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Further sources of information

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk/conditions
Our website: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

King's Mill Hospital: 01623 672222

Newark Hospital: 01636 685692

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INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Backache

Emergency Department

King's Mill Hospital

Mansfield Road
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Notts NG17 4JL

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Newark Hospital

Boundary Road
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Relax

Back pain is very common and usually doesn't have a serious cause. Relax knowing that 80% of patients get better in around four to six weeks.

Recover

Use regular painkillers, starting with simple paracetamol. Regular exercise helps too.

Return

Return to work and normal activity as soon as you can.

Warning signs

Rarely back pain means a more serious condition.

You should return immediately to an Emergency Department if you have:

- Difficulty with passing urine/stool, or not feeling it coming.
- Numbness around your private parts or bottom.
- Weakness to the legs.
- Problems with sexual function.

For more information, exercises and videos (type the web address into your browser):

- **NHS Inform**
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/muscle-bone-and-joints/exercises/exercises-for-back-pain/>
- **NHS Conditions**
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/back-pain/>

Stop any exercises if your pain gets worse and see your GP.