

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

MRI scan – discharge information



After a sedated MRI scan

Your child will need to be in hospital for 4 to 6 hours after the sedated scan. Please allow them to wake naturally. Before they can leave the ward your child must be awake and must be drinking eating and have passed urine.

Your child is likely to remain floppy for 24 to 48 hours after the sedation. One minute they will be able to walk, sit or stand and the next they may fall over. Please take extra care to avoid them hurting themselves. For safety reasons we recommend that your child stays off school the day after the procedure.

How will I receive the results after my scan?

Your child was referred for the MRI scan by Dr

- Paediatrician – telephone 01623 622515, extension 4399.
- Community Paediatrics - telephone 01623 622515, extension 4664.
- Ear, Nose and Throat doctor - telephone 01623 622515, extension 3769 or 9769 or 6171.
- Orthopaedics - telephone 01623 622515, extension 6318 or 4115 or 4175 or 4639.

Normally your doctor will have arranged an appointment following your scan to discuss the results. If you would like to know the results before then, you may choose to phone the doctor's secretary a week after the scan. You may be offered a letter, a phone call or an appointment. The results can take 2 to 3 weeks before they are fully reported.

Please continue with your child's prescribed medication as normal. If you have any concerns please check with your nurse on the day.

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

Email: sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net

If you would like this information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call the Patient Experience Team on 01623 672222 or email sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net.

This document is intended for information purposes only and should not replace advice that your relevant health professional would give you.

External websites may be referred to in specific cases. Any external websites are provided for your information and convenience. We cannot accept responsibility for the information found on them.

If you require a full list of references for this leaflet, please email sfh-tr.patientinformation@nhs.net or telephone 01623 622515, extension 6927.

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