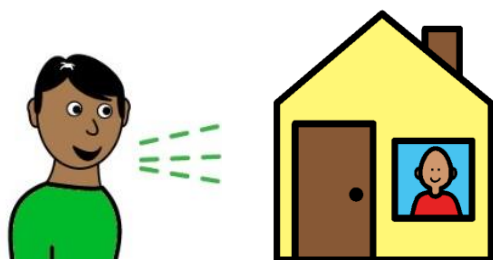


The ambulance will come to your home.

A Paramedic will talk to you.



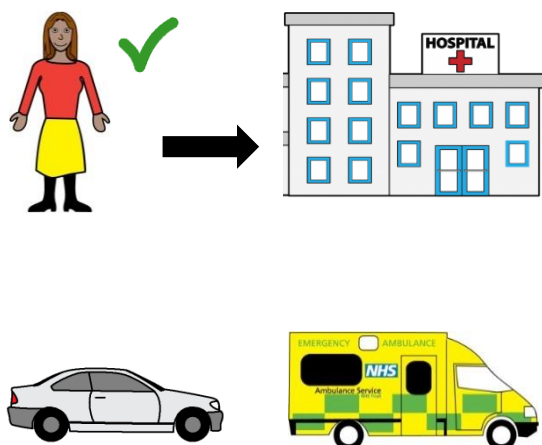
They will check your temperature and your breathing.



They may give you advice so that you can stay at home.

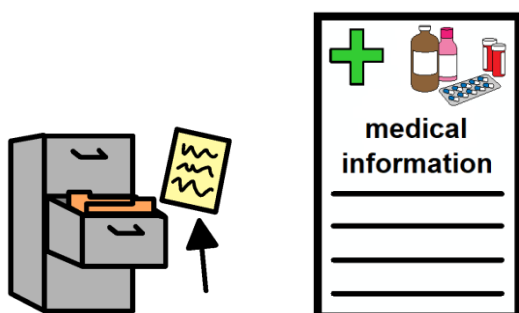


They may need to take you to the hospital in the ambulance.



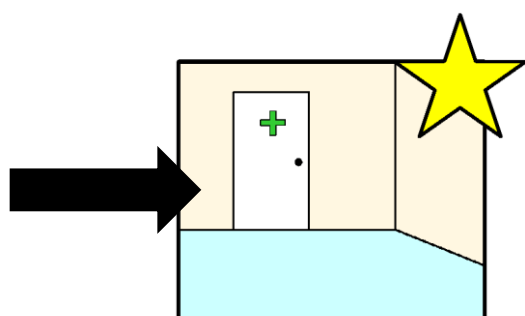
If you have a carer or family member with you they can come to the hospital.

They may need to follow the ambulance in their own car.



Please take your hospital passport and medical information with you.

# What happens in hospital when you have symptoms of Coronavirus Covid-19



When you arrive at the hospital you will go to a special place.



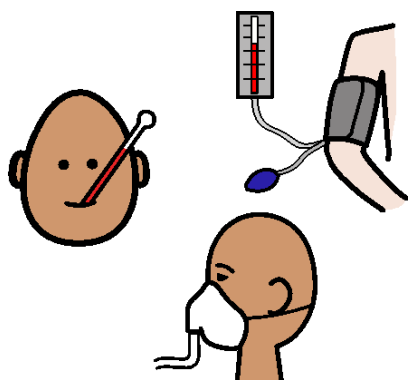
The staff in the hospital will be wearing special clothes.



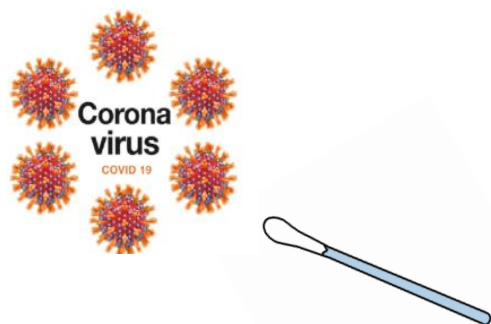
Your carer will talk to the staff about staying with you.



Your carer will need to wear the same special clothes.

