The Catharine Suite
Private Gynaecology and Cosmetic Surgery Procedures
At Liverpool Women’s we look forward to providing you with the highest standard of private care in The Catharine Suite, located in our main hospital. Services include a range of gynaecology and cosmetic procedures carried out by some of the finest surgeons in the country. In addition our highly trained staff are committed to making sure you receive quality care every step of the way.
Patient choice

Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust is dedicated to the care of women and their families and, as a specialist Foundation Trust, we employ some of the most qualified consultants and clinicians in their field. We understand the personal importance of making the right health care choice, which is why we offer flexibility through the provision of both public and private healthcare.

The Catharine Suite is our private patient suite, giving you access to a range of private gynaecology and cosmetic surgery procedures plus a range of non-surgical cosmetic procedures. Being conveniently located on the Crown Street site means we have all the necessary support and facilities under one roof. And it’s good to know that revenue generated through our private patient suite is put back into developing services throughout the Trust.

Choosing The Catharine Suite for private treatment means you can choose the best time to have your treatment and the surgeon you wish to carry out the procedure from our team.
Services

Gynaecology services
We understand first hand the emotional as well as the physiological aspects associated with gynaecological surgery and procedures. Our highly trained and dedicated team of top rate consultants have performed thousands of procedures to exacting clinical standards. They will guide and support you from your first consultation right through to your final aftercare appointment.

We are constantly making procedural advances, so many of our treatments use less invasive techniques which can lead to shorter hospital stays and faster recovery.

The list of private services is extensive and includes all main gynaecological procedures:

- Cystoscopy
- Hysteroscopy
- Laparoscopy
- Female sterilisation
- Dilatation and curettage
- Cervical biopsy
- Cervical loop excision biopsy
- Cervical cone biopsy
- Vulval biopsy
- Endometrial ablation
- Vestibulectomy
- Labial refashioning
- Simple vulvectomy
- Radical vulvectomy
- Radical trachelectomy
- Salpingo-oophorectomy
- Laparotomy for ovarian cancer
- Laparoscopic hysterectomy, Salpingo-oophorectomy, Myomectomy, Lymphadenectomy, Excision of endometriosis, Omentectomy
- Hysterectomy (abdominal/vaginal)
- Myomectomy (fibroids)
- Total vaginal mesh repair
- Sacrospinous fixation (vaginal)
- Sacrocolpopexy (abdominal)
- Bladder neck injections
- Burch colposuspension
- TOT/TVT tape procedures for incontinence
- Vaginal prolapse repair
Cosmetic surgical and non-surgical procedures

Undertaking a cosmetic procedure takes careful consideration as most are designed to change the way you look. In The Catharine Suite we have one of the finest cosmetic surgeons in his field to lead the procedures. Your initial consultation is the opportunity to discuss your requirements in-depth and explore the options available. It is also reassuring to know that you will receive the best support possible from the entire team until your final aftercare appointment.

We offer a comprehensive range of services, including surgical and non-surgical procedures:

- Abdominoplasty
- Facelift
- Breast augmentation
- Facial chemical peel
- Breast reduction
- Liposuction
- Breast uplift (mastopexy)
- Excision of skin lesion
- Eyelid reduction (blepharoplasty)
- Rhinoplasty
- Correction prominent ears (otoplasty)
- BOTOX®

Combinations of above as appropriate, subject to consultation.
High standards of care

We place as much importance on the emotional well-being of our patients as we do on delivering clinical excellence. You will experience the best standards of care before, during and after your treatment in a safe and friendly environment. Our highly qualified staff are on hand to ensure you are well looked after around the clock.

The Catharine Suite comprises of two consultation rooms and a treatment room, as well as seven single en-suite rooms decorated and equipped to make your stay as comfortable as possible. Facilities include a flat screen television, Freeview, video on demand, telephone and internet access. We also serve a varied menu to suit all dietary requirements. Your visitors are also welcome to choose a meal from the menu.

Professional team

You can be assured that our team of professionals is dedicated to delivering clinical excellence and to ensuring the well-being of every patient in their care.

Our professional team of top rate consultants, together with highly trained nursing and support staff, represent years of collective knowledge, expertise and experience to ensure patients receive the highest possible standard of care.

Our consultants have performed thousands of procedures to exacting standards. Every one of them is on the specialist register of the General Medical Council, the statutory regulatory body of medical practitioners. For further information on the consultant staff practising in The Catharine Suite, please visit the website: www.liverpoolwomens.nhs.uk and follow the links for The Catharine Suite.
Minimising the risk of infection

Across the entire Trust, we have robust systems in place to combat infection led by our Director of Infection Prevention and Control and his team. All of the health care staff are trained in hand hygiene and are instructed to carry out this technique before each patient contact or procedure.

