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News Release

We need your help to beat the winter vomiting bug

The James Paget University Hospital today issued a plea to visitors to help in the fight against the common winter bug that is present in the local community at the moment. Please don't visit the hospital if you have any symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting and only come to the hospital as a visitor if absolutely necessary. If in any doubt, please contact the infection control team for advice on 01493 452612 or the Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) on 01493 453240.

Nick Coveney, Director of Nursing and Patient Services at the James Paget University Hospital said: 'In common with other local hospitals, we are successfully containing a small outbreak of Norovirus on one of our wards, more commonly known as the winter vomiting bug but we need the public's support. Please don't come along to the James Paget as a visitor if you have any symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. And if you have been ill, make sure you wait at least 48 hours after symptoms have gone.'

Nick Coveney continued: 'We have excellent infection prevention and control measures in place at the hospital. Visitors can help us by being extra careful to wash their hands, use the hand gels before entering and leaving the wards, and only visiting us if they are well. People should also try to only visit one ward on one visit. This also helps to reduce infection. With the help of local people, we will continue to successfully contain Norovirus.'

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