

# Referral to the Paediatric Trauma Clinic

**This leaflet explains more about your child's referral to the paediatric trauma clinic at St George's Hospital for his/her recent injury to be examined.**

**If you have any further questions, please speak to a doctor or nurse caring for your child.**

## What is the paediatric trauma clinic?

This is a clinic run by a paediatric plastic surgery consultant and their team to help treat your child. The clinic can be very busy. We will try not to keep you waiting too long, but it is possible you may have to wait over an hour at busy times.

## Where is the clinic held?

The paediatric trauma clinic is held in the Dragon Centre, Lanesborough wing, St George's Hospital. The main entrance to the Dragon Centre is on the Perimeter Road.

## Who will see my child?

If your child has a dressing, they will be seen first by the dressing clinic nurse to have it removed. A doctor will then see your child to check the wound or injury and to discuss treatment with you.

If your child needs another dressing, the nurse will put this on before you leave. Your child may also need to be seen by a specialist hand therapist. This will be done in clinic, all at the same appointment.

## Will there be further follow up?

Depending on your child's injury, s/he may be given another appointment to see the doctor or may have a follow up with a hand therapist or nurse in the dressing clinic at St George's Hospital.

Sometimes follow up can be with your GP or practice nurse, in which case we will ask you to make an appointment at your GP surgery.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about the paediatric trauma clinic, please contact the plastic surgery appointment desk on 020 8725 5855 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).

Out of hours, please contact the on-call plastic surgery senior house officer via the hospital switchboard 080 8672 1255.

For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit [www.stgeorges.nhs.uk](http://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk)

## Additional services

### Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS can offer you on-the-spot advice and information when you have comments or concerns about our services or the care you have received. You can visit the PALS office between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday in the main corridor between Grosvenor and Lanesborough wings (near the lift foyer).

**Tel:** 020 8725 2453 **Email:** [pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

### NHS Choices

NHS Choices provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make decisions about your health. **Web:** [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### NHS 111

You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones. **Tel:** 111

### AccessAble

You can download accessibility guides for all of our services by searching 'St George's Hospital' on the AccessAble website ([www.accessable.co.uk](http://www.accessable.co.uk)). The guides are designed to ensure everyone – including those with accessibility needs – can access our hospital and community sites with confidence.



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