



Travel information for patients attending planned day surgery

Additional information for patients attending Western Isles Hospital for planned day surgery

Uist and Barra

If you are travelling from Uist or Barra for day surgery that involves general/spinal anaesthetic or sedation, you are required to:-

- arrange accommodation for you and your escort, if you are staying overnight in Stornoway.
- arrange an escort to accompany you on your journey, if you are travelling home the same day.
- arrange for your escort to also stay overnight with you if you live alone.

Any patients undergoing anaesthetic or sedation for planned surgery **do not** require escort request approval.

Please note: If you have had surgery under a General Anaesthetic, you must not fly on the same day as surgery.

Lewis and Harris

If you live in Lewis or Harris and are having a day surgery procedure that involves general/spinal anaesthetic or sedation, you are required to arrange an escort to collect you from hospital.

If you live alone, your escort must also stay with you overnight.

Please note

Due to reduced bed capacity at the Western Isles Hospital, failure to arrange an escort **may result in the cancellation of your procedure.**

It is your responsibility to arrange accommodation (if required) prior to your planned surgery.

If you are unable to arrange an escort, please contact Western Isles Hospital on the number provided on your admission letter.

If you have a medical reason that requires you to remain in hospital following your surgery, then please discuss this with your consultant or pre-operative nurse.

If you require support with travel costs, please do not hesitate to telephone Patient Travel on (01851 708021) or visit the local Patient Travel website at: www.wihb.scot.nhs.uk/our-services/patient-travel

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- visit our website: www.wihb.scot.nhs.uk/feedback or share your story at: www.careopinion.org.uk or tel. 0800 122 31 35.
- tel. 01851 708069 Monday-Friday between 9am-5.30pm.