

# **Trauma Service**

## Patient and Carer Information Leaflet

## **Useful contact numbers**

Main switchboard	01384 456111
Ward B2 Trauma (Areas 1 and 2)	Ext 2784 and 2132
Ward B2 Hip Suite (Areas 3 and 4)	Ext 4687 and 4302
Ward B3	Ext 2717
Ward B4 (Area 1)	Ext 1676
Ward B4 (Area 2)	Ext 1688
Ward B4 (Area 3)	Ext 1689
Ward B4 (Area 4)	Ext 2126
Emergency Surgical Hub (ESH) Area 1	Ext 3359
Emergency Surgical Hub (ESH) Area 2	Ext 1140
Emergency Surgical Hub (ESH) Area 3	Ext 4428
Critical Care Unit (Area A)	01384 244649
Critical Care Unit (Area B)	01384 244204
Critical Care Unit (Area C)	Ext 2858

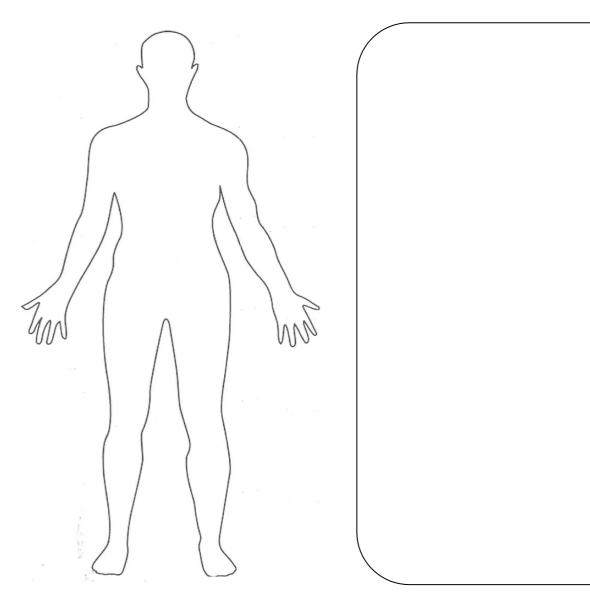
You have been given this information leaflet because you or a family member has been injured in an incident and you have been admitted to our hospital.

## **Key information**

Ward:

Named consultant:

## Your injuries



## What happens on admission?

When you arrive in the Emergency Department, you will be assessed by the team and appropriate tests will be ordered.

You will be seen by the relevant specialty team and a decision will be made about the appropriate ward to admit you to.

On the ward, you will be seen by many different team members including doctors, nurses and therapy teams.

#### **Visiting times**

Visitors will be able to visit between 11am and 8pm in most areas. Please check with the ward you are on.

Only two visitors are allowed at any one time and it is requested that people do not visit if they have any signs of illness, such as sickness and diarrhoea or any symptoms of COVID-19. This is to protect all of the patients in our hospital and we ask for your support with this.

## How long will I stay in hospital?

This will depend on your injuries and your own personal needs. The team will discuss your discharge from day one so that a plan can be put in place.

Once the doctors feel that you are medically optimised, you will be ready to leave hospital. Most patients return home, some with community support. For those that need further rehabilitation, or are unable to return home, this will be discussed with you by the ward team.

### Useful information to support your care and recovery

#### Rehabilitation

After a traumatic injury, the therapy team plays an important role in helping people return to independence and to regain their mobility. This includes assisting with planning your discharge from hospital, taking into account your home environment and lifestyle, and continuing therapy and care needs. The therapy team specialise in understanding the implications of surgery or injury, the needs of people who have sustained traumatic injuries and how this will affect you when you return home.

#### What to expect on discharge

Following your treatment, and once the medical teams feel you are safe for discharge, you will be ready to leave hospital.

Whether you go straight home or elsewhere for further rehabilitation will depend on how you have recovered and whether you require any more rehabilitation.

Before you leave hospital, you will receive a medical discharge summary and be given any medication.

You may be referred to a Community Therapy team on discharge if you require ongoing therapy. The team on the ward will discuss this with you.

#### Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

We will do everything we can to make sure that you receive the best standards of care.

However, sometimes we may not achieve this and your expectations may not be met. If this happens, we will do our best to put things right and learn from your concern or complaint to improve our service to others.

Our PALS team will aim to resolve your issues as quickly as possible. In cases where concerns, unfortunately, cannot be resolved by the end of the next working day, or need investigating further, the PALS team will refer your concerns on to the complaints team.

#### Email: dgft.pals@nhs.net

Freephone: 0800 073 0510

Direct line: 01384 244420

#### **Support groups**

**After Trauma** - aims to provide a community for patients and families to rebuild lives and support each other after experiencing a traumatic injury. It also contains useful information and resources.

#### www.aftertrauma.org

**Headway** - is a charity that provides a range of services for adults with an acquired brain injury and their families.

#### www.headwayblackcountry.co.uk

**Spinal Injuries Association** - their aim is to be the go-to place for everyone affected by spinal cord injury (SCI), so that they can quickly connect them to the vast network of people, organisations and services they need.

#### www.spinal.co.uk

**RoadPeace** - they provide information and support services to people bereaved or seriously injured in road crashes, and engage in evidence-based policy and campaigning work to fight for justice for victims and reduce road danger.

#### www.roadpeace.org

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact the relevant department using the contact information on the front page of this leaflet.

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

#### This leaflet can be downloaded or printed from:

http://dgft.nhs.uk/services-and-wards/b2-trauma-orthopaedics/

If you have any feedback on this patient information leaflet, please email dgft.patient.information@nhs.net

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