

K-Block Level 6 – K6E/K6W

Level 6 is part of K-Block's women and children's precinct. For the first time, the RHH will have a dedicated unit for young people on K6W. The children's unit is on K6E.

Young patients are typically treated for cancer, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, eating disorders, surgical conditions and trauma.



Women and children's services work from a philosophy of family centred care. This ensures the role of the family is recognised and respected in the care and treatment of the child, young person or women.

A multi-disciplinary team of health practitioners such as physiotherapists, dietitians, occupational therapists, pharmacists, speech pathologists and social workers provide treatment and support to patients.

K6W also includes a new Transition to Home Unit (T2HU). T2HU is available to a baby or child admitted to the RHH who no longer needs an acute care bed but need additional support in hospital. These babies and children will be cared for by their mother/parents/carers in home-like surroundings with the support of their multi-disciplinary team until discharge.

Antarctic Theme

An Antarctic voyage map etched into the foyer's walls sets the units apart as a destination and provides a parallel for the patient journey as an adventure.

A soothing installation lights the public lobby with back-lit Perspex fins in the colours of the southern lights.

Antarctic images feature in the custom-designed bedheads.

The Antarctic-theme recognises Hobart's pivotal role as Australia's gateway to Antarctica and Southern Oceans.

Art and design help alleviate stress often associated with inpatient treatment.

The interior design is friendly, fun and calming. It will help children and young people enjoy their stay at a time that can otherwise be stressful, frightening and lonely.



Proceeds from the fundraising campaign, Give Me 5 For Kids (GM5FK) helped fund the foyer design.

Adolescents Unit

The Adolescents Unit is a 19-bed capacity ward.

It is important to have a dedicated unit because the care needs of young people are different from small children.

The bed configuration includes:

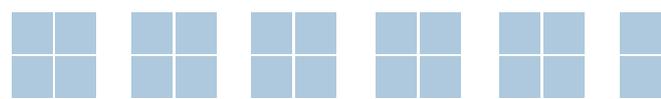
- seven two-bed rooms
- two single safe rooms
- one single bariatric room
- two single bedrooms including one negative pressure isolation room.

The two safe rooms are specially designed to support the care and management of young people with challenging behaviours. This incorporates access to their own recreation space and outdoor courtyard and has an adjacent observation desk for nursing staff.

On K6W there is also:

- secure outdoor terrace
- recreation room
- patient allied health gym
- a procedure room with capacity for monitoring vital signs with a wall mounted monitor
- inbuilt electronic floor scales to support accurate weighing of patients either on a bed or wheelchair.

There are therapy rooms and an inpatient school shared across the floor.



Transition to Home Unit (T2HU)

T2HU has three separate secure bedroom spaces offering a shared living space, kitchenette and laundry.

T2HU provides families with additional support before they go home with their baby or child.

Patients include babies from the Neonatal Paediatric Intensive Care Unit; Special Care Nursery; Maternity Unit and babies and children from the Children's Unit. Up to 20 per cent of inpatient babies and children are from outside southern Tasmania.

Children's Unit

The Children's Unit is a 30-bed capacity ward for babies and children.

The bed configuration includes:

- 10 single-bed rooms including two negative pressure isolation rooms
- six two-bed rooms
- one high dependency unit with four beds
- one nursery with four cots.

On K6E there is also:

- secure outdoor terrace with Wally the Whale play structure
- play room
- family lounge
- breastfeeding room
- milk room
- a procedure room with capacity for monitoring vital signs with a wall mounted monitor
- a special hi-low bath in the bathroom
- specialised equipment to be able to undertake burns procedures in the bathroom.

All patient rooms have ensuites.



In several rooms, ensuites are also designed to disability standards.

All floors have more storerooms and cupboards, meeting rooms and offices, dirty and clean utility rooms and rooms for cleaners.