

Reopening of emergency department at Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital

The Emergency Department at Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital

- **About the service:**

The emergency department at Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital will reopen on Monday 02 November 2020.

The A&E service at Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital will initially open as an **adult's only service**.

Children or young people under the age of 18, and pregnant women needing A&E services in an emergency situation should go to the Royal Preston Hospital to ensure they get the most appropriate care.

Most patients with minor injury or illness can be treated by an Urgent Care Service.

- **Opening hours:**

The department will accept patients from 8am until 5pm each day.

Between 8am – 5pm ambulances will transport patients to Chorley if appropriate.

Outside of these hours, ambulance patients will be taken to Royal Preston Hospital.

You **should not attend** the A&E service at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital in the following circumstances:

- You are **pregnant**
- You are **under the age of 18**
- You suffer a **badly broken bone**
- You suspect a **heart attack** or **stroke**
- You suspect **internal bleeding**
- You suffer **extensive burns**
- You suffer **extensive trauma**

In any of these circumstances, please **go directly to Royal Preston A&E department**. Patients requiring resuscitation or suffering from high risk internal bleeding will also be taken straight to the Royal Preston Hospital.

- **Coronavirus symptoms:**

If you have a high temperature or a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your normal sense of taste or smell, please use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

You should only call NHS 111 if you cannot get help online.

- **Urgent medical help:**

For urgent medical help, not related to coronavirus, please use the NHS 111 online service:
<https://111.nhs.uk/>

You should only call NHS 111 if you cannot get help online.

- **Emergencies:**

In an emergency, call 999

- **Urgent Care Centre:**

The 24/7 Urgent Care Centre at Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital can treat a wide range of minor ailments, for both children and adults, including:

- Minor nose bleeds
- Cuts, bites and stings
- Burns and scalds
- Infections (including abscesses)
- Foreign bodies in wounds, ears and noses
- Muscular sprains and strains to shoulders, arms and legs
- Fractures to shoulders, arms, legs & ribs
- Dislocations of fingers, thumbs and toes
- Minor eye conditions including conjunctivitis and foreign bodies
- Minor chest, neck and back injuries
- Minor head injuries with no loss of consciousness or alcohol-related
- Minor allergic reactions
- Minor ailments such as earache, urinary tract infections and sinusitis
- Diarrhoea / Constipation
- Emergency contraception

For more information on services, please visit:

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