INFORMATION LEAFLETS FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF A CHILD

Direct Discharge from Nurse Led Dressing Clinic

The following patients do not require routine follow-up appointments in consultant led outpatient clinics:

- **Simple lacerations** including superficial finger, hand, arm and facial lacerations. This excludes any hand lacerations with concomitant nerve, tendon or underlying bony injury.

- **Nail bed injuries** including tuft fractures. Nail bed injuries that required k-wiring or documented intra-articular or growth plate injuries should receive a follow-up outpatient appointment.

- **Scalds or burns less than 4% TBSA and healed within 2-3 weeks.** This excludes scalds or burns that required grafting or those that involve the hands, face or genitalia.

If a patient meets the criteria for direct discharge but nursing staff / OT / PT have concerns regarding the injury or it's healing, an appointment may be booked with the rationale documented in the patient’s notes.

If there are urgent concerns regarding an injury, a member of the plastic surgery team should be contacted through switch and discussed.

**Contact details:**

Main Hospital Number: Phone 01 409 6100

Dressing Clinic Direct Line: 01 409 6496

**Remember:** Ask your nurse if you are unsure about anything about your child’s care.

**Additional instructions**

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