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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

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 (if relevant) for this leaflet, please email sfh-tr.patientinformation@nhs.net or telephone 01623 622515, extension 6927.

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INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Glue information (child)

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Instead of stitches we have used special medical glue to close your child's wound. It acts like a scab to hold the edges of the wound together. The glue will drop off by itself when the wound is healed, usually within 5-10 days. Glue is nontoxic so don't worry if children accidentally eat it.

Main points to remember:

- Keep the wound dry. Your child may have a shower or a brief bath after 24 hours, but do not soak or scrub the wound until it has fully healed. Pat the wound dry with a towel after a shower or bath.
- Do not let your child go swimming or have a soak in the bath for seven days.

- Do not let your child rub, scratch or pick at the glue or the wound.
- Do not use creams or ointments over the glue as this may cause it to soften and come off.

When to see a doctor

Take your child to see your GP if there are signs the wound is becoming infected. These include:

- The wound becomes more swollen or red around the edges and the redness spreads to the surrounding skin or is hot to the touch.
- Your child develops a fever.
- The wound smells or there is pus (this is usually yellow or green in colour).
- The glue has come off or a stitch/stitches fall out and the wound is open (gaping) or bleeding.

- You are worried for any reason.

Medicines to help with pain:

- You may use paracetamol or ibuprofen to help your child feel more comfortable.
- Paracetamol and ibuprofen should never be given at the exact same time. You may give either paracetamol or ibuprofen first and then, if your child has not improved by the next dose of the chosen medicine is due you may want to consider using the other medicine.
- **You must** follow the instructions provided in the leaflet supplied with your medicine bottle for the right dose for your child's age. Your pharmacist can give you more advice about medicines.
- **Never** give aspirin to a child.

If your child has an illness which makes them very underweight for their age, talk to your doctor about the best doses for your child.