We screen all patients for MRSA prior to their admission to the main hospital in keeping with best practice and we regularly audit our practice to ensure a safe and hygienic environment.

Performance

We work hard to maintain standards across all Trust operations and consistently score highly in independent inspections carried out annually by the UK’s Healthcare Commission. The Healthcare Commission independently approves The Catharine Suite, which is an added indicator of the standards we adhere to.
Getting a referral to The Catharine Suite

For gynaecology…
If you choose to have your consultation or treatment at The Catharine Suite a referral letter is usually required from your General Practitioner or another Consultant involved in your care. A letter of referral can either be sent directly to the Consultant or Business Manager in The Catharine Suite who will contact you to arrange an appropriate appointment. Alternatively you can contact us directly and make an appointment and bring your referral letter to the initial consultation.

For cosmetic surgery…
A referral letter is not required for treatment at The Catharine Suite. Please contact us on the telephone number below to arrange an appointment or to ask for further advice.

Postal address
You can write, phone, fax or email using the following contact details:

Appointments
The Catharine Suite
Private Patient Unit
Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust
Crown Street
Liverpool
L8 7SS
Tel: 0151 702 4491
Fax: 0151 702 4492
Email: catharine.suite@lwh.nhs.uk

Payment options

For medically insured patients…
It is essential that you make contact with your medical insurance provider before your consultation and again if you require surgery. Please ensure that you are eligible to be treated at The Catharine Suite and that your insurance cover adequately meets your treatment costs. If this is not the case please consider if you are able to fund the outstanding amount prior to your admission. Please bring your insurance details when attending The Catharine Suite for your first appointment.

For self funding patients…
If you are funding treatment yourself, payment is accepted via cash, bankers draft or major credit/debit cards. Please note we are unable to accept personal cheques.

The Catharine Suite works closely with all major insurance companies, however if you do not have private insurance or you have exclusions on your policy, fixed price treatments are available for a wide range of diagnostic and surgical procedures.

For more information on payment options please refer to our ‘Payment Options’ leaflet.
Choosing a private healthcare provider is an important and very personal decision. We would like to make that decision easier for you by offering a personalised and no obligation visit to The Catharine Suite so you can meet the staff first hand and explore your options.

Please call direct on 0151 702 4491 or alternatively browse our website: www.liverpoolwomens.nhs.uk and follow the links for The Catharine Suite.
Finding The Catharine Suite
We are located in Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust’s main hospital building on Crown Street off Upper Parliament Street, approximately one mile from Liverpool City centre. For those who have not visited the hospital before, it is a modern building with a distinctive light blue roof.

**Travelling by car from the M62 motorway**
The M62 motorway terminates on the outskirts of Liverpool just three miles away from Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust. Follow the signs for the City Centre along Edge Lane until you see the sign for Liverpool Women’s.

**From the Birkenhead/Wallasey tunnels**
If using the Birkenhead tunnel take the left turn (all docks) exit from inside the tunnel. Follow the signs for Albert Dock and Central Tourist Attractions continue on to the Albert Dock (Wapping/Chaloner St) following the signs for Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust.

**From Liverpool South**
Follow the signs for the City Centre until you see the signs for Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust.

**Car parking**
Car parking is available on Liverpool Women’s hospital site. The car parks are operated by a controlled entrance and exit barrier system and there is a £2 fee payable on exit.

**Bus services**
There are a number of buses that stop at the main entrance of the hospital and many others stop within walking distance.

**Travelling by train or coach**
Liverpool Lime Street rail station, Central Station and the National Express coach station are all located in the City Centre, which is a short bus or taxi journey from the hospital. Full information on bus and train services is available from the Mersey Travel information line on 0151 236 7676.
Ferry services
Isle of Man and Dublin services berth at Liverpool Pier Head, which is approximately three miles from the Hospital. Belfast ferries arrive at Bootle docks, which is approximately 5 miles from the hospital.

Air travellers
You may arrive at either Liverpool International Airport at Speke or Manchester International Airport. From Speke follow the route for the City Centre until you pick up the signs for Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust.

Manchester International Airport is approximately 35 miles from the hospital via the M56, M6 and M62 motorways.

If you would like more information about The Catharine Suite and the range of services we offer Tel: 0151 702 4491 or Email: catharine.suite@lwh.nhs.uk, alternatively, browse our Website: www.liverpoolwomens.nhs.uk and follow the links for The Catharine Suite.
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