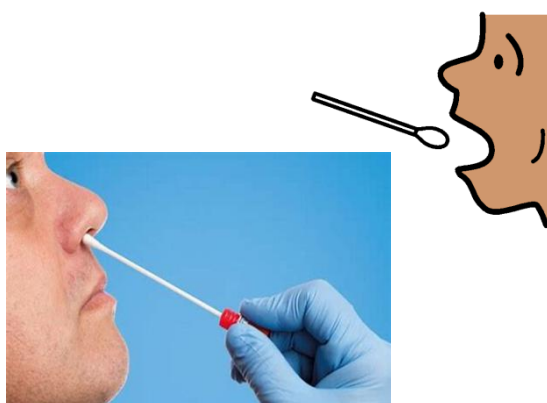


The hospital staff will check your -  
temperature,  
blood pressure,  
and oxygen levels.



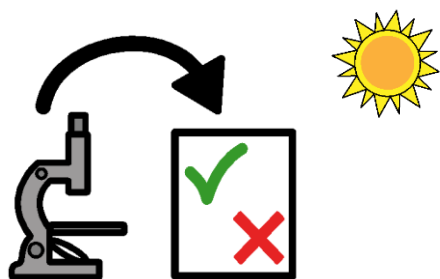
They will also do a test to see if you have Coronavirus.

They will use a little stick with cotton wool on the end called a swab to do this test.

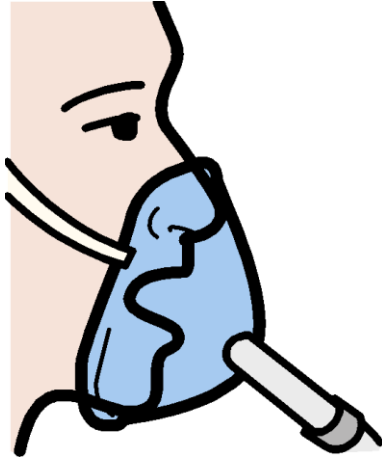


One will go inside your mouth to touch inside your cheek.

One will go up your nose.



We will know if you have coronavirus or not, the next day.



You may need an oxygen mask to help you breathe.

It will go over your nose and mouth.

Try to keep this on.  
It will help you.



If you are very poorly you may need to wear a CPAP mask.

This looks a bit like a Darth Vader mask!

There may be other patients wearing them too.



The mask is attached to a machine.

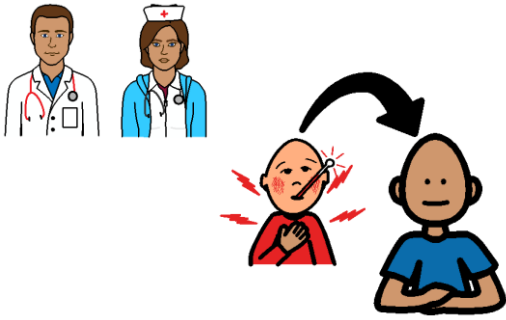

It makes a noise.

It sounds like someone breathing loudly.

It may make a farting sound.

	<p>When the doctors and nurses are ready, you will go to the ward.</p>
	<p>The nurses will come and say hello.</p> <p>They will look after you.</p>
	<p>Your carer can go with you to the ward.</p> <p>They will still be wearing their special clothes</p>
	<p>Your carer will be able to help you feel comfortable being on the ward.</p> <p>They may not be able to stay with you.</p>



	<p>The nurses and doctors will look after you.</p> <p>They will help you get better.</p>
	<p>Jo or Karen might not be able to visit you on the ward but we will keep in touch with the ward to see how you are doing.</p>

## LD Covid-19 fact sheet - April 2020

Authors - Jo Blades and Karen Pearce - Learning Disability Liaison Nurse,  
 York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust  
 Victoria Stenhouse - Symbolic Language Advisor,  
 Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, Learning Disability Service.  
 Lynne Taylor - Strategic Health Facilitation Lead & Recovery College  
 North Yorkshire Learning Disabilities, Tees Esk and Wear Valleys Foundation NHS Trust

Images by Easy on the i: [www.easyonthei-leeds.nhs.uk](http://www.easyonthei-leeds.nhs.uk) and The Picture Communication Symbols©1981-2020 by Mayer-Johnson LLC. All rights reserved worldwide. Used with permission.