

K-Block Level 8 West

K8W is a 24-bed capacity Neurosurgery Unit.



Neurosurgery is one of the statewide services provided from the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Neurosurgery provides inpatient care and treatment after surgery to the nervous system ie, brain, spinal cord, peripheral nervous system and cerebrovascular system.

Examples of some of the conditions that need inpatient care in this unit include cerebral tumours, traumatic injury, strokes or bleeding on the brain, herniated discs, and congenital defects.

On K8W there is a:

- six-bed high dependency unit
- three single patient rooms including two rooms designed for people with post-traumatic amnesia
- one single bariatric room
- two single negative pressure isolation rooms
- six two-bed rooms.



The high dependency unit has a dedicated staff base for close observation of very unwell patients and dedicated clean and dirty utility rooms.

Staff have access to offices, amenities, tearoom, meeting rooms with large write-up areas and a large conference room with video conferencing capability.



There are various areas to support staff including:

- discreetly located interview room with kitchenette
- multi-purpose room that can be used for care planning
- large workspace that can be sub-divided and used simultaneously for staff write-up and multi-disciplinary meetings or in-service training.

More Information

Patients, visitors and staff are greeted at the reception counter at the entrance to the unit.

Bariatric rooms are designed to accommodate and maintain the dignity of the morbidly obese patient and support staff health and safety. K-Block includes seven bariatric rooms with up to 500kg capacity.

Negative pressure isolation rooms are designed to be used with patients with known infectious conditions. They have an internal staff handwash basin, direct access to an ensuite toilet and shower and facilities and anteroom (airlock) to maintain air pressurisation to prevent spread of infectious droplets. K-Block has been designed using best practice infection control and prevention measures. There are 22 negative pressure rooms in K-Block.



There are a set of inbuilt electronic floor scales to support accurate weighing of patients standing or in a bed or chair on levels K6 to K10.

Staff amenities are shared across K8.

The unit is supported with clean and dirty utility rooms, more storage cupboards and equipment rooms and spaces and a cleaner's cupboard and disposal area.

